
This is a reproduction of a library book that was digitized by Google as part of an ongoing effort to preserve the information in books and make it universally accessible.

GoogleTM books

<http://books.google.com>

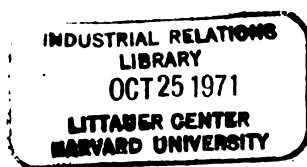




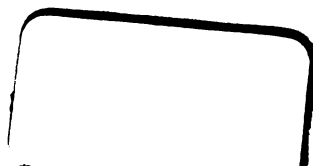
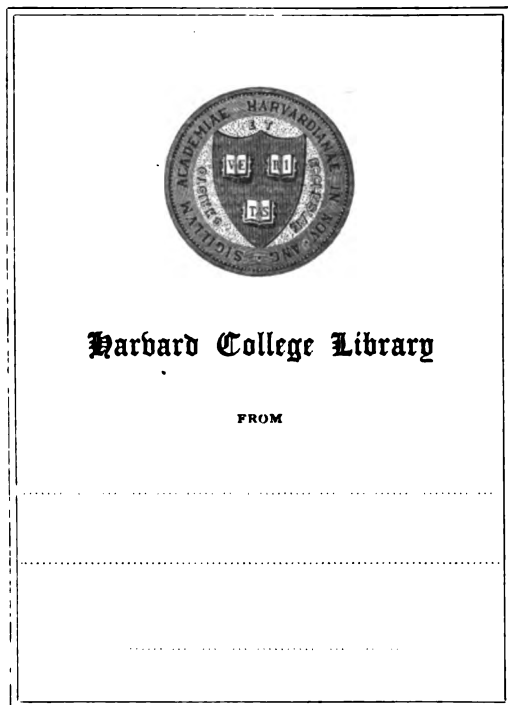
The Railroad Telegrapher

Order of Railroad Telegraphers (U.S.)

Labor Collection: Union Dubs



Soc 1267.2



HARVARD
UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY



The Railroad Telegrapher

Published

At St Louis Mo

By The Order of

Railroad Telegraphers



A Clear Track for New Model Oliver "No. 5"

The wonderful new Oliver Model "No. 5" is humming down the track of Popularity.

The clumsy, complicated, "blind" and antiquated typewriters are hugging the sidings.

"No. 5" has the right of way because it's the best machine that ever came down the line.

O. R. T. men everywhere greet the New Model "No. 5" with tremendous enthusiasm.

They like its looks and its smooth, easy-running qualities—its speed and its perfect work.

They like it because of its noiselessness—it doesn't drown the sounder.

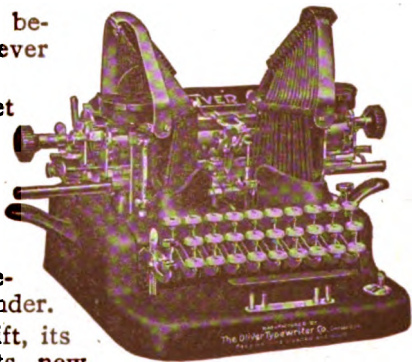
They like its new Balance Shift, its new Disappearing Indicator, its new Ruling Device, its new Non-Vibrating Base.

They like the cut of its new Steel Coat, that keeps its working parts free from dust.

They like its Automatic Spacer, which leaves the "key" hand free.

They like its Visible Writing and its many other Time-and-Labor-Saving Features.

Thousands of "the boys" are using



THE OLIVER
Typewriter

You can't help liking the Oliver when you see how easy it runs and how it reels off the work.

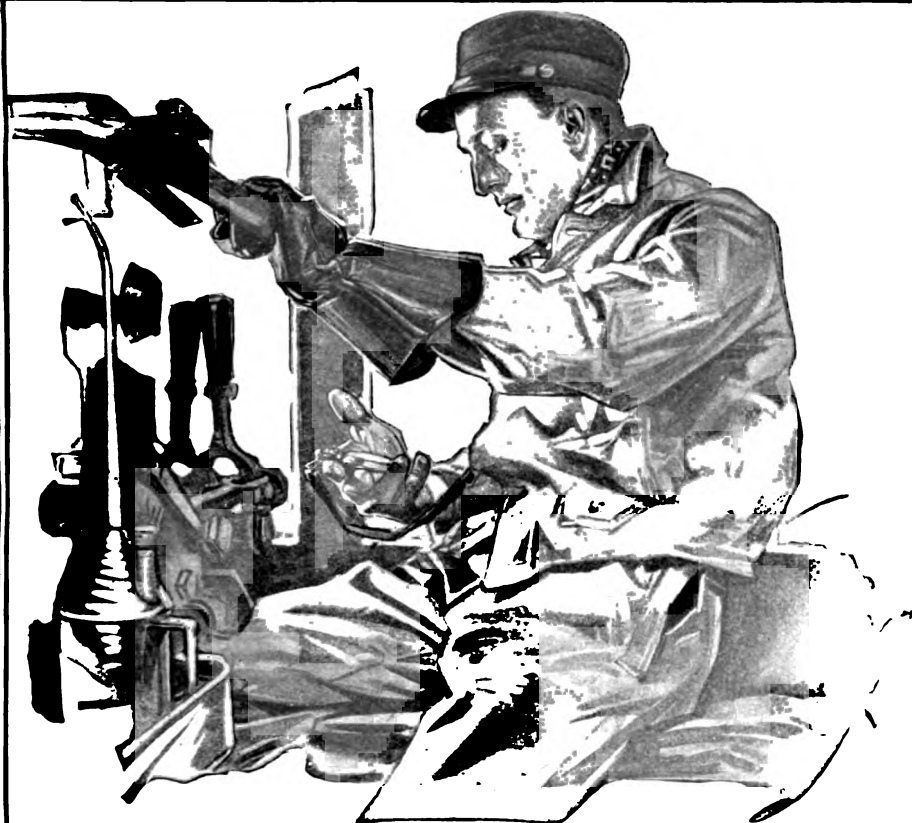
If you are pounding away on an old-style machine, it's because you never tried the OLIVER.

You can buy a brand new, up-to-the-minute Oliver "No. 5" on little monthly payments—not a cent more than you would pay if you rented a new machine.

The Oliver is easy to pay for, easy to understand, easy to operate, easy to keep in order.

Write for the Oliver Book, and mention in your letter that you are a member of the O. R. T. Address

The Oliver Typewriter Company
55 Oliver Typewriter Building, Chicago



The Howard Watch

Properly speaking, there is only one exclusive and highly specialized Railroad Watch—the lever-setting Howard.

It is designed and constructed for Railroad service. Adjusted to heat, cold, vibration and change of position. It has a hard tempered balance that will not knock out of true when the engine slams her flanges against a curve. It is not affected by the quiver of a train doing a sixty-mile clip.

See the HOWARD Special Railroad Dial with marginal minutes—the pre-

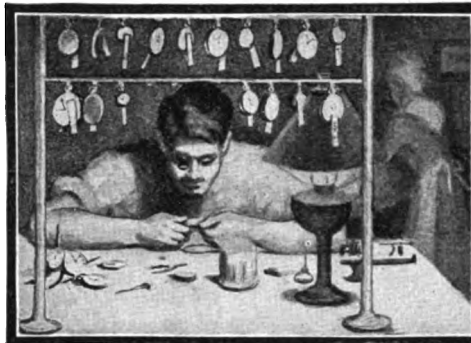
cise number of minutes past the hour clear at a glance.

The HOWARD is officially approved and certified by the Time Inspectors of the 140 leading railroads of America.

A HOWARD WATCH is always worth what you pay for it. The price of each watch—from the 17-jewel in a fine gold-filled case (guaranteed for 25 years) at \$35.00; to the 23-jewel in a 14 kt. solid gold case at \$150.00—is fixed at the factory, and a printed ticket attached.

Not every jeweler can sell you a HOWARD watch. Find the HOWARD Jeweler in your town and talk to him. He is a good man to know. Drop us a postal card, Dept. B. B., and we will send you a HOWARD book of value to the watch buyer.

E. HOWARD WATCH COMPANY
BOSTON, MASS.



Learning the trade at home and making money at the same time.



This handsome Jewelry Store is owned by two young men who learned at home.

Make \$25 to \$75 a Week as a Watch Repairer And We'll Start a Jewelry Business for You Like This

Watch repairers make big money. Some earn up to \$75 a week. In the jewelry business there is no limit. Some jewelers today are worth millions. You can learn this profitable business at home, in spare time, without interfering with your present work.

The watch repairing lessons are simple and easily understood—and you can learn the trade in a few weeks. And remember, the course is free. Even the text books, charts and photo prints showing each movement. There is no stock for you to buy—practically the only expense you will have is to get a few tools when you need them.

Then, after you have mastered the trade, we'll start you in the jewelry business. We will furnish you handsome jewelry catalogs with your own name on them. Give a copy to every one in your vicinity. When you get an order send to us for the goods. In this way you can work up a

big business without carrying a stock. As the business expands we establish you in a store of your own.

You can shake off the shackles of drudgery and become a 20th century, clever business man—Independent and successful in your home town. Resolve now to begin—the sooner you commence the sooner you will be established. Take the matter up with me personally—now.

Chas. F. Elmore, Principal Watchmaking College

Rogers, Thurman & Co.
WHOLESALE JEWELERS

80 Wabash Ave.

Chicago, Ill.

How Harriman Dominates

THE POWER TO CONTROL

is the secret of the rule and sway of this mighty monarch of the rails.

It is the power to control his fellow men that has placed him at the head of the mighty trunk lines of the country—that has



made him the dominating factor in the world of rails and dollars and has placed him in command of thousands of his fellow men throughout the country.

And this power to control he gained by cultivating and exercising his personal magnetism, a faculty possessed by you the same as Mr. Harriman. But you have allowed this, the most vital of all your faculties, to remain dormant, useless and profitless. You have never cultivated and exercised it as it is meant to be. Harriman has cultivated his, so that his presence and influence is felt as soon as he appears. Why not possess this great power yourself?

This Great Book Tells You How To Do It.

Cultivate and exercise your own personal magnetism. Then you can make men see things as you see them, believe as you believe, and can make them buy what you have to sell.

Prof. J. C. Leonard, in his invaluable book, "The Power to Control," tells how, by exercising your personal magnetism you can stand out from among the crowd, can do bigger things, can be more and can earn more. So don't delay any longer, cultivate this valuable power. Send **One Dollar** today for the book and learn how.

If it is not all that we claim it to be—if you are not perfectly satisfied, say so and your money will be cheerfully refunded.

THE ACME PUBLISHING CO.,

749 First National Bank Bldg.,

Chicago, Ill.

TYPEWRITING SPEED PAYS

GET SPEED!
AND THE
SALARY
IS
SURE



TYPEWRITER USERS

Study the Tulloss Touch System. Learn how to use your machine in the best and fastest way; learn to write without ever looking at the keys—in the dark as well as in the light—all at a speed far greater than the best you can reach now. My lessons can be learned in your spare time, and will bring you the speed and accuracy of the expert. Send today for my

72-PAGE FREE BOOK

which describes this fast and accurate method. It is full of valuable helps. Tells how high speed is gained—how errors may be prevented—what kind of practice work is best—how you can master fast touch typewriting in your spare time and make yourself an expert operator, with an expert's salary.

If you want more speed—more accuracy—more salary, send for this Book today. R. E. Tulloss, President.

THE TULLOSS SCHOOL OF TOUCH TYPEWRITING
284 COLLEGE HILL, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

FREE A SUIT OF CLOTHES

Just write us today and we will send you our Outfit containing samples of the season's most stylish patterns of the finest woolsens in America, together with beautiful illustrated fashion plates—blanks, so that you can measure yourself—tape, etc.; in short, everything necessary for swell tailored-to-measure Suits and Overcoats. With all this we will include our plan for giving you a suit of clothes or overcoat.

At no Expense to You

You will have to write at once to secure this offer, as we have only a few sample books left. Mention this paper to secure immediate attention.

WHITNEY TAILORING CO.

272 E. ADAMS STREET
CHICAGO

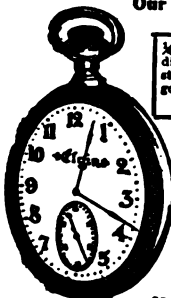
pay Now & Then

Let us send you a Watch or Ring upon terms indicated. Remit first payment with order or have goods shipped for inspection C. O. D. first payment.



Our Attractive Catalog Free.
Ask For No. E-7.

1/2 carat commercial white perfect diamond set in any style, 14 karat solid gold mounting... **\$30.00**
\$5 cash and \$5 per month.



Gents' O. F. 12, 16 or 18 size or ladies' 6 size plain or beautifully engraved 20-year, 14-kt. gold filled case fitted with genuine new Elgin or Waltham movement **\$12.50**

With hunting case, \$16.75.

\$2.00 cash and \$1.50 per month.

Herbert L. Joseph & Co.

Diamond Importers :: Watch Jobbers
217-219 [E-7.] State Street, Chicago

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
An A-R-E CO.
APARTMENT HOUSE
Broadway and
110th St.



You can See the Security Back of A-R-E 6% Gold Bonds

BECAUSE these 6% Bonds are based on the ownership of selected New York real estate—the best security on earth. Because every detail of the business back of these Bonds is a matter of public record and can be easily and thoroughly investigated, and every statement verified. The accounts of the American Real Estate Company are certified to by certified public accountants—the property of this Company is appraised by the Real Estate Board of Brokers of the City of New York.

FOR twenty-one years this Company has operated successfully in the New York real estate field—has earned and paid 6% to thousands of investors—and during all these years, even in times of panic, its securities have never shrunk a dollar, every obligation has been met on its due date, and every contract fulfilled to the letter.

A-R-E Six's possess the three essentials of an ideal investment—ample security, liberal return and cash availability. They are issued in either of two forms—for those who wish to invest for income, and for those who seek a profitable channel for systematic saving:

6% COUPON BONDS

For those who wish to invest a \$100 or more
For Income Earning, paying interest semi-annually by coupons,

6% ACCUMULATIVE BONDS

For those who wish to save \$25 or more a year

For Income Saving, purchasable by instalment payments carrying liberal surrender privileges.

To anyone wishing to learn more about A-R-E 6% Gold Bonds we shall be glad to supply the fullest information, including a free map of New York City, showing the location of our properties.

American Real Estate Company

Founded, 1888. Assets, \$11,851,866.07.
Capital and Surplus, \$1,753,111.16.

504 Night and Day Bank Building
527 Fifth Avenue NEW YORK

Stylish Summer Apparel for Men and Women, Small Payments each Pay Day

It don't take long for a man's pay to be spent in the summer time. Between living expenses, vacations, outings, etc., the month's pay don't last very long.

But how about your clothes? If at any time a person likes to be well-dressed it's in the summer.—Just the time when ready cash is scarcest. Little ready money is required if you buy your clothes of me.

Putting Away 15 cents Per Day

Makes It Easy to Wear Swell Summer Clothes

No big, all-in-a-lump, burdensome payment; but a series of small payments each pay-day. You wear and enjoy your clothes while you pay.

Union-made Clothes of the Finest Quality

Carefully selected for fabric, style and tailoring. My prices are as low or lower than are asked elsewhere for cash. You pay just the same prices as the customers of my two big Chicago stores pay—and you have full selection from the elegant assortments of two of the most complete clothing stocks in the country.

SEND FOR MY CATALOG O

It beautifully illustrates men's and women's choicest clothing from head to foot.

Women's Silk and Cloth Dresses, Lingerie Waists, Skirts, Suits, Jackets, Millinery and Shoes, at prices which are very low for goods of such excellent quality. Men's Suits, Topcoats, Raincoats, Hats, and Shoes; coolest and most stylish clothes for summer—on easy-to-pay-terms.

Don't go on your vacation dissatisfied with your appearance. No need of it. I'll help you dress as good as anyone—economically too, and in a way so easy that you will scarcely miss the money.

You Run No Risk. I Guarantee My Clothes.

If they don't please on arrival, you don't pay. Send them back at my expense and I'll refund whatever deposit you have made. It's time to get busy if you want new clothes for vacation time. Write for my Catalog O at once. I'll send it quickly, by return mail.

Two Big Chicago Stores **BERNHARD'S** Jas. Bernhard, Pres.

131-133 SO. CLARK STREET, CHICAGO, ILL.



PRESIDENT SUSPENDERS

insure absolute comfort and freedom of motion. The sliding cord in the back permits instant adjustment to every movement of your body and takes all strain off the shoulders and trouser buttons.



President Suspenders lie flat on the back and are so easy you do not realize you have suspenders on. There is never any tugging or pulling when you move, as in the case of the old-style rigid back suspenders.

Light weight for office and dress wear, medium and heavy weights for workers. Extra lengths for tall men. Maker's guarantee on every pair—Satisfaction New Pair or Money Back. If your dealer can't supply you, we will, postpaid, upon receipt of price, 50 cents. Convenience suggests a pair for each suit. Get them today.

The C. A. EDGARTON MFG. CO.
740 Main Street SHIRLEY, MASS.



The Strong Arm

Perfect physical development depends on nerves as well as muscles. The athlete may be paralyzed!

If your nerves are out of order it will soon tell on your strength. Disordered nerves sap vitality in man or woman.

ZELL Nerve Tablets

are the only perfect nerve tonic put on the market with a guarantee. Your money back if they do not produce the desired result.

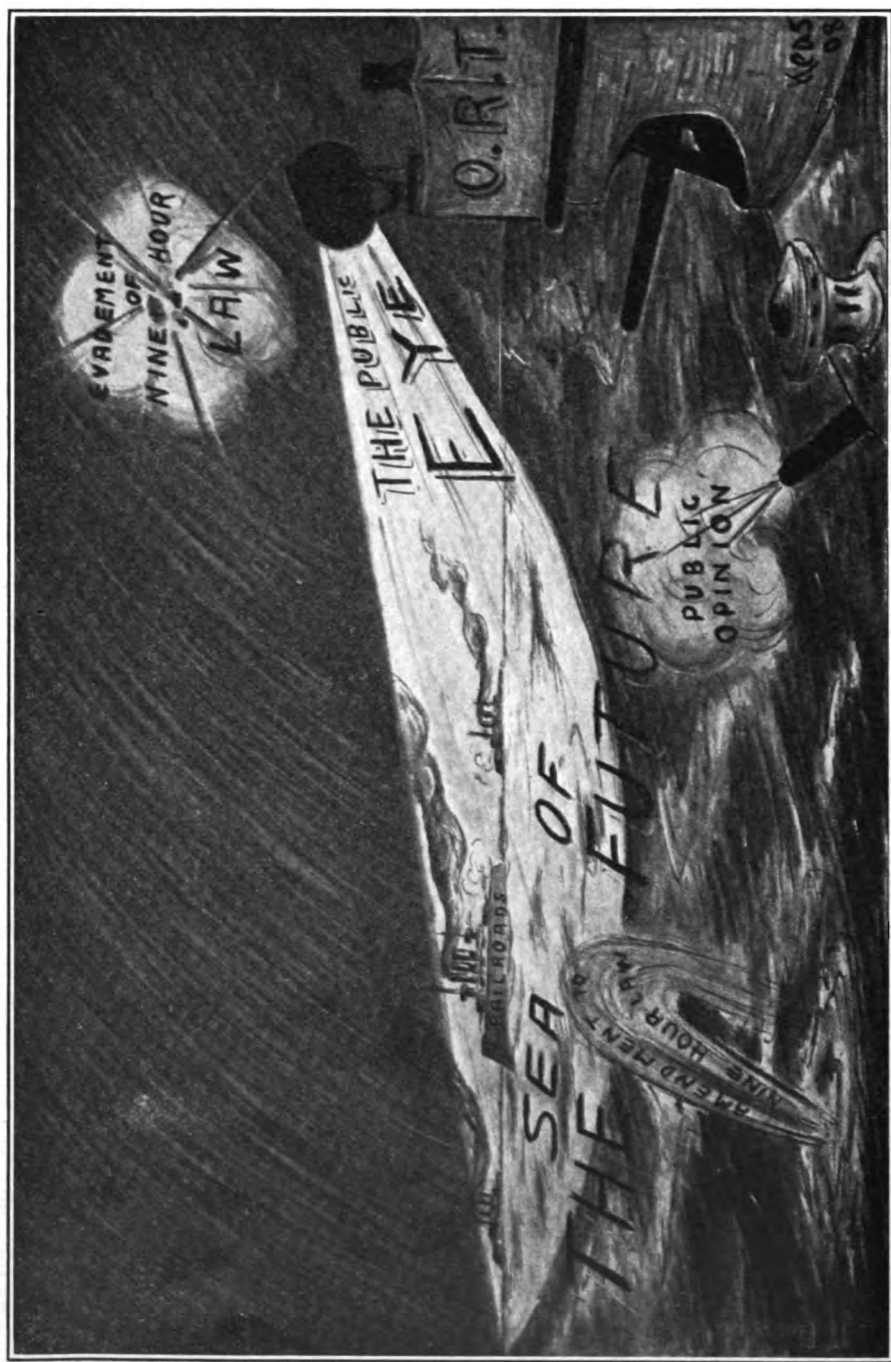
If you are all run down, if you are losing strength and natural vigor, take Zell Nerve Tablets and regain your perfect physical strength.

50 CENTS A BOX

to any address, in plain package.

THE ZELL DRUG CO., Galton, O.

O. K. Is the decision of Telegraphers who have used Zell Nerve Tablets. The Remedy that stands every test—and is especially compounded to meet the requirements of Nervous and care worn Telegraphers.



WHAT THE SEARCHLIGHT REVEALS.

THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE ORDER OF
RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.

L. W. QUICK - EDITOR AND MANAGER.



70

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE . . . \$1.00 PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT THE POST-OFFICE AT ST. LOUIS,
MO., AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER.
ENTERED AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER AT THE
POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA

Vol. XXVI.

JULY, 1909.

No. 7.



INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.

IN the May number of THE TELEGRAPHER was published Judge Landis' decision in the case of the United States vs. the A., T. & S. F. Ry. for violation of the hours-of-service law, which is known to the railroad telegraphers as the "National Nine-hour Law," by which that company was found guilty and a fine assessed.

It will be remembered that that decision covered one of the most important points of the law, namely, as to whether or not the "nine-hour period," provided in the law, could be divided up into two or more tricks, the aggregate of which might not exceed nine hours.

The decision in effect was that the "nine hour period" meant nine consecutive hours. Of course an appeal was taken by the railroad, but as that decision was rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction, it naturally stands as the legal interpretation of that law until it is reversed by a higher court, and there seems to be no reason to

anticipate other than that the decision will be affirmed by the higher courts, as it seems to be founded on sound logic and it is hard to conceive how any other decision could have been rendered.

But in the face of the decision and the facts supporting it, it seems that there is a disposition, in some quarters, at least, to refrain from carrying out the plain intent of the law as long as possible.

The following interesting correspondence recently passed between the General Attorney of the Cotton Belt Railway and the Attorney-General of the United States, bearing on this subject, which is self-explanatory:

St. Louis Southwestern Railway Co.

Office of General-Attorney.

St. Louis, June 19, 1909.

Hours-of-Service Act.

Hon. E. A. Moseley,

Secretary, I. C. C.,

Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: Your letter of May 20, to this company with copy of opinion of the

U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, in the case of *U. S. v. A., T. & S. F. Ry.*, under the Hours-of-Service Act. has been referred to me.

It does not seem to me that you should ask us to obey the decision of a district court in a matter of this kind, and that the only decision which would be binding upon us would be a decision of a court of last resort.

The decision in this case has been appealed from, and doubtless will be passed upon by a final court before long. Your request is the first instance of the kind, which has come to my knowledge, where we have been called upon to obey the decision of a trial court, especially construing a statute which is susceptible of more than one construction. I feel sure that the opinion which you quote gives a wrong construction and will not be sustained by the Supreme Court.

In view of the foregoing, I believe, upon reflection, that the Commission will not insist upon our complying with the law, as construed by the trial court, and will realize that we, in good faith, have taken a contrary view, and that we should all abide the decision of the court of final resort, especially where a case is now on its way to that court.

I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully,

S. H. WEST,
General Attorney.

Department of Justice,
WASHINGTON, June 23, 1909.

Mr. S. H. West, General Attorney,
St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co.,
St. Louis, Mo.

DEAR SIR: Your letter of June 19, addressed to the Secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission, has been submitted to this Department. In reply thereto I beg to advise you that your suggestion that the enforcement of the so-called "Hours-of-Service Law" be postponed until there is a final decision of the Supreme Court determining all possible controversies as to its construction, can not be entertained.

This statute has been construed by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in the case of the *United States v. the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co.*, and, in the judgment of this Department, the court's view is the correct one. Until that decision is modified or reversed the statute as thus construed must be accepted as the law, binding upon every interstate railroad company and upon their managing officers.

It is the duty of the Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce this statute, as thus construed, and the Commission has been so advised by this Department.

Very truly yours,
GEO. W. WICKERSHAM,
Attorney-General.

ACCIDENTS.

THE number of persons killed in train accidents during the months of January, February and March, 1909, as shown in reports made by the railroad companies to the Interstate Commerce Commission under the "accident law" of March 3, 1901, was 177, and of injured 2,618. Accidents of other kinds, including those sustained by employes while at work and by passengers in getting on or off the cars, etc., bring the total number of casualties up to 15,785 (663 killed and 15,122 injured). Accidents to employes resulting in slight injuries which do not prevent the injured employe from performing his accustomed service for more than three days in the aggregate during the ten days immediately following the accident are not reported. These reports deal only with employes on duty and passengers.

Of the 663 persons killed, 101 were killed as a result of collisions; 62 by derailments, 44 in coupling and uncoupling cars, 24 in other work about trains, 17 in coming in contact with overhead bridges and other structures, 131 in getting on and off cars and falling from them, 14 in miscellaneous train accidents, including boiler explosions, etc., and 270 from other causes.

In enumerating the more serious accidents, the report shows a collision between two freight trains, whereby considerable

property was destroyed, was due to "Order delivered by dispatcher at his own office to conductor gave wrong name of station in clause extending the right of the train and thus allowed train to encroach on right of opposing train."

One person was injured in a collision between two freight trains caused by "Dispatcher, in service of this road eight months, gave order to inferior train before he had restricted the superior one. Dispatcher had two years' experience elsewhere."

Two persons were killed and one injured in a collision between two freight trains, which, the report shows to have occurred at 1 a. m., and regarding which it says: "Operator gave clear signal when he should have stopped train for an order which he held. It is believed that the operator had been asleep and on awakening gave the clear signal without due reflection."

Forty-six persons were injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train. Of this accident the report says: "Freight train at meeting point, encroached on time of opposing freight, also of passenger train; passenger train also disregarded orders by approaching station not under control, passing station at 9:28, though it had been ordered to wait at that point for freight until 9:30."

Two persons were killed and six injured in a collision between two freight trains, the cause for which the report shows to have been: "Operator, twenty-three years old, in service at this point two weeks, though having had three years' experience elsewhere, made mistake in name of station in copying dispatcher's telegraphic order. Believed that operator repeated the order to dispatcher as copied that that dispatcher failed to notice error."

Eight persons were injured in a collision between two passenger trains, due to the engineer of a westbound train forgetting that part of a train order requiring him to take siding at the meeting point, the east bound train meeting him on the main line, head-on.

Twenty-seven persons were injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train, the cause for which the report shows to have been: "Engineman of passenger

train, in reading schedule of opposing train, took the time against wrong station; conductor had trusted to his memory as to time, but a change of ten minutes had been made in the schedule in question, and the conductor's memory proved defective."

Seven persons were killed and four injured in a collision between a passenger and a freight train. The report shows the cause of this accident to have been: "Occurred at 2:50 a. m. Engine standing on main track near station struck by approaching passenger train. Switch tender at entrance of yard had given clear signal to approaching passenger train wrongfully. Engineman and fireman of standing engine also held blameworthy for not having seen that they were properly protected. There was a fog at the time."

Four persons were injured in a collision between two freight trains, caused by "Operator received an order giving a train right over train 64, but the order which he delivered named train 84. It appears that the operator did not deliver the order which he had originally written, but made a new copy, and it was in making the new copy that the error occurred."

Twenty persons were killed and twenty-eight injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train, the cause of which is given as "Westbound passenger train ordered to wait at 'D' until 9:55, passed about 9:45 and collided with opposing train a short distance beyond station. Engineman's explanation is that he thought that the order gave him until 9:55 to reach the next station ahead; the conductor did not take sufficiently prompt measures to stop the train."

Four persons were killed and two injured in a wreck between two freight trains, caused by failure of conductor and engineer to check train register. In giving the causes of this wreck the report says:

"This collision was between two extra freight trains, a northbound and a southbound. The order making the meeting point for these trains gave the number of the engine and the name of the conductor of each train, Conductor D for the northbound, and Conductor S for the southbound;

and the collision was due to the wrongful assumption by Conductor D of the northbound train that a southbound train which he met at the appointed meeting station was that of Conductor S, whereas, in fact, it was another train. This assumption by Conductor D was based on his knowledge that the engine which he saw was one which had been used by Conductor S earlier in the same day; but in thus assuming the conductor neglected his plain duty to learn the actual number of the engine in order to see that it corresponded with the number written in the meeting order. Conductor D then gave his engineman instructions to proceed. This was contrary to the rule, under which the conductor and engineman should have checked the register at the station, in which were recorded the arrivals of all trains. Both trains were running from twenty-five to thirty-five miles an hour at the moment of the collision. The conductor and engineman at fault both had been in the service of the company for many years."

"One person was killed and fourteen injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train, due to a disregard of orders and an improper display of signals."

Regarding this wreck the report says:

"Collision No. 14, a butting collision between a passenger train and a freight, causing the death of one trainman and the injury of eight passengers and six trainmen, appears to have been due to gross negligence on the part both of a station telegraph operator and of the men in charge of one of the trains. The manual block system was in effect, and the operator was at fault in giving the signals, while at the same time meeting orders had been issued by the train dispatcher, which orders were disregarded by the conductor and engineman. The collision was between train 24 southbound, running from M to S and H, and a freight train northbound, running from H. to S and M. The operator at S, after having authorized southbound train 24 to leave M, gave a clear signal for the northbound train to leave S for M, and the trains met about four miles north of S. The error of the conductor and engineman

consisted in reading 'No. 33' when the order actually read 'No. 32.'"

"Three persons were killed and thirty injured in a collision between two passenger trains, due to an engineer 'running' several boards as well as passing torpedoes."

In referring to this wreck the report says:

"A collision causing the death of three persons, was due to disregard of automatic block signals and of torpedoes, which had been placed on the rails near the block signal and which gave audible warning. The collision occurred on a foggy night. The second section of a westbound passenger train, following the first section of the same train, ran into the rear of the first section while it was at rest (having been stopped at a signal station) and two Pullman cars were destroyed. Measuring back from the point of collision, the home block signal was 2,768 feet distant, 550 feet farther east were the torpedoes, and 2,661 feet farther was the distant signal. The report says that the engineman heard the torpedoes. The fireman, as well as the engineman, is held blameworthy, the rule requiring enginemen and firemen to call one to the other on approaching fixed signals. The speed of the train appears not to have been slackened by the engineman at all. The experience of the engineman was twenty-seven years and of the fireman six years. The automatic signals had been properly observed by the engineman of the first section of the train; also by the enginemen of other trains not long before."

HATTERS MAKE BIG GAIN.

THE following communication is self-explanatory:

11 Waverly Place, New York City,

June 15, 1909.

*To the Members of Organized Labor,
Greeting—*

It affords us great pleasure to inform you that after a five months' struggle with the National Association of Manufacturers, we have at last made a substantial break in their organization—twenty-one manufacturers in the Connecticut Districts having resigned from their National Association and are now operating union factories and

using the union label of our organization. While the twenty-one factories is quite a relief, and is of great value both morally and financially in the fight we are now waging, there are still outside some fifty factories, and we are determined to wage the fight against them stronger than ever until the last one agrees to operate a union shop and use our union label. The manufacturers and their agents have tried to make it appear that the fight is declared off. This is done for the purpose of stopping any donations which we may receive from the members of organized labor. The twenty-one factories which are about to open will not be under way for several weeks, and will not be able to render any financial assistance to those who are still out, and in the meantime our members who are still continuing the fight are badly in need of help.

We would urgently request that you make the most liberal contributions possible, and we now feel that we can promise, with almost a certainty, that every manufacturer in the hat industry who declared for the open shop on January 14th last will be compelled in the very near future to again recognize the union and use the union label of our organization.

Thanking you for your generous donations, which have made it possible for us to secure this partial victory, and assuring you that if you will do your part, the United Hatters of North America will be able to report a complete victory in the very near future, I am,

Respectfully yours,

MARTIN LAWLOR,

General Secretary.

JOHN A. MOFFITT,

General President.

"DOC" HARPER DEAD.

THE delegates to the last session of the Grand Division will learn with much regret and surprise of the sudden death of Bro. R. E. Harper, who was one of the prominent visitors at that gathering. Bro. Harper had for years been an active worker in the Order, and always proved himself to be faithful to every trust.

That he was always ready and willing to make any sacrifice for his fellowmen, was demonstrated to a remarkable degree in the trouble on the Southern Railway ten years ago. When that road was first organized, the General Committee convened in Atlanta, which meeting was greatly prolonged on account of the hostility of the officials of the road at that time, several members of the committee being dismissed, which required a continuous substitution to fill vacancies, until as a final climax, the general chairman resigned, leaving the committee without a head. It was at this time that the manhood and loyalty of Bro. Harper asserted itself. Everyone on the committee recognized that to accept the position of general chairman meant immediate dismissal, but regardless of this, Bro. Harper stepped forward and volunteered to serve in that capacity, and he was immediately elected to that position. At the time of this incident (1899) he was holding a first-class position in the general offices at Atlanta and was shortly afterwards dismissed, but continued to serve the Order in connection with Southern Railway matters until after the strike of 1900 on that line.

He never re-entered the railroad service, but took employment with the Western Union Telegraph Company after the close of the strike, where he continued to work until the Commercial Telegraphers' strike of 1907. Although a man of family and engaged in the building and payment of a home, he walked out with his brother commercial telegraphers, and remained out until that strike was at an end, when he was taken back by the Western Union.

The *Atlanta Journal of Labor* contains the following tribute to his memory, written by Sister E. B. Smith:

"Both of the telegraph organizations this past week lost from among them a brother and a friend, who can never be replaced in the hearts of those with whom he was so closely associated, both in the office and on the wire, when R. E. Harper, better known as 'Doc' Harper, died suddenly Tuesday morning at his home at 387 East North Avenue. He was perhaps the most widely known telegraph operator in the city of Atlanta, and many operators all over the

United States knew 'Doc' to love him, although they had never seen him. Always patient, amiable and courteous both on the wire to his far-away associates and those closer to him associated in the same offices. It has often been remarked among the fraternity that 'Doc' Harper never knew what it was to have an enemy, for every one was his friend.

"Though confined to bed a few days, with the sickness which took him so suddenly, he was stricken blind about six months ago, and since then he has been constantly in the hearts and minds of his telegraph fraternities. He had been a constant member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers since its organization years ago, was a devoted member of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, and during the memorable strike in 1907 he was one of its most loyal supporters, being one of the local executive board through whose conservative judgment a great part of the success of the local management of the strike was accredited. After his blindness his fellow-associates in the office made up his salary every month. He was a daily visitor to the office, led by his devoted little daughter, where he was cheered and kept by an unfaltering friendship, which made his life happier even in its darkness. On the street and on the cars he was ever approached by friends who admired him and loved him, for the good that was within him and the good that he had been.

"He was one of the best base ball wire men ever in the country, and for years called the detailed games for the *Atlanta Journal*, and even after total blindness had overcome him, he still went daily to the Journal office, led by little Elizabeth, and copied the returns; while his eyes were sightless his hearing was yet keen and his fingers still had that same sensitiveness which goes to make up the expert operator.

"When the biennial convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers met in Atlanta, in May, 'Doc' Harper was a constant attendant upon the sessions, and the last action by this great body of telegraphers, before their adjournment was—each man deducted a dollar from his day's per diem, sending it to Bro. Harper, mak-

ing up a sum of something over \$350, which went toward paying the balance on his home.

"The Commercial Telegraphers, Local No. 60, of Atlanta, has lost in 'Doc' Harper one of its most earnest and untiring workers, while since the close of the strike his activities were lessened on account of the temper of the corporations, yet he was ever ready to come to the call or assistance of the Atlanta local. Both the railroad and the commercial fraternities have lost in R. E. Harper a friend and a co-worker which can never be replaced, and the corporation has lost a devoted and loyal employee.

"At the funeral were employers and employees, friends and admirers, all alike sharing in the sorrow of the loss of one from their midst so noble, so true, so upright and so deserving. Corporative lines, the lines of employer and employee were dimmed, and all bowed to do homage to their dead. It was an impressive ceremony, and one which will be remembered as long as life shall last."

His last message on earth has been sent. his key and sounder is quiet, and no longer there quivers over the wires of the country that well known sign "Dr.," but still there seems to come to the mind's-ear of those who loved him so well, a clear and audible sound from other shores, the dots and dashes making up the words "O. K. Dr. 73."

We loved him, for he was always a brother, in the truest sense of the term. He was a true artisan of life, met misfortune as it came, cheerfully and without a murmur, and when the hour came to depart this life he answered his "call" promptly, and met that fatal goad of death without a tremor. He died as he lived, quietly, ready as he ever was, approaching the end with that same lovable nature, which characterized him throughout his lifetime. Why then, should not those who were so closely associated with him even hear his "sign" from over the border in the "dot and dash" language—that he is "O. K."

His last message has been sent. His last "31" has been copied. He has answered

the last call, but his life lives on in the hearts of those who knew him. He lived as if beneath the blue arch of a perfect day, to whose mind's vision the clouds of life were streaked with a freshness of a morning gild, which quickly melted into the azure of his past. Through all his years of light and shade, his chain of friendship was unceasing, and now since his link has broken, his sorrowing friends are soothed by the sweet memories of his noble life, which come flitting before them daily, while at their keys, as little things come up to remind them of the one so lately among them. Sweet memories, as o'er his life we reflect; think of but one and lo what myriads rise, each cherished and fostered by the last, forming one golden chain, which seemed but the life of Doc Harper, wound round the very feet of God!

To know him was to love him. To be associated with him was to adore him. A sweet simple life, quiet and unassuming. He counted time with the heart throbs in his noble breast. Every minute was to him golden. Every click of his instrument seemed to him a thing alive.

He was, indeed, a ruler of himself; a master of his fate. Constancy, devotion to the right no matter what the consequence. His life was promptness and exactness in itself. Loved by not only his fellow-workers, and his brothers and sisters in the two telegraph Orders of which he was so devoted a member; but, he was loved alike by both his associates and his employers. for his sterling worth, his candid and upright life.

He, it seemed, always looked upon life as a stern reality, and met changes of circumstances and of fortune, with an unfaltering fortitude, and even after the light of day had dimmed forever from those large honest eyes of his, he even yet seemed to face the future with a fortitude which could have been likened to a Napoleon on a field of a Marathon! Always hopeful, at times a little blue, but the honest pressure of the hand by a sympathetic friend, would soon drive his clouds away, for he prized friends far above rubies, and in his friends and family he lived and died, even in his darkness.

His comrades in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and in the Commercial Telegraphers Union of America, even those of his craft who had never joined themselves to either of the fraternities, his associates and his employers have all lost a friend, whose place can never be refilled, for Doc Harper still lives in the minds of those who knew him and loved him.

SYSTEM FEDERATIONS.

By H. B. PERHAM.

THE Railroad Employes' Department of the American Federation of Labor met in Chicago, Ill., on July 12 and 13, for the purpose of transacting routine business connected with the formation of System Federations and attending to other important matters. At the same time meetings of representative railroad employes were held at the various hotels in the city and preliminary steps taken for the formation of System Federations under the new plan.

A federation was perfected on the lines of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and the coveted prize, Charter No. One, was granted that body. Federations were formed on the Chicago & North Western, Illinois Central, Iowa Central, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads and the charters left open for a short time to give all organizations that may wish to join in the movement an opportunity to have their names recorded on the original charter. Future meetings were arranged by each System Federation for the purpose of taking final action and to make formal application for charters.

Representatives were present at the various meetings from a number of other railroads than those mentioned for the purpose of more thoroughly understanding the aims and objects of the new plan of federation and obtaining information as to the correct method of procedure. This will result in meetings of the same character being called in different parts of the country and the extension of the federation idea.

The meetings were addressed by the various Grand Officers who were attending the department meeting and great enthusiasm was manifested.

Although only recently organized, this department is attracting more attention among all classes of employes than any other organization in the labor movement ever did among railroad men.

The great amount of inquiry as to the aims, objects and methods to be followed by this department, proves the interest taken, and it is for the purpose of setting forth such information that the following explanations are made.

The moderate success of some combinations among railroad organizations and the failure of others were taken into consideration by the men who devised the plan of the Railroad Employees' Department.

For that reason, the first step taken was to secure the co-operation of International organizations having membership in the employ of railroad companies throughout North America, which was done at the Denver Convention of the American Federation of Labor, held in 1908.

Starting out with ten such International organizations, a time and place were arranged for, and a meeting was held and consideration given every angle for a perfect and effective working combination in the most simple form and minimum cost.

Profiting by the experiences of the past, great care was exercised in the Railroad Employees' Department to guarantee to each organization its own autonomy rights, at the same time guaranteeing protection if needed by each and all the other organizations, parties to the Railroad Employees' Department.

In the first place, this department is supported directly by the international bodies composing it, by which means there is practically no expense to maintain it by subordinate bodies, which will be referred to further on, and by it power invested by the American Federation of Labor may and does issue charters to railroad system federations.

The members of any two or more National or International bodies in the Ameri-

can Federation of Labor, and affiliated with this department, employed on any railroad system or by any railroad terminal company may apply to this department for a charter of affiliation, the same to be issued according to the law of the department.

Be it understood that although two or more of the Organizations on any railroad system may apply for charter, the rights of any other Organization on the same system of railroad, and internationally members of this department, will be recognized and protected under the same charter. In other words, the members of two, three or more organizations may apply for the charter to start with, but the members of the other organizations affiliated with this department will be recognized in their rights to come into the same System Federation, as it is intended to issue but one charter from this department to the men of each railroad system. The plan is that each System Federation be composed of one delegate from each trade or calling on the system, affiliated with this department.

Further, each System Federation may in turn organize and maintain local boards at each division point on the system. These local boards at each division point, or any point where several members of the different organizations may be employed, may also be composed of one member from each organization at that point, the system being that the local boards are responsible to the System Federation, reporting directly to them, and the System Federation responsible to the Railroad Employees' Department, and reporting directly to them.

Applications for a charter to this department for a System Federation does not mean that the application embraces the men at one point only on the railroad system, but if the members of any one of the organizations apply for a system charter, it must be understood that all the members of that particular organization on the system are included in the application for the charter.

Any one branch of labor on any railroad system wishing the assistance or co-operation of the other branches of labor on the same system, and under the same charter,

must make known their wishes in accordance with the law of the department and the System Federation. Be it understood, however, that this in no way denies the rights of the members of any of the affiliated organizations from acting as a body unto themselves, should they see fit.

When a System Federation charter is applied for, and by-laws enacted, said laws should be submitted to this department for approval, and the by-laws of the local board submitted to the System Federation for its approval.

When a System Federation has been formed on any railroad, and a charter received, the first work should be to thoroughly organize every branch of trade on that system, and each member be put in touch with the objects and aims of the department.

When work of this nature is to be done, a special organizer may be used, bearing credentials from the Railroad Employees' Department and must furnish bond for collections, handling funds, etc.; and further, he shall be instructed in the methods and laws of each organization he is to seek members for.

Co-operation: Let it be distinctly understood that the Railroad Employees' Department is not at variance with any other organization or brotherhood of railroad men, but on the contrary it will always extend friendly and brotherly assistance wherever possible that may tend to improve the conditions under which any man is employed on a railroad; nor must it be understood that the Railroad Employees' Department is antagonistic to the rights of any railroad company, because only under rules of fair play can employer and employee secure lasting benefits.

The influence of the Railroad Employees' Department for good is already recognized in many directions—both by employer and employees, even at this early stage, and some very flattering and encouraging comment is at hand from organizations and brotherhoods not yet affiliated.

The power of the Railroad Employees' Department is materially augmented by the fact that it embraces all the departments

of railroad labor affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, each, however, within its own rights, but each ready to assist should extreme necessity arise.

Deep thinkers have long since concluded that any class of labor, skilled or unskilled, that is necessary to maintain a railroad in operation, is also necessary under proper practices to protect the rights of all concerned, should occasion require.

The failure to recognize this most important truth has been the means through which many organizations in the past, composed of only one or a few branches, have missed their aim.

The Railroad Employees' Department does not court any mushroom growth, nor affiliations that are not based on a desire for improvement and mutual assistance, but it is ready at all times to receive and consider any suggestions, thoughts or assistance from any source that will tend to perfect and accomplish results. It recognizes no aristocrats in labor from the president of a railroad to its most humble laborer. It recognizes no difference in the clay from which any individual is made, and only a difference in the opportunity that happens to come to some in life.

The Constitution of the Railroad Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor reads as follows:

ARTICLE 1. (Name.)

This organization shall be known as the Railroad Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, and shall be composed of National and International Organizations of railroad employees, recognized as such, duly and regularly chartered by the American Federation of Labor.

ARTICLE 2. (Membership.)

Membership shall be confined to National and International Organizations of railroad employees who are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

ARTICLE 3. (Admission.)

Sec. 1. Application for membership can be made at any time by National or International Organizations of railroad employees affiliated with the A. F. of L.

Sec. 2. Applications for membership in this department shall be decided by a majority vote of the members of this department.

ARTICLE 4. (Objects.)

Sec. 1. The object of this department shall be to enhance the welfare of all railroad employees, to aid in more closely organizing all such employees, to encourage such organizations to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, to further the interests of employees by means of legislation and to take such action as may be mutually agreed upon to protect the interests of all concerned.

Sec. 2. Recognizing the justice and necessity of well-defined jurisdiction for affiliated organizations, it shall be the aim of this department to use its good offices in assisting affiliated National or International Organizations in adjusting any dispute arising over a question of jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 5. (Conventions.)

The annual convention of this department shall be held immediately after the close of the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, in the same city. Special conventions may be called by the president, should a majority of the organizations in the department so request.

ARTICLE 6. (Representation.)

The basis of representation at all conventions of the department shall be by organizations and the unit rule. All duly accredited delegates representing National and International Organizations of railroad employees, members of this department, shall be eligible and entitled to seats, but no organization shall have more than one vote.

ARTICLE 7. (Officers.)

Sec. 1. The officers of this department shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The terms of the officers of this department shall be one year from the date of their election, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE 8. (Quorum.)

A quorum in this department shall consist of a majority of all organizations affiliated therewith.

ARTICLE 9. (System Dept. Charters.)

Two or more organizations of railroad employees affiliated with the American Federation of Labor on any railroad or system of railroads may apply for a charter from this department to cover such railroad or system.

In case a dispute arises as to the issuing of a charter, such dispute will be settled by the Railroad Employees' Department by majority vote.

The sum of ten dollars shall accompany an application for charter.

Dues for such charter shall be five dollars per year.

ARTICLE 10. (Amendments.)

Sec. 1. Amendments to this Constitution can only be offered or submitted by organizations affiliated with the department, and shall be offered or submitted in writing or in print.

Sec. 2. A two-thirds vote of the organizations present shall be required to adopt any amendment to this Constitution, provided that a quorum is present.

The organizations at present affiliated with the Railroad Employees' Department are as follows:

International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers.

Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Switchmen's Union of North America.

International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

International Association of Steam Fitters of America.

Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Freight Handlers' International Union.

Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Ship Builders and Helpers of America.

International Association of Machinists.

International Association of Car Workers.

Applications have been received from other organizations and are now under consideration.

Further information will be furnished upon request by H. B. Perham, Chairman, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo., or P. F. Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer, 1205 Morton Building, 356 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Four hundred and forty-nine new members were initiated into the Order during the month of June.

In publishing the photograph of Bro. W. A. Fuller in the May number of this journal, he was shown to be an alternate from Division No. 71. This should have been shown as an alternate from Division No. 44.

Assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department are now payable semi-annually instead of monthly. Every member of that department should pay his dues and assessments promptly at the beginning of each semi-annual period, thereby protecting his beneficiary for the ensuing six months.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for \$4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



The Editor believes that the publication of a list of the members of the Order who have been chosen to fill important public office would be of considerable interest to the membership, and to that end would request that every member of the Order who is holding public office, national, State, county

or city, by election or appointment, furnish the Editor with this information, or that some friend furnish it for him, in order that a complete list may be published.

Bro. L. A. Tanquary, for many years Chairman of the Board of Directors, and a prominent figure at the various sessions of the Grand Division, has been appointed Superintendent of the Colorado Free Employment Agency with headquarters at Pueblo, Colo. The State of Colorado is to be congratulated on securing the services of one so eminently fitted to fill that important office, which is so near to the working people of that State.

The "Bowling Green Business University," which purports to "teach" telegraphy, has been circularizing the station agents in some of the Southern States, holding out inducements for them to take its "graduates." Their circular reads:

"Are you allowed a helper at your station? If so, please read and consider this proposition:

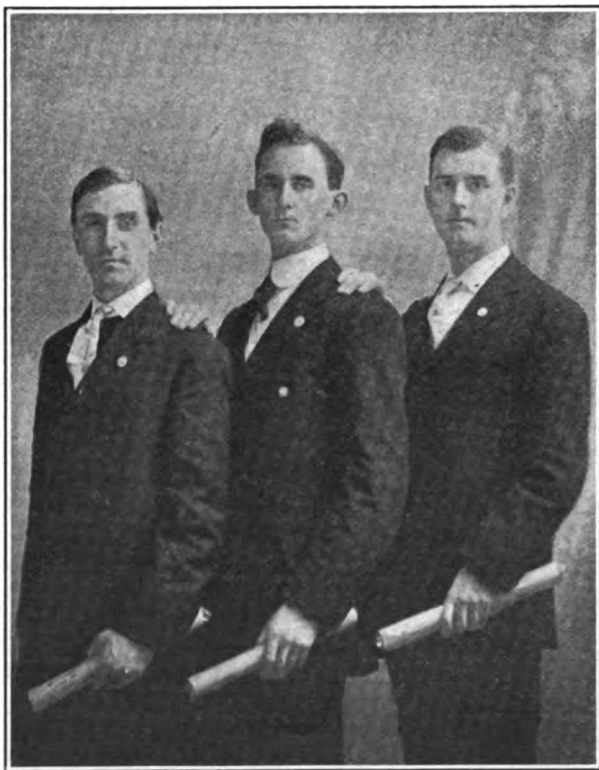
"We can furnish you a young man that has had thorough training, can copy from main-line wires, has a fair, common-school education, free from bad habits, perfectly honest, and not afraid of work, and will pay you \$5.00 for your trouble. We will pay this amount for positions that pay salary enough to meet the young man's expense, such as board, room, etc. We have a number that have had practical experience and can render good service, and a still larger number who have taken our case in railroad station work, L. & N. system. We recommend no one who could not give surety bond if required.

"We trust you will give this matter favorable consideration. When in need of extra help, give one of our young men a chance."

This journal has never paid any particular attention to so-called telegraph schools, as the Editor was aware of the fact that none of them could turn out practical railroad telegraphers, and the strenuous efforts being made by these telegraph schools to induce station agents to take in these alleged "graduates" and "finish them up" fully corroborates that belief.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of April, 1909, shows that there were 116,754 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United

States during that month; that there were 1,283 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, imbeciles and feeble-minded, 30; insane and epileptic, 15; dangerous and contagious diseases, 265; professional beggars, 2; likely to become public charges, 497; mentally or physically defective, 45; contract laborers, 240; accompanying aliens, 25; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parents, 24; criminals, 58; polygamists, 4; prostitutes and procurers, 30; without passport, 6; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 42. The report also shows that there were 149 aliens returned after landing.



H. J. Cooper. D. C. Wooden. J. O. Bessette.
O. R. T. GROUP—MEMBERS NEW HAVEN DIVISION No. 29.

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Graves, of Montcalm, W. Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Leahy, of St. Paul, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Polsgrove, Jr., of Jordan, Ky., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. L. Scott, of Roanoke, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Northrop, of Niles, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Christopherson, of DeSmet, S. D., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. R. Morehouse, of Jessee, O., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. E. Dodge, of East Dubuque, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. A. Fleming, of Bay City, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Ranger, of Somonauk, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. E. Jacobs, of Franklin, Mass., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. E. Delaney, of Walpole, Mass., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry D. Hazlett, of Reynolds, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Headrick, of Arden, N. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Atherton, of Hamburg, Ia., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. C. Allen, of Keister, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. L. Bland, of Ocean Springs, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. A. Lane, of St. Louis, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. A. Albaugh, of Mingo Jct., O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. B. Campbell, of Perry, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. A. Young, of Wysox, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Walters, of Ashland, Ore., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. T. Williams, of McDermott, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. W. Myers, of Montague, Cal., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. W. Frank, of Galion, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Rex, of Mapleton Depot, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Elger, of North Freedom, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Warner, of Baraboo, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. V. Lassiter, of Tennille, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Burch, of Leakesville, Miss., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. E. J. Burkett, of Div. 33, to Miss May Mowery.

At LaGrange, Ky., Bro. E. P. Smith, of Div. 54, to Miss Mary E. Singer.

Bro. J. N. Cobb, of Div. 126, to Miss Druzzila May Jones.

At Chicago, Ill., Bro. M. O. Nelson, of Div. 2, to Miss Mayme Oakes.

At Bardane, W. Va., Bro. R. W. Cross, of Div. 33, to Miss Mabel Bell.

At Winslow, Ark., Bro. C. F. Stauffer, of Div. 32, to Miss Jessie Sample.

Bro. C. R. Ocker, of Div. 129, to Miss Swift.

At Cordele, Ga., Bro. J. W. Watkins, of Div. 97, to Mrs. W. N. Thompson.

At Dakota, Ga., Bro. R. Hilderbrand, of Div. 56, to Miss Mabel Smith.

At Downieville, Pa., Bro. A. A. Hostetter, of Div. 33, to Miss Vetta Downey.

At Dousman, Wis., Bro. P. M. Keefe, of Div. 76, to Miss Fanny Koehler.

At Cambridge, Ill., Bro. Chas. S. Eastman, of Div. 126, to Miss Elta M. Hadley.

Bro. Lewis E. Borrell, of Div. 51, to Miss Mary Snyder.

Bro. R. C. Dobson, of Div. 54, to Miss Laura Beals.

Bro. C. F. Sahm, of Div. 51, to Mrs. F. D. Lyman.

At Earling, Ia., Bro. W. B. Loetz, of Div. 23, to Miss Anna Levor.

Bro. P. V. Cox, of Div. 126, to Miss Pearl Brown.

At Kenton, O., Bro. J. A. Oglesbee, of Div. 42, to Miss Beartha Tallman.

At Richmond, Va., Bro. J. L. Harrison, of Div. 125, to Miss Cassie I. Tucker.

At Centerville, Ia., Bro. Harry O. Hoover, of Div. 23, to Miss Luna Sanders.

Bro. E. E. Lunquist, of Div. 110, to Miss Freda Carlson.

At Coal Bluff, Ind., Bro. Z. E. Manly, of Div. 120, to Miss Bonnie Kink.

Bro. A. H. Fisher, of Div. 33, to Miss Bessie Shippley.

Bro. C. C. Otto, of Div. 33, to Miss Edna Schwab.

Bro. Frank L. Kruger, of Div. 54, to Miss May Garrett.

At Brilliant, O., Bro. W. W. Weiss, of Div. 55, to Miss Jessie E. Gooch.

At Pendleton, Ore., Bro. J. L. Whiting, of Div. 53, to Miss Jessie Pearson.

Bro. M. A. McFadden, of Div. 132, to Miss Alma Powell.

At Mann's Choice, Pa., Bro. Austin W. May, of Div. 33, to Miss Ada E. Mowery.

At Santa Ana, Cal., Bro. E. L. Burroughs, of Div. 111, to Miss Mabel Berger.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, Bro. Chas. P. Crawford, of Div. 77, to Miss Viola K. Rager.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. C. W. Owens, of Div. 40.

At Memphis, Tenn., Bro. W. S. Smith, of Div. 93.

At Sandusky, O., Bro. E. K. Snyder, of Div. 129.

At Argyle, Ill., wife of Bro. Frank Johnson, of Div. 76.

At Centredale, R. I., wife of Bro. C. L. Gaffney, of Div. 35.

Maude Schermerhorn Burtiss, wife of Bro. W. S. Burtiss, of Div. 49.

At Southbury, Conn., wife of Bro. Earl W. Derby, of Div. 8.

At LaGrange, O., Bro. Frank Barnum, of Div. 138.

At Wilmington, Del., Bro. Chas. W. Hill, of Div. 33.

At Syracuse, N. Y., Gertrude May, infant daughter of Bro. R. R. Cole, of Div. 8.

At Roaring Creek, Pa., Mrs. Clarence Cleaver, mother of Bro. L. P. Cleaver, of Div. 12.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of Q. V. Best, last heard of working for M. K. & T. at Hot Springs, Ark., in 1899. "Uncle," if you see this write me at Dover, Ga. R. W. BEST.

Present address of O. F. Higginson, last heard of in San Bernardino, Calif., several years ago. MRS. M. R. MERO, Granite, Colo.

Present address of John Dempsey. Last seen in St. Louis about a year ago.

W. E. DEMPSEY,
East Brookfield, Mass.

Present address of John F. Showerman, last heard of at Buffalo, N. Y., about three months ago. A. R. LINN,
205 St. James Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Present address of E. J. Parsons, last heard of working as night operator for Kansas City Southern at Vandevoort, Ark. "E. J.," if you see this write me at Jacksonville, Ark. F. E. SAMUEL.

Present address of Edward C. Bell, last heard of working as locomotive fireman on the C. & N.-W. R. R. out of Chicago.

MRS. EDW. C. BELL, Kingston, Ill.

Present address of F. W. Hazen, last heard of working at Trinidad, Colo., for Santa Fe. If you see this, "Fred," write me at Winslow, Ark., care Frisco.

FRED STAUFFER.

Present address of Wm. H. Walsh, of Welsh. Last heard of was working at Rio Percia, N. M., as operator and pumper for Santa Fe. Left there time of Santa Fe strike. Any information as to his whereabouts would be gratefully appreciated by his brother, H. P. Welsh, Train Dispatcher's office, Erie R. R., Buffalo, N. Y.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

W. S. Tyler, Bath, S. C.

F. E. Samuel, Jacksonville, Ark.

Alvah M. Hammond, Olney, Texas.

L. B. Lambert, Box 184, Kewanee, Ill.

F. Hackenbracht, Union Station, Ohio.

LOST OR STOLN.

Card 31,647, Cert. 2,189, Div. 59, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 31,784, Cert. 35, Div. 35, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 29,982, Cert. 480, Div. 39, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 32,095, Cert. 2,598, Div. 130, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 17,970, Cert. 938, Div. 14, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 2,415, Cert. 126, Div. 37, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 22,754, Cert. 5,968, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 30,924, Cert. 56, Div. 1, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 11,965, Cert. 5,410, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1909.

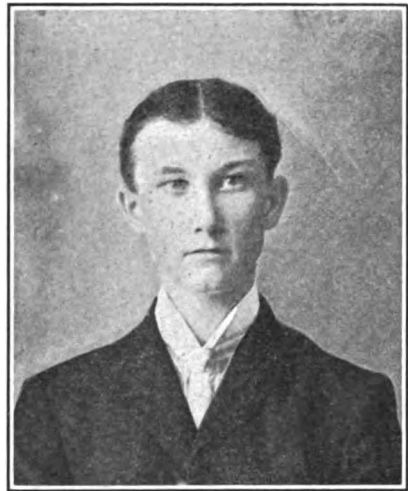
Card 31,599, Cert. 2,363, Div. 7, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 30,733, Cert. 2,250, Div. 130, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 31,335, Cert. 2,946, Div. 93, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 10,359, Cert. 3,200, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 8,825, Cert. 496, Div. 8, for term ending June 30, 1909.



J. S. JENKINS,

Deceased Member Div. 93.

NOTICE.

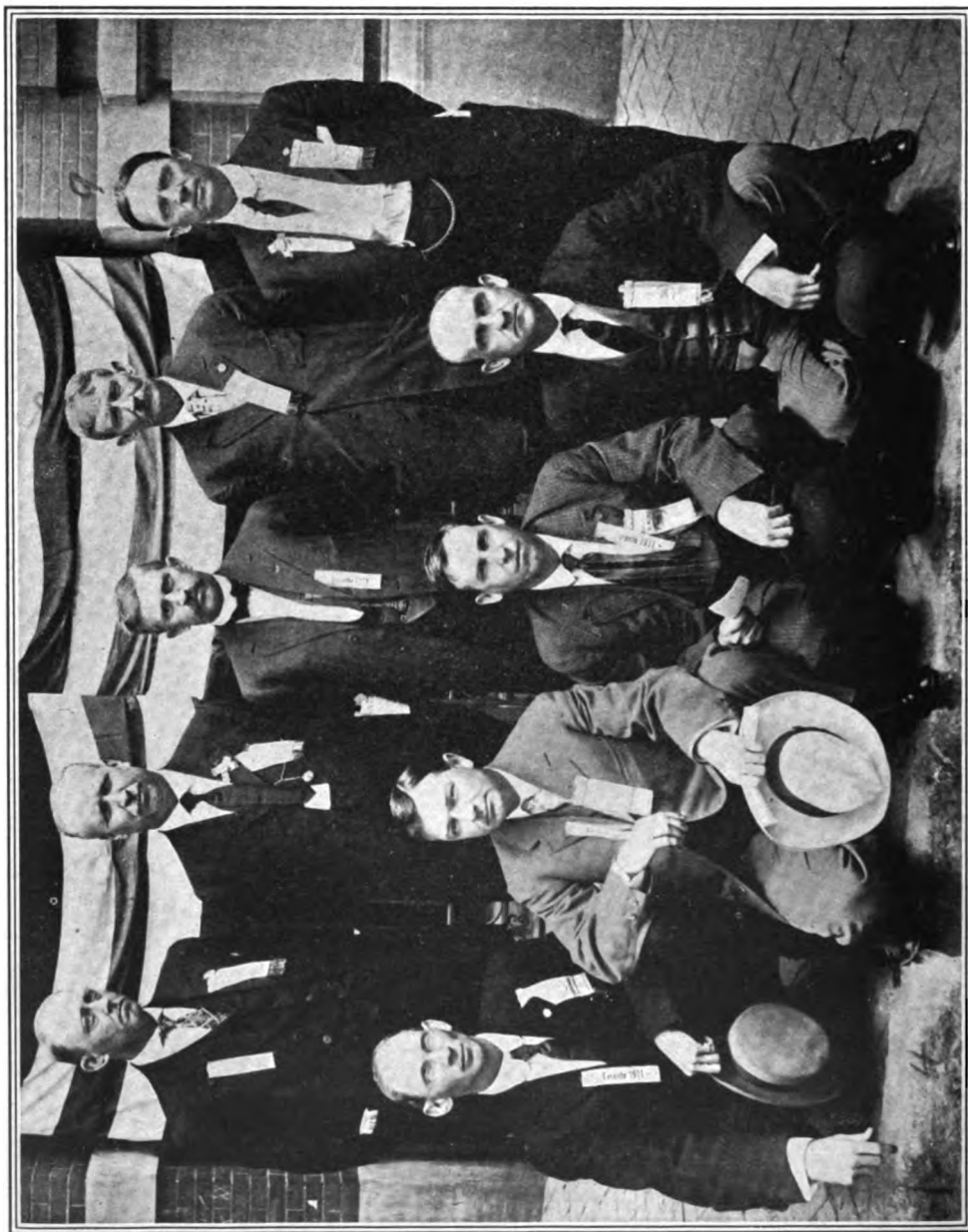
Lost or Stolen—O. R. T. cards issued to G. E. Beaty, Cert. 863, Div. 32. If presented take up and forward to L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo.

Lost or Stolen—On C. B. & Q. train No. 47, between Chicago and St. Paul, June 11th, tan leather card case containing O. R. T. cards, dated June 30, 1903, to June 30, 1909.

P. H. KENNEDY,

Moscow, Tex.





W. M. Jaynes. H. B. Perham. C. E. Layman. T. H. Lankford. A. B. Cord.
 T. O. Magann. G. C. Cabiniss. M. G. Harper. H. C. Calloway.

DELEGATES OF DIVISION NO. 14 TO ATLANTA CONVENTION, O. R. T., INCLUDING PRESIDENT PERHAM AND
 CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS LAYMAN.

LADIES AUXILIARY

DIRECTORY.

President, Mrs. E. B. Smith, P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.

Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Malone, 580 East Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.

First Vice-President, Mrs. E. L. Mathis, Greenfield, Tenn.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. J. Liddan, 227 West Central Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. Campbell, North Bay, Ontario Canada.

Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Henry Hurr, Engle, Texas.

Grand Chaperone, Mrs. Chas. M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.

Assistant to President, Miss Dita May West, 319 E. Ga. Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mrs. J. F. Brady, Chairman, No. 1 Pond St., Auburn, R. I.

Mrs. W. F. Denton, Sterling, Neb.

Mrs. Chas. M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.

Miss Frances E. Edwards, West Point, Pa. (Clinton County.)

Mrs. L. E. Crandall, Chrisney, Ind.

All correspondence for **THE TELEGRAPHER** must be addressed to the president, so that it will reach her not later than the 20th day of the month.

THE AUXILIARY.

By MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

THE printing, stationery, cards, etc., are now in hand, and by the time the July issue of **THE TELEGRAPHER** is out, the cards for the last quarter will be in the hands of the charter members, and new cards for the semi-annual period ending December 31st will have been mailed. It is to be trusted that every member of the Auxiliary will not become delinquent, but will send in their 60 cents semi-annual dues immediately to the Grand Secretary-Treasurer. Remember every member is an individual organizer, and during the month of July every member should at least bring in one new member—remember the initiation fee is 50 cents, and 10 cents per month dues, or 60 cents per semi-annual, payable semi-annually.

Every one push for the 500 mark by the first of October. Work, push, agitate! If your husband, brother or father, hasn't his card up-to-date make him come up-to-date, in order that you may take up membership in the Auxiliary. Keep the ball rolling, and let's hit the 500 mark by October 1st, with a bound! We now have 150 members, and if each one will bring in two apiece, we will make the mark, for applications are pouring into Secretary Malone on every mail. Send to her for application blanks.

Division No. 132, Atlantic Coast Line, comes in for Charter No. 3, and Bro. J. H. Williams says that he trusts that the Auxiliary will soon have as many members in the division as the O. R. T. Things look bright for this by October 1st.

"Daddy" Thurston was one of the first to send in for application blanks, after the

stationery was received, he stating that he and Mrs. Thurston was always interested in anything pertaining to the O. R. T.

Send in the items of news, ideas and suggestions, and let's keep the splendid progress of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T. continually before the membership.

Wear your button. Agitate. Talk for members. Boost the O. R. T., and win members for the Ladies' Auxiliary. Send for application blanks and get busy.

The President, Mrs. E. B. Smith, has recently been appointed Chairman of the Georgia State Label Committee, of the Georgia Federation of Labor. She is now boosting the Union Label, as well as the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Sister G. F. McCormack writes that they arrived home safely from the convention about June 2d.

Sister J. F. Brady writes they are home, and everything looks bright for the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Sister Chas. M. Sanford says she believes they will be able to come in for a charter from her division before very long, that interest is growing.

Sister Henry Hurr says they will be in line for a charter with a low number before many weeks.

Communications from everywhere, point to the 500 mark by October 1st.

WOMAN.

By Mrs. E. B. Smith, President.

IT has been most truthfully stated that the "hand that rocks the cradle rocks the world." From the mother's knee the boy springs with the seeds of his future imbedded within his inner-most soul and nature, from whence he derives all his thoughts and ideas, from whence he learns all his principles and the foundation for truth which seems to be bound about his very soul, was builded while he was at his mother's knee, under her sweet influence and guidance. His mother first planted there the seeds from which sprang all that

is found within him that is good! The father, it is true, sets by example, word and deed the lines which are followed to a great measure by that boy in after life, but it is the mother who implants in that boy those refining and ennobling graces which makes him what he is, and no man living, who ever had a mother, will say anything but that his mother made the better side of him.

If this all be true, and this statement is seldom denied, is it not the duty of every union man and every union woman to implant with that child seeds of unionism? Our union men now spring full-grown from the lap of oppression! Our union women now spring full grown from off the knees of misery! Unionists are not reared in unionism, but are forced there by environment and by dire necessity. Is there any reason why this union education and the principles of unionism should not be implanted within the soul of that boy by his mother, while he is at her knee! Would he not grow up to be a better union man, a more devout man to the cause and a better workman? True, then, if this is to be done, the mothers of our land, the sisters of our country, the wives of our union men, must all be educated along union lines, and must be given a working interest in the movement for the uplift of the masses and their betterment. How shall this better be accomplished than by the organization of these noble women into Auxiliaries, where the subjects of vital interest to the workers will be discussed, and where the subject of the "raising of our future union men" shall be thoroughly studied by these mothers of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Where the wives of union men will bind themselves together and prepare ways and means toward assisting in solidifying the membership of their several unions in their special localities. Where the sisters will discuss plans to strengthen their brothers in the principles of unionism. The binding of these women together and the educating of these women along trade-union lines will make the union a household word, where not only the bread-winners of the family will be the unionists of that family, but the entire fam-

ily will be devoted to the movement; where the little children will be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the labor movement; where the men and women unionists of tomorrow will be moulded in the home circle at the mother's knee, so that they will be prepared for the coming questions of the future, and be not wavering, or dilatory about taking up their cross and bearing it.

We, the laboring classes, have no avenue of news or education along trade-union lines, but the few struggling labor papers. Our education must necessarily come from the mingling, one with another, and discussing problems so vital to us all. The union man or the union woman, the bread-winners of the nation, must spring full grown into the questions and problems which confront the average worker, because his mother, his wife, or his sister was not educated along trade-union lines, and, therefore, if the man or woman becomes a unionist they must become one in after life. While, if the mother of that boy or girl had been a worker in the Auxiliary of the union, she would have naturally brought that boy or girl up under the influence of a union mother, a union home, and, therefore, the very foundation of that life would be unionism!

These Auxiliaries will also deal out sympathy, help in the time of need, kindness, gentle judgment, refining influences, encouraging smiles, friendly pressures of weary hands, advice to the young mothers for our wayward boys away from home, sisterly affections, making homes for the out-cast, assisting with ways and means toward getting up finance for benevolent work which will dispense with many a crying need. All the many virtues of womanhood will be brought out and manifested in material work for the betterment and the uplift of the workers. Unionism will be taught religiously by our women, and the air of unionism will not only pervade the office or the workshops of our land, but the homes of our nation will be altars devoted to the movement, and it will be found that the Golden Rule will be more universally kept than in the past.

We can not expect unionists to spring full-grown into the ranks, as did Athena in mythological history, who sprang full-grown from the forehead of Zeus, the goddess of wisdom and domestic arts. It is true, these children are reared by the mother in the home, who is in truth the modern Athena, the goddess of wisdom and domestic arts. These children can be reared unionists, but it is dangerous to leave these children to spring into the ranks of labor, full-grown, for fear that their lack of early training in unionism will show itself early in their life, and they be numbered with those who forget manhood, brotherhood or fraternalism! The binding of our women together will accom-



MRS. HENRY HURR.

plish this end, and will mould for the next generation men and women who are union born and reared!

Just so long as you men sit around like dumb fools at home and never say one thing to that wife of yours that daughter of yours, that sister of yours, or that maiden aunt of your cousin's cousin about the union or the union label, just so long will your union stay on the same ground as it now stands. Listen to me a minute—you go home and give that wife, or your house-keeper, or your boarding-house lady enough

of your wages to keep the "nourishment" of yourself and your dependents going for the time being. They spend that hard-earned money of yours, while you are off in a union shop working or in the union hall slobbering over the question of "Demand the Label." It's all right and good for you to demand the label on your wearing apparel, but there is a very small portion of your wages going to that account, therefore a very small percentage of your money goes for union-labeled stuff, and a very weak demand goes up from your own wages for the union label. What's the matter with your upper story, no how? It's bad to be blind, but a blind fool is worse and more of



MRS. W. T. DENTON.

it! You say your wife has no business dabbling in union affairs, or to know anything about the union, and what's more you will not talk about it at home, 'cause you get the dickens enough now about being out one night in every week to your union! Poor woman, she don't realize what the union is for or what the good is anyway, you won't enlighten her! Sometimes I think it's a pity that some women don't turn in and give you cabbage heads a good, sound horse-whipping, and then maybe you'd come to your common senses and

try and educate that poor woman up to what is not only your own duty by the union, but also hers! The woman of the household is as much vitally interested in the wage rate, conditions and hours of labor as the man, for when the wage of the man of the household is cut, the woman of the household is as much or more affected than the man himself. The prime cause of all this is just that one fact, the men do not explain these things in the home.

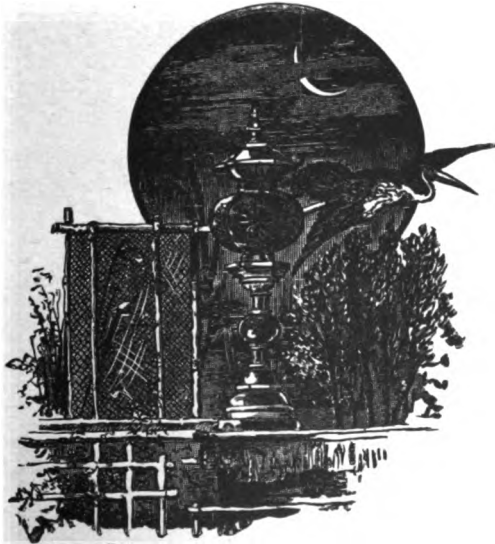
The women spend the money, or a great proportion of it. Then, if this be the case, why should she not be educated along trade-union lines, and demand the label? It is not going to do one bit of good for you to agitate the label with wild flings of the arms and rolling of the eyes in your union hall, while your wife is at home spending your money for non-labeled goods. You fool, you, don't you see the point?

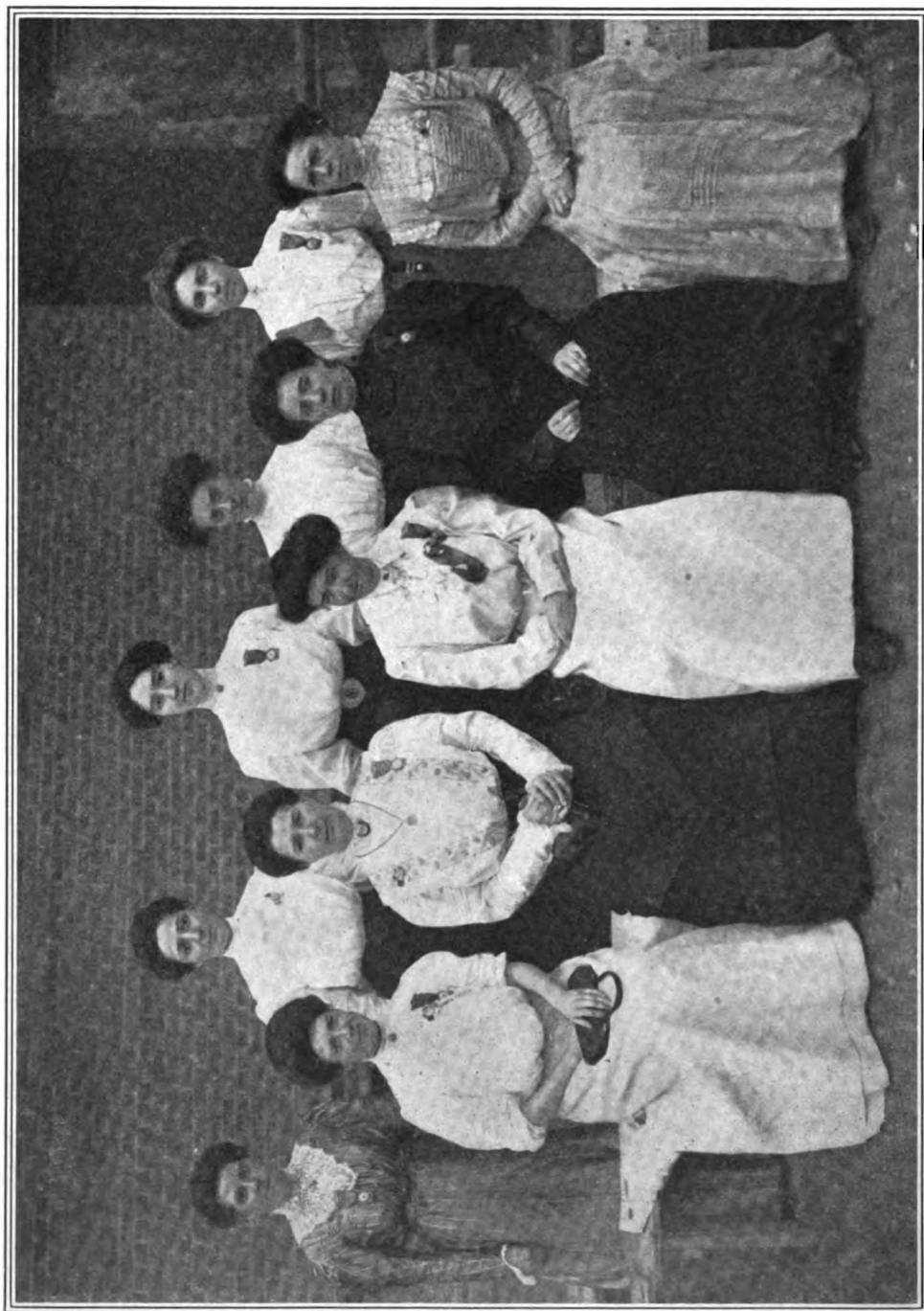
You say the women, a part of them, are being educated along these lines, that they have their auxiliaries, and that they are doing a great deal of work along these lines. May I ask you if we have as many auxiliary women as we have union men? If not, why not? Is it not because the men do not talk of the importance of the auxiliary to their wives, sisters and mothers, or is it because the men do not believe in auxiliaries? If it is either reason, and I believe it is one or the other, I say those men are not living up to the principles of the union to which they belong, or they would see that their wives got in the auxiliary and show them the importance of this membership and then help them along by giving them something to do. I heard several men not long ago say, "Women's auxiliaries are no good; the women go there and talk about each other and it finally ends up in a scrap." Let me ask you why this is. I admit in a great many auxiliaries this is true, and only too true, but where there is an effect there is a cause! Now what is the cause of all this talking and scrapping that these brothers are talking about, you don't find it this way in the Garment Workers' Union, where over half the membership

are ladies. In the waiters' union you do not find it thus. Among the tailoresses, you do not find it thus, or among the hatters, or the boot and shoe workers, or any other union where women are members. I will say the reason for all this is, the women's ignorance of the trade union movement and the knowledge of their duties. Give these women something to do; make them see that the progress of the union is as much or more to their interest than it is to the husband. God knows that about all half the women's auxiliaries have to do or try to do, is to scrap! Just because their men-folks refuse to instill into the minds of these women the important part they can and should play in the union movement!

You men! Listen to me! Educate these women of ours along trade-union lines, make them see where their interest lies, give them something of importance to do, and see how quick they get busy! Show a woman a duty, convince her it is a duty,

and see how quick it is done! Let her will that the union shall succeed and see how she will work. Educate these wills, and organize them and see how quick things will move! Woman is now a factor in the labor movement. She is now an economical feature in the commercial world. She is growing more and more, year by year, more independent, she clamors for an insight into those things which have been forbidden her so long. Woman must be educated the same as the men were educated forty years ago in the trade-union movement! Do not expect them to grasp this enormous question with one gulp, like a famished dog would a hambone! You men have the education, some of you, it's a mighty poor quality, it's true, but give these women the best you have, impart that knowledge to them! Stop your slobbering about union labels while your wife is at home spending your wages, and wouldn't know a union label if she saw it coming up the big road toward her!





Left to right, standing—Mrs. J. F. Brady, Mrs. L. E. Crandall, Mrs. C. M. Sanford, Miss Frances E. Edwards, Miss D. M. West.
 Sitting—Mrs. J. J. Campbell, Mrs. E. L. Mathis, Mrs. E. B. Smith, Mrs. G. W. Malone, Mrs. W. J. Liddane.
 OFFICERS TO LADIES' AUXILIARY TO O. R. T.



GLEANINGS

The union label speaks for itself.

* * *

Man's first duty is to organize.

* * *

Stand faithfully by your friends.

* * *

When you purchase a suit of clothes demand the label.

* * *

The label is the life of unionism. Demand it.

* * *

Even charity is organized. Then why not labor? Get busy!

* * *

Labor will never realize its rights until it recognizes its wrongs.

* * *

The silent friends of organized labor—the union label and the ballot.

* * *

The difference between child labor and convict labor is mainly a matter of age.

* * *

Trade unionism that is not purely practical and simply sensible is not trade unionism at all.

* * *

One of the most powerful forces to change human nature for the better is the changing of economic conditions.

* * *

Regular attendance at the meetings of the union is as good a criterion as any of the spirit that really dominates the members.

* * *

When purchasing a hat or any other article, ask for the label article and see that the label is properly affixed. Do not blindly accept the dealer's word for it that it is union made.

The union shop improves the environment of those who labor, thereby enhancing the quality of citizenship.

* * *

If union men would stop boycotting one another's union label products, labor unions would be in a stronger position than they are today.

* * *

The German government is preparing to enact laws to reduce the hours of labor of women workers, and abolish night work completely.

* * *

We should preach to the world the sublime faith and aspiration of labor. We should practice its precepts and make them the daily rule of life.

* * *

The strike of the native employes of the Great Western Railway of Brazil Company has spread until more than 4,000 men are out, and the entire line is tied up.

* * *

The time will come when men will enter the labor movement in the same spirit and with the same devotion that others today enter the work of the Christian ministry.
—Rev. Charles Stelsle.

* * *

When the wives and daughters of all union men demand the label on all their purchases, then will unionism have received an impetus that can not be stopped by all the injunctions or other obstructions ever devised by greedy men.

* * *

The objects of the new union label department of the American Federation of Labor is to promote a greater demand among union men and the friends of the movement for the products bearing the union label.

French telegraphers held a formal meeting recently and joined the postal employes and the teachers in demanding the privilege of forming unions under the laws of 1884, which includes the right to strike.

* * *

The most powerful labor organization is that which in addition to the ability to "put up a fight" has the brains to put up a good argument in justification or prevention of the last resort.—*Eastern Labor News*.

* * *

Of 22,185 women employed in the various industries in Pittsburg, less than one-fifth earn \$8 a week or more, one-fifth earn about \$7 and three-fifths of them receive less than \$7.

* * *

Seven hundred men at work in the Northern Pacific shops at Tacoma, Wash., were notified recently that on May 1 the men will begin working full time of ten hours a day and six days in the week.

* * *

High wages and satisfactory conditions of employment are the direct result of organization. Unorganized wage-earners nurse grievances; organized wage-earners remove them.

* * *

Organized labor is now passing through a crisis which will tend to strengthen it forever. The true union man will exert himself more than ever before to build up his union. Only in time of war is the true soldier proven.

* * *

The Union Labor Hospital of Eureka, Calif., recently celebrated its third anniversary. The building is the largest hospital building in Eureka, and in equipment is unsurpassed by any local hospital. It is situated on a half block of land.

* * *

A little while since, the Supreme Court of Massachusetts made permanent an injunction forbidding the Bricklayers' union to fine two of its members who scabbed. It has since refused to reopen the case. Will the courts which forbade the Bricklayers' union to fine its members for scab-

bing permit the Hat Manufacturers' union to fine its members for the same offense? That association seeks to recover \$25,000 from one of its members that restored the label in its shop. Will this court reverse itself? We shall see.

* * *

A kindly word and a pleasant smile often goes a long way in bringing sunlight into the lives of others. Life at best for the average wage-earner is none too good, and a kindly word costs nothing and often does great good. Be a ray of sunshine in the life of your fellow-worker. It will do both good.

* * *

In itself the writ of injunction is of a highly important and beneficent character. Its aims and purposes are for the protection of property rights. It never was intended, and should never be invoked, for the purpose of depriving free men of their personal rights, the right of man's ownership of himself; the right of free locomotion, free assemblage, free association, free speech, free press; the freedom to do those things promotive of life, liberty and happiness, and which are not in contravention of the law of our land.

* * *

A man who has never belonged to a labor organization has some excuse for purchasing nonunion goods and patronizing nonunion stores, restaurants, barber shops, laundries, etc., and can not be blamed for taking the place of a striker in the same measure as a member of a union taking a union man's place. But when a union man purchases nonunion goods, spends his money with nonunion establishments, etc., he is a traitor to unionism, and is the real scab.—*Label Bulletin*, Denver, Colo.

* * *

How happy the working people ought to be! They have made so many machines that three million little children are now at work. Yes, convicts and little children do so much work that a million men have nothing to do, and can spend their whole time begging and stealing, and can go to jail and get hardened to sin and crime.

How lovely it is! Society will soon be entirely relieved from the merry frolics of innocent childhood, the stern nobility of manhood and the calm repose of old age.
—*National Labor Standard*.

* * *

If a union man wears a Stetson hat, smokes nonunion cigars, subscribes for the *Ladies' Home Journal* for his wife and the *Saturday Evening Post* for himself, has his meals cooked on a Buck range, eats Egg-O-See or Grape Nuts at his meals and drinks Postum, uses Larkin's soap to cleanse himself, allows his wife to have her clothes made by Butterick patterns, gets shaved for five cents—if a union man does all of these things or any part of them, just how much benefit is that man to organized labor. The trades union is a vast benefit to him, but what benefit is he to the trades union?

* * *

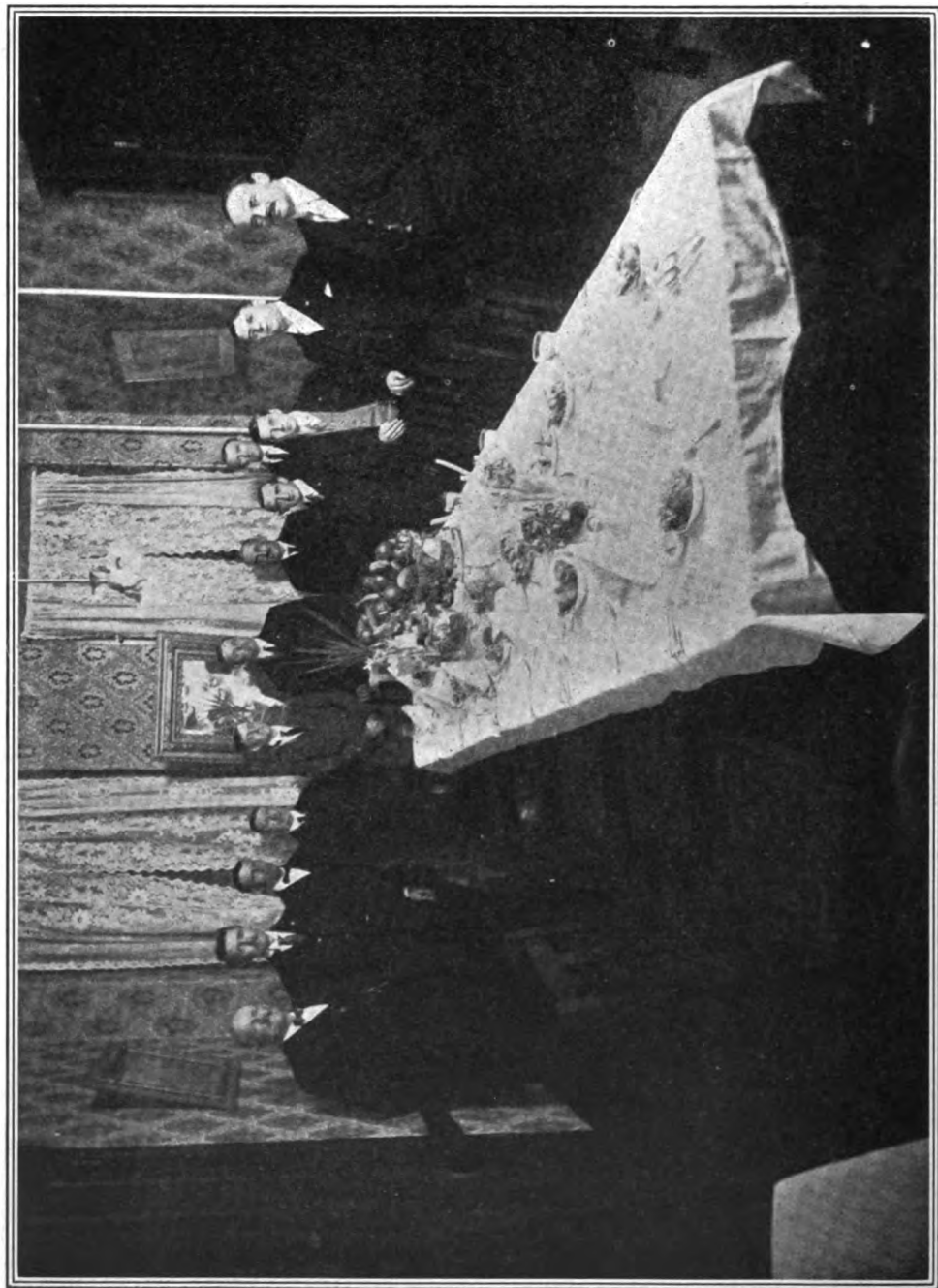
Above all others, it has been the trades unions which have stood for the abolition of abuses and the improvement of conditions. Next to the public schools, they

have been the greatest influences in educating the mass of foreigners coming into this country the better ways of living, teaching them self-government and self-control, holding up before them an ideal of a better condition of life and then making it evident to them that this better condition can not be obtained by them individually, but only as they help others, the labor unions of the country have really borne the brunt of the fight.

* * *

Don't delude yourself with the thought that if you pull out of the union it will go to smash. Far from it, as our union is here to stay, and no individual, nor a thousand of them, can make any material difference. Of course, we don't want even one man to leave us, as we are building up, not tearing down, but if you are determined to play the sorehead because your particular ideas are not adopted and quit your organization, remember that you are slapping your own nose to spite your face. You can not get along without a union today any more than you can raise wings. Unionism is the very life of labor today.





BANQUET AT FALL RIVER, MASS., APRIL 30, 1909.
Participated in by Members Divisions Nos. 35 and 89.

MISCELLANY

HOW I CAME TO BE A HAM.

Div. 106.

AT the time my story begins, I was working with a gang of carpenters, and having disagreed with my employer, had decided to quit; thus leaving me without employment and winter approaching.

While wondering what to do, my eyes happened on a glaring advertisement from a ham factory, which depicted the work of a telegrapher as a happy dream in which all is easy sailing. No breakers, no storms and money in abundance at all times. Furthermore it stated that employment was an absolute certainty, and as a beginner I should receive from \$50 to \$60 per month, with excellent chances for promotion, and of course no place like a ham factory for learning.

The advertisement stated that many had started to learn telegraphy in a railroad office, and becoming discouraged had come to them to finish the work.

After reading their Ad., I felt positive that I could become rich in a few years by taking a course in their school. And since they stated that their course could be learned in five months, I figured that I would have my expenses all paid in three months after graduation.

This course was to consist of commercial and railroad telegraphy, message work, train orders, train reports, government messages, cablegrams, railroad rules, Western Union rules, block signal rules, switchboard instructions, construction of instruments and setting up of the same, abbreviations as used, agency work, typewriting and many other things too numerous to mention.

Well, for five years I had economized, and succeeded in laying by two hundred

dollars which, apparently, could be put to no better use than to enroll as a ham.

I wrote the professor that I would be at his school the following Monday, and in the meantime made all necessary preparations for going.

For a few days, I strutted about as proud as a peacock, till at last the day for my departure arrived. I was only too eager to bid my friends good-bye and be off.

About 11 a. m. I arrived at the factory, and after ascending three flights of stairs rang the office bell and waited.

I had not long, however, to wait until the door opened from the inside, and I was greeted by the professor himself.

After a little chat I signed the necessary papers, plunked over \$50 and was ready for work.

I was informed that the school was dismissed until 12:30; accordingly, I went in search of a boarding place, and in the course of an hour was back at the factory.

Instead of a large building of various study rooms and shelves of books and papers and a dozen professors as I expected to see, there was but one room and one professor, and about twenty of those objects we term "Hams," who were pounding away like so many woodpeckers. To say that I was disheartened would be putting it mildly. I was on the verge of despair, and was wishing I had my fifty safe in my pocketbook, when I would have departed on the next train for home.

I was not in the room long until I heard a "Ham" whisper "There is another poor devil sucked in."

I felt that this was only too true. I had been sucked in sure enough.

Well, I did not know much about telegraphy then, but I knew sufficient to convince me that their hammering sounded

more like a lot of cow-bells than like the Morse code, for it must be remembered that I could receive about twelve words per minute, which I learned at our home office before I joined the "Hams."

Three of us were placed at one instrument, and we took turns at pounding, and in a few weeks time my pounding and theirs was identical.

I soon concluded that this was simply a place to practice for it mattered not to the professor if we made six dots for an "H," or only made four. We never received any instructions from him. After four weary months, which reduced my money to ninety dollars, I asked the professor for a position; as that was the contract.

He replied that he had nothing looked up for me then, but would have a position for me in a few weeks.

Week after week passed and still no job. At last, growing desperate, I demanded my money stating that I would go home.

Finally he sent me to Harrisburg for examination. Result: Flunked on the medical and got no further. He then said he could do nothing more for me, and that settled it.

Not to be baffled I went to Altoona and applied for work. The division operator told me to be seated until he could find time to examine me. Presently the wire began to hum like all possessed.

"Why don't you answer the wire?" he growled.

I responded "I I," G. A., and the instrument started like a buzz-saw, so that I could not distinguish a dash from a dot.

I broke him, and after several attempts to tell him to slow down, I blurted out something like this: Plow doaln a tittle.

"That will do," growled the division operator. "You don't know the alphabet." I then proceeded to give him a brief history of my discouragements, and taking pity on me he decided to give me a chance to learn.

Accordingly he gave me a pass to Cove Station, and sent a message to the operator at that place requesting him to give me any information I might ask, and told me

to report at his office in a few months for examination. About this time I was utterly discouraged; I was on a study whether to hold on to my remaining money or push ahead and spend all trying to regain lost ground.

Finally I decided to begin again and learn over. I boarded a train and was soon flying down the track towards Cove Station. About dusk, I alighted from the train with a severe headache and feeling lonely, forsaken and disheartened. A few unkind words, just then, would have induced me to go home for good and always.

Leaving my valises in the tower, I began to canvass the town for lodging and boarding, which resulted in disastrous failure. Everybody regarded me with suspicion. I showed them the money and offered to pay in advance, but to no avail. No one would keep me over night for love or money.

Next I turned my attention to some farm houses up along the lake, but with no better result. They replied that they were only roughing it themselves, and had to get all their provisions from Harrisburg, and as they had no spare bed, I would have to look elsewhere.

Finally, after being refused even a bed in the stables, I returned to the tower, weary, sleepy and hungry, also destitute of friends.

The operator, being a good hearted chap, took compassion on me and took me along to his home, fixed me up a nice bed in the kitchen, gave me a good supper and chatted with me until bedtime.

Next morning a steaming breakfast was set before me, to which I did ample justice. The toothsome viands vanished like snow before an April sun. Feeling rejuvenated I started out bright and early on the Altoona accommodation train, for other quarters.

Finally I secured lodging at Duncannon, where I again took up the study of telegraphy. The operator heard my story to a finish, and seeing that I denounced all allegiance to the ham factory, he treated me kindly. For three more months I worked hard at it, but there I was halted—my money was all; therefore, I was forced to abandon telegraphy temporarily. When I again took it up it was on a little branch

road, where for many weary months I studied until at last I was rewarded with a forty-dollar job. Now, gentlemen, did I not earn my hamship?

Am glad to say I now belong to the O. R. T., and if you want a full account of a ham-shop come around and I will spin you a long yarn, for the half has never been told.

JUST LIKE A CAT.

THEY were doing good work out back of the Westcote express office.

The Westcote Land and Improvement Company was ripping the whole top off Seiler's Hill and dumping it into the swampy meadow, and Mike Flannery liked to sit at the back door of the express office, when there was nothing to do, and watch the endless string of wagons dump the soft clay and sand there. Already the swamp was a vast landscape of small hills and valleys of new, soft soil, and soon it would burst into streets and dwellings. That would mean more work, but Flannery did not care; the company had allowed him a helper already, and Flannery had hopes that by the time the swamp was populated Timmy would be of some use. He doubted it, but he had hopes.

The four-thirty-two train had just pulled in, and Timmy had gone across to meet it with his hand-truck, and now he returned. He came lazily, pulling the cart behind him with one hand. He didn't seem to care whether he ever got back to the office. Flannery's quick blood rebelled.

"Is that all th' faster ye can go?" he shouted. "Make haste! Make haste! 'Tis an ixpriss company ye are workin' fer, an' not a cimitery. T' look at ye wan w'u'd think ye was nawthin' but a funeral!"

"Sure I am," said Timmy. "'Tis as ye have said it, Flannery; I'm th' funeral."

Flannery stuck out his under jaw, and his eyes blazed. For nothing at all he would have let Timmy have a fist in the side of the head, but what was the use? There are some folks you can't pound sense into, and Timmy was one of them.

"What have ye got, then?" asked Flannery.

"Nawthin' but th' corpse," said Timmy, impudently, and Flannery did do it. He swung his big right hand at the lad, and would have taught him something, but Timmy wasn't there. He had dodged. Flannery ground his teeth, and bent over the hand-truck. The next moment he straightened up and motioned to Timmy, who had stepped back from him, nearly half a block back.

"Come back," he said peacefully. "Come on back. This wan time I'll do nawthin' to ye. Come on back an' lift th' box into th' office. But th' next time—"

Timmy came back, grinning. He took the box off the truck, carried it into the office, and set it on the floor. It was not a large box, nor heavy, just a small box with strips nailed across the top and there was an Angora cat in it. It was a fine, large Angora cat, but it was dead.

Flannery looked at the tag that was nailed on the side of the box. "Ye'd better git th' wagon, Timmy," he said slowly, "an' proceed with th' funeral up t' Missus Warman's. This be no weather fer perishable goods t' be lyin' 'round th' office. Quick speed is th' motto av th' Interurban Ixpriss Company whin th' weather is eighty-four in th' shade. An', Timmy," he called as the boy moved toward the door, "make no difficulty sh'u'd she insist on receiptin' fer th' goods as bein' damaged. If nicisary take th' receipt fer 'Wan long-haired cat, damaged.' But make haste. 'Tis in me mind that sh'u'd ye wait too long Missus Warman will not be receivin' th' consignment at all. She's wan av th' particular kind, Timmy."

In half an hour Timmy was back. He came into the office lugging the box, and let it drop on the floor with a thud. Flannery looked up from his desk, where he was writing.

"She won't take no damaged cats," said Timmy shortly.

Mike Flannery laid his pen on his desk with almost painful slowness and precision. Slowly he slid off his chair, and slowly he picked up his cap and put it on his head. He did not say a word. His brow was drawn into deep wrinkles, and his eyes

glittered as he walked up to the box with almost supernaturally stately tread and picked it up. His lips were firmly set as he walked out of the office into the hot sun. Timmy watched him silently.

In less than half an hour Mike Flannery came into the office again, quietly, and set the box silently on the floor. Noiselessly he hung up his cap on the nail above the big calendar back of the counter. He sank into his chair and looked for a long while at the blank wall opposite him.

"An' t' think," he said at last, like one still wrapped in a great blanket of surprise. "t' think she didn't swear wan cuss th' whole time! Thim ladies is wonderful folks! I wonder did she say th' same t' ye as she said t' me, Timmy?"

"Sure she did," said Timmy, grinning as usual.

"Will ye think of that, now!" said Flannery with admiration. "'Tis a grand constitution she must be havin' that lady. Twice in wan afternoon! I wonder could she say th' same three times? 'Tis not possible."

He ran his hand across his forehead and sighed, and his eyes fell on the box. It was still where he had put it, but he seemed surprised to see it there. He had no recollection of anything after Mrs. Warman had begun to talk. He picked up his pen again.

"Interurban Express Co., New York," he wrote. "Consiny Mrs. Warman wont receive cat way bill 23645 Hibbert and Jones consinor cat is—"

He grinned and ran the end of the pen through his stubble of red hair.

"What is th' swell worrd fer dead, Timmy?" he asked. "I'm writin' a letter t' th' swell clerks in New Yorrk that be always guyin' me about me letters, an' I'll hand thim a swell worrd fer wance."

"Deceased," said Timmy, grinning.

"'Tis not that wan I was thinkin' of," said Flannery, "but that wan will do. 'Tis a high-soundin' worrd, deceased."

He dipped his pen in the ink again.

"—cat is diseased," he wrote. "Pleas give disposal. Mike Flannery."

When the New York office of the Interurban Express Company received Flannery's letter they called up Hibbert &

Jones on the telephone. Hibbert & Jones was the big department store, and it was among the Interurban's best customers. When the Interurban could do it a favor it was policy to do so, and the clerk knew that sending a cat back and forth by rail was not the best thing for the cat, especially if the cat was diseased.

"That cat," said the manager of the live-animal department of Hibbert & Jones, "was in good health when it left here, absolutely, so far as we know. If it was not it is none of our business. Mrs. Warman came in and picked the cat out from a dozen or more, and paid for it. It is her cat. It doesn't interest us any more. And another thing: You gave us a receipt for that cat in good order; if it was damaged in transit it is none of our affair, is it?"

"Owner's risk," said the Interurban clerk. "You know we only accept live animals for transportation at owner's risk."

"That lets us out, then," said the Hibbert & Jones clerk. "Mrs. Warman is the owner. Ring off, please."

Westcote is merely a suburb of New York, and mails are frequent and Mike Flannery found a letter waiting for him when he opened the office the next morning. It was brief. It said:

"Regarding cat, W. B. 23645, this was sent at owner's risk, and Mrs. Warman seems to be the owner. Cat should be delivered to her. We are writing her from this office, but in case she does not call for it immediately, you will keep it carefully in your office. You had better have a veterinary look at the cat. Feed it regularly."

Mike Flannery folded the letter slowly, and looked down at the cat. "Feed it!" he exclaimed. "I wonder, now, was that a misprint fer fumigate it, fer that is what it will be wantin' mighty soon, if I know annything about deceased cats. I wonder do thim dudes in New Yorrk be thinkin' th' long-haired cat is only fainted, mebbey? Do they think they see Mike Flannery sittin' be th' bedside av th' cat, fannin' it t' bring it back t' consciousness? Feed it! Niver in me life have I made a specialty av cats,

long-haired or short-haired, an' I do not be pretindin' t' be a profissor av cats, but 'tis me sittled belief that whin a cat is as dead as that wan is it stops eatin'."

He looked resentfully at the cat in the box.

"I wonder sh'u'd I put th' late laminted out on th' back porrch till th' veterinary comes t' take its pulse? I wonder what th' ixpriss company wants a veterinary t' butt into th' thing fer annyhow? Is it th' custom nowadays t' require a certificate av health fer every cat that's as dead as that wan is before th' funeral comes off? Sure, I do believe th' ixpriss company has doubts av Mike Flannery's ability t' tell is a cat dead or no. Mebby 'tis thrue. Mebby so. But wan thing I'm dang sure av, that is that sh'u'd the weather not turn off t' a cold wave by tomorry mornin' 'will take no coroner t' know th' cat is dead."

He opened the letter again and reread it. As he did so the scowl on his face increased. He held up the letter and slapped it with the back of his hand.

"Kape it carefully in your office," he read with scorn. "Sure! An' what about Flannery? Does th' man think I'm t' sit side be side with th' dead pussy cat an' thry t' worrk up me imagination t' thinkin' I'm sittin' in a garden av tuberoses? 'Tis well enough t' say kape it, but cats like thim does not kape very well. Th' less said about th' way they kapes th' better."

Timmy entered the office, and as he passed the box he sniffed the air in a manner that at once roused Flannery's temper.

"Sthop that!" he shouted. "I'll have none av yer foolin' t'-day. What fer are ye puckerin' up yer nose at th' cat fer? There's nawthin' th' matter with th' cat. 'Tis as sound as a shillin', an' there's no call fer ye t' be sniffin' 'round, Timmy, me lad! Go about yer worrk, an' lave th' cat alone. 'Twill kape—'twill kape a long time yet. Don't be so previous, me lad. If ye want t' sniff, there'll be plenty av time by an' by. Plinty av it."

"Ye ain't goin' t' keep th' cat, are ye?" asked Timmy, with surprise.

"Let be," said Flannery softly, with a gentle downward motion of his hands.

"Let be. If 'tis me opinion 'twu'd be best t' kape th' cat fer some time, I will kape it. Mike Flannery is th' ixpriss agint av this office, Tim, me bye, an' sh'u'd he be thinkin', 'twu'd be best fer th' intherists av th' company t' kape a cat that is no longer livin', he will. There be many things fer ye t' learn, Timmy, before ye know th' whole av th' ixpriss business, an' dead cats is wan av thim."

"G'wan!" said Timmy with a long-drawn vowel. "I know a dead cat when I see one, now."

"Mebby," said Flannery, shortly. "Mebby. An' mebby not. But do ye know where Doc. Pomeroy hangs out? Go an' fetch him."

As Timmy passed the box on the way out he looked at the cat with renewed interest. He began to have a slight doubt that he might not know a dead cat when he saw one, after all, if Flannery was going to have a veterinary come to look at it. But the cat certainly *looked* dead—extremely dead.

Doc. Pomeroy was a tall, lank man with a slouch in his shoulders and a sad, hollow-cheeked face. His voice was the deepest and mournfullest bass. "The boy says you want me to look at a cat," he said in his hopeless tone. "Where's the cat?"

Flannery walked to the box and stood over it, and Doc. Pomeroy stood at the other side. He did not even bend down to look at the cat.

"That cat's dead," he said without emotion.

"Av course it is," said Flannery. "'Twas dead th' firrst time I seen it."

"The boy said you wanted me to look at a cat," said Doc. Pomeroy.

"Sure!" said Flannery. "Sure I did! That's th' cat. I wanted ye t' see th' cat. What might be your opinion av it?"

"What do you want me to do with the cat?" asked Doc. Pomeroy.

"Look at it," said Flannery pleasantly. "Nawthin' but look at it. Thim is me orders. 'Have a veterinary look at th' cat,' is what they says. An' I can see be th' look on ye that 'tis yer opinion 'tis a mighty dead cat,"

"That cat," said the veterinary slowly, "is as dead as it can be. A cat can't be any deader than that one is."

"It can not," said Flannery positively. "But it can be longer dead."

"If I had a cat that had been dead longer than that cat has been dead," said Doc. Pomeroy as he moved away, "I wouldn't have to see it to know it was dead. A cat that has been dead longer than that cat has been dead lets you know it. That cat will let you know it pretty quick, now."

"Thank ye," said Flannery. "An' ye have had a good look at it? Ye w'u'dn't like t' look at it again, mebby? Them is me orders, t' allow ixamination be th' veterinary, an' if 'twu'd be anny comfort t' ye I will draw up a chair so ye can look all ye want to."

The veterinary raised his sad eyes to Flannery's face and let them rest there a moment. "Much obliged," he said, but he did not look at the cat again. He went back to his headquarters.

That afternoon Flannery and Timmy began walking quickly when they passed the box, and toward evening, when Flannery had to make out his reports, he went out on the back porch and wrote them, using a chair-seat for a desk. One of his tasks was to write a letter to the New York office.

"W.B.23645," he wrote, "the vetinnary has seen the cat, and its diseased all right. he says so. no sine of Mrs Warman yet but ile keep the cat in the offis if you say so as long as i cann stand it. but how cann i feed a diseased cat. i never fed a diseased cat yet. what do you feed cats I'k that."

The next morning when Flannery reached the office he opened the front door, and immediately closed it with a bang and locked it. Timmy was late, as usual. Flannery stood a minute looking at the door, and then he sat down on the edge of the curb to wait for Timmy. The boy came along after a while, indolently as usual, but when he saw Flannery he quickened his pace a little.

"What's th' matter?" he asked. Locked out?"

Flannery stood up. He did not even say good morning. He ran his hand into his pocket and pulled out the key. "Timmy," he said gently, almost lovingly, "I have business that takes me t' the other side av town. I have th' confidence in ye, Timmy, t' let ye open up th' office. 'Twill be good ixperience fer ye." He cast his eye down the street, where the car line made a turn around the corner. The trolley wire was shaking. "Th' way ye open up," he said slowly, "is t' push th' key into th' keyhole. Push th' key in, Timmy, an' thin turrrn it t' th' lift. Wait!" he called as Timmy turned. "'Tis important t' turrrn t' th' lift, not th' right. An' whin ye have th' door open"—the car was rounding the corner, and Flannery stepped into the street—"whin ye have th' door open—th' door open"—the car was where he could touch it—"take th' cat out behind th' office an' bury it, an' if you don't I'll fire ye out av yer job. Mind that!"

The car sped by, and Flannery swung aboard. Timmy watched it until it went out of sight around the next corner, and then he turned to the office door. He pushed the key in, and turned it to the left.

When Flannery returned the cat was gone, and so was Timmy. The grocer next door handed Flannery the key, and Flannery's face grew red with rage. He opened the door of the office, and for a moment he was sure the cat was not gone, but it was. Flannery could not see the box; it was gone. He threw open the back door and let the wind sweep through the office, and it blew a paper off the desk. Flannery picked it up and read it. It was from Timmy.

"Mike Flannery, esquire," it said. Take youre old job. Im tired of the express bishness. Too much cats and missus Warmans in it. im going to New York to look for a decent job. I berried the cat for you but no more for me. youre truly."

Flannery smiled. The loss of Timmy did not bother him so long as the cat had gone also. He turned to the tasks of the day with a light heart.

The afternoon mail brought him a letter from the New York office. "Regarding W.B. 23645," it said, "and in answer to yours of yesterday's date. In our previous communication we clearly requested you to have a veterinary look at the cat. We judge from your letter that you neglected to do this, as the veterinary would certainly have told you what to feed the cat. See the veterinary at once and ask him what to feed the cat. Then feed the cat what he tells you to feed it. We presume it is not necessary for us to tell you to water the cat."

Flannery grinned. "An' ain't them th' jokers, now!" he exclaimed. "'Tis some smart bye must have his fun with ould Flannery! Go an' see th' veterinary! An' ask him what t' feed th' cat! 'Good mornin', Misther Pomeroy. Do ye remimber th' dead cat ye looked at yisterday? 'Tis in a bad way th' mornin', sor. 'Tis far an' away deader than it was yisterday. We had th' funeral this mornin'. What w'u'd ye be advisin' me t' feed it fer a regular diet now?' Oh, yis! I'll go t' th' veterinary—not!"

He stared at the letter frowningly.

"An' 'tis not necessary t' tell me t' water th' cat?" he said. "Oh, no, they'll be trustin' Flannery t' water th' cat. Flannery has loads av time. 'Tis no need fer him t' spind his time doin' th' ixpress business. 'Git th' sprinklin'-can, Flannery, an' water th' cat. Belike if ye water it well ye'll be havin' a fine flower-bed av long-haired cats out be-hint th' office. Water th' cat well, an' plant it awn th' sunny side av th' house, an' whin it sprouts transplant it t' th' shady side where it can run up th' trillis. 'Twill bloom hearty until cold weather, if watered plinty!' Bechune thim an' me 'tis me opinion th' cat was kept too long t' grow well anny more."

Mrs. Warman was very much surprised that afternoon to receive a letter from the express company. As soon as she saw the name of the company in the corner of the envelope her face hardened. She had an intuition that this was to be another case where the suffering public was imposed upon by an overbearing corporation, and

she did not mean to be the victim. She had refused the cat. Fond as she was of cats she had never liked them dead. She was through with that cat. She tore open the envelope. A woman never leaves an envelope unopened. The next moment she was more surprised than before.

"Dear Madam," said the letter. "Regarding a certain cat sent to your address through our company by Hibbert & Jones of this city, while advising you of our entire freedom from responsibility in the matter, all animals being accepted by us at owner's risk only, we beg to make the following communication: The cat is now in storage at our express office in Westcote, and is sick. A letter from our agent there leads us to believe that the cat may not receive the best of attention at his hands. In order that it may be properly fed and cared for we would suggest that you accept the cat from our hands, under protest if you wish, until you can arrange with Messrs. Hibbert & Jones as to the ownership. In asking you to take the cat in this way we have no other object in view than to stop the charges for storage and care, which are accumulating, and to make sure that the cat is receiving good attention. We might say, however, that Hibbert & Jones assure us that the cat is your property, and, therefore, until we have assurance to the contrary, we must look to you for all charges for transportation, storage and care accruing while the cat is left with us. Yours very truly."

When she had read the letter Mrs. Warman's emotions were extremely mixed. She felt an undying anger toward the express company; she felt an entirely different and more personal anger toward the firm of Hibbert & Jones; but above all she felt a great surprise regarding the cat. If ever she had seen a cat that she thought was a thoroughly dead cat this was the cat. She had had many cats in her day, and she had always thought she knew a dead cat when she saw one, and now this dead cat was alive—ailing, perhaps, but alive. The more she considered it the less likely it seemed to her that she could have been mistaken about the deadness of that cat.

It had been offered to her twice. The first time she saw it she knew it was dead, and the second time she saw it she knew it was, if anything, more dead than it had been the first time. The conclusion was obvious. A cat had been sent to her in a box. She had refused to receive a dead cat, and the expressmen had taken the box away again. Now there was a live, but sick, cat in the box. She had her opinion of expressmen, express companies, and especially of the firm of Hibbert & Jones. This full opinion she sent to Hibbert & Jones by the next mail.

The next morning Flannery was feeling fine. He whistled as he went to the ninety-two train, and whistled as he came back to the office with his hand-truck full of packages and the large express envelope with the red seals on the back snugly tucked in his inside pocket, but when he opened the envelope and read the first paper that fell out he stopped whistling.

"Agent, Westcote," said the letter. "Regarding W.B. 23645, Hibbert & Jones, consignor of the cat you are holding in storage, advises us that the consignee claims cat you have is not the cat shipped by consignor. Return cat by first train to this office. If the cat is not strong enough to travel alone have veterinary accompany it. Yrs. truly, Interurban Express Company, Per J."

At first a grin spread over the face of Flannery. "'Not sthrong enough t' travel alone!'" he said with a chuckle. "If iver there was a sthrong cat 'tis that wan be this time, an' 'tw'u'd be a waste av ixpinse t' hire a—" Suddenly his face sobered. He glanced out of the back door at the square mile of hummocky sand and clay.

"'Return cat be firrst ttrain t' this office,'" he repeated blankly. He left his seat and went to the door and looked out. "Return th' cat," he said, and stepped out upon the edge of the soft, new soil. It was all alike in its recently dug appearance. "Th' cat, return it," he repeated, taking steps this way and that way, with his eyes on the clay at his feet. He walked here and there, but one place looked like the others. There was room for ten thousand

cats, and one cat might have been buried in any one of ten thousand places. Flannery sighed. Orders were orders, and he went back to the office and locked the doors. He borrowed a coal-scoop from the grocer next door and went out and began to dig up the clay and sand. He dug steadily and grimly. Never, perhaps, in the history of the world had a man worked so hard to dig up a dead cat. Even in ancient Egypt, where the cat was a sacred animal, they did not dig them up when they had them planted. Quite the contrary: it was a crime to dig them up; and Flannery, as he dug, had a feeling that it would be almost a crime to dig up this one. Never, perhaps, did a man dig so hard to find a thing he really did not care to have.

Flannery dug all that morning. At lunch-time he stopped digging—and went without his lunch—long enough to deliver the packages that had come on the early train. As he passed the station he saw a crowd of boys playing hockey with an old tomato-can, and he stopped. When he reached the office he was followed by sixteen boys. Some of them had spades, some of them had small fire-shovels, some had only pointed sticks, but all were ready to dig. He showed them where he had already dug.

"Twenty-five cints apiece, annyhow," he said, "an' five dollars fer th' lucky wan that finds it."

"All right," said one. "Now what is it we are to dig for?"

"'Tis a cat," said Flannery, "a dead wan."

"Go on!" cried the boy sarcastically. "What is it we are to dig for?"

"I can get you a dead cat, mister," said another. "Our cat died."

"'Twill not do," said Flannery. "'Tis a special cat I'm wantin'. 'Tis a long-haired cat, an' 'twas dead a long time. Ye can't mistake it whin ye come awn to it. If ye dig up a cat ye know no wan w'u'd want t' have, that's it."

The sixteen boys dug, and Flannery, in desperation, dug, but a square mile is a large plot of ground to dig over. No one, having observed that cat on the morning

when Timmy planted it, would have believed it could be put in any place where it could not be instantly found again. It had seemed like a cat that would advertise itself. But that is just like a cat; it is always around when it isn't needed, and when it is needed it can't be found. Before the afternoon was half over the boys had tired of digging for a dead cat and had gone away, but Flannery kept at it until the sun went down. Then he looked to see how much of the plot was left to dig up. It was nearly all left. As he washed his hands before going to his boarding house a messenger boy handed him a telegram. Flannery tore it open with misgivings.

"Cat has not arrived. Must come on night train. Can accept no excuse," it read.

"Flannery folded the telegram carefully and put it in his hip pocket. He washed his hands with more deliberate care than he had ever spent on them. He adjusted his coat most carefully on his back, and then walked with dignity to his boarding house. He knew what would happen. There would be an inspector out from the head office in the morning. Flannery would probably have to look for a new job.

In the morning he was up early, but he was still dignified. He did not put on his uniform, but wore his holiday clothes, with the black tie with the red dots. An inspector is a hard man to face, but a man in his best clothes has more of a show against him. Flannery came to the office the back way; there was a possibility of the inspector's being already at the front door. As he crossed the filled-in meadows he poked unhelpfully at the soil here and there, but nothing came of it. But suddenly his eyes lighted on a figure that he knew, just turning out of the alley three buildings from the office. It was Timmy!

Flannery had no chance at all. He ran, but how can a man run in his best clothes across soft, new soil when he is getting a bit too stout? And Timmy had seen him first. When Flannery reached the corner of the alley Timmy was gone, and with a sigh that was partly regret and partly breathlessness from his run Flannery

turned into the main street. There was the inspector, sure enough, standing on the curb. Flannery had lost some of his dignity, but made up for it in anger. He more than made up for it in the heat he had run himself into. He was red in the face. He met the inspector with a glare of anger.

"There be th' key, if 'tis that ye're wantin', an' ye may take it an' welcome, fer no more will I be ixpriss agint fer a company that sinds long-haired cats dead in a box an' orders me 't kape thim throo th' hot weather fer a fireside companion an' ready riferince av perfumery. How t' feed an' water dead cats av th' long-haired kind I may not know, an' how t' live with dead cats I may not know, but whin t' bury dead cats I *do* know, an' there be plinty av other jobs where a man is not ordered t' dig up forty-siven acres t' find a cat that was buried none too soon at that!"

"What's that?" said the inspector. "Is that cat dead?"

"An' what have I been tellin' th' dudes in th' head office all th' while?" asked Flannery with asperity. "What but that th' late deceased dead cat was defunct an' no more? An' thim insultin' an honest man with their 'Have ye sthollen th' cat out av the box, Flannery, an' put in an inferior short-haired cat?' I want no more av thim! Here's th' key. Good day t' ye!"

"Hold on," said the inspector, putting his hand on Flannery's arm. "You don't go yet. I'll have a look at your cash and your accounts first. What you say about that cat may be true enough, but we have got to have proof of it. That was a valuable cat, that was. It was an Angora cat, a real Angora cat. You've got to produce that cat before we are through with you."

"Produce th' cat!" said Flannery angrily. "Th' cat is safe an' sound in th' back lot. I presint ye with th' lot. If 'tis not enough fer ye, go awn an' do the dirty worrk ye have t' do awn me. I'll dig no more fer th' cat."

The inspector unlocked the door and entered the office. It was hot with the close heat of a room that has been locked up over night. Just inside the door the inspector stopped and sniffed suspiciously. No

express office should have smelled as that one smelled.

"Wan minute!" cried Flannery, pulling away from the inspector's grasp. "Wan minute! I have a hint there be a long-haired cat near by. Wance ye have been near wan av thim ye can niver mistake thim Angora cats. I w'u'd know th' symbol av thim with me eyes shut. 'Tis a signal ye c'u'd tell in th darrk."

He hurried to the back door. The cat was there, all right. A little deader than it had been, perhaps, but it was there on the step, long hair and all.

"Hurroo!" shouted Flannery. "An' me thinkin' I w'u'd niver see it again! Can ye smell th' proof, Misther Inspictor? 'Tis good sthrong proof fer ye! An' I sh'u'd have knowed it all th' while. Angora cats I know not be th' spicial species, an' th' long-haired breed av cats is not wan I have associated with much, an' cats so dang dead as this wan I do not kape close in touch with, ginerally, but all cats have a grrand resimblance t' cats. Look at this wan, now. 'Tis just like a cat. It kem back."—BY ELLIS PARKER, in the *Cosmopolitan*.

AN ALPINE GUIDE.

Translated from the French of Ludovic Halevy.

HAVE no fear, sir. You will not lose the train. It is now fifteen years since I began taking passengers to the station, and never have I missed a train. Take notice, sir, never.

"Oh, do not look at your watch. There is one thing you ought to know which your watch will never show you. That is, that the train is always fifteen minutes late. There has never been a time when the train was not fifteen minutes late."

But that day the train was exactly on time and I lost it. My driver was furious. "You ought to give warning," he said to the station guard. "You ought to give warning if all at once your trains take it upon themselves to leave at the appointed time. Never has anybody seen such a thing." And he called as witnesses all the assistants. "Is it not true that no one has ever known such a thing? I do not wish

to appear at fault to this gentleman. A train leave on time? Leave on time! Tell him that this is the first instance when such a thing has happened!"

"Oh, yes," they all cried in concert, "ordinarily it is late. Certainly, sir, as the driver says, it is usually late."

Well, there was nothing for me but to pass three long hours in this melancholy village of the canton of Vaud, flanked by two melancholy mountains with two little caps of snow on their heads. What was I to do with those three hours? In my turn I asked for assistance. There was a unanimous response.

"Go to see the Chaudron (meaning kettle or caldron). There is nothing like it anywhere."

"And where is the Chaudron?"

"Upon the mountain at the right, about half-way up the hill. The way, however, is somewhat crooked, and the gentleman would do well to take a guide. Down there in the valley there lives the best guide in the country, a fine man, Father Simon."

I soon knocked at the door of the cottage. An old woman opened it to me. "Father Simon? Yes; he is here. But perhaps he is wanted to go to the Chaudron? If so I regret to tell the gentleman he can not go up this morning. He is not strong enough to walk. If it makes no difference to you I can furnish a substitute. There is Noiraud."

"All right, I will take Noiraud."

"But it is necessary I should tell you. Noiraud is not a person."

"Not a person?"

"No; it is our dog."

"Your dog?"

"Yes, Noiraud. He will conduct you as well as my husband could do it. He is accustomed to it."

"Accustomed to it?"

"Certainly, for years and years my husband has taken Noiraud with him on every trip. Thus he has learned every path, and now he makes the journey alone. He has frequently conducted travelers, and we have always had compliments for him. So far as intelligence is concerned, have no fear, he knows as much as you or I. All he

lacks is language. But for this trip language is unnecessary. If it were to show monuments where the guide must recite names and dates, that would be different. Here it is only the beauties of nature. Take Noiraud. And it will cost you less. It is three francs for my husband, for Noiraud it is only thirty sous. You will see as much for thirty sous as Father Simon could show you for three francs."

"Very well, where is Noiraud?"

"He is sleeping in the sun in the garden. He has already conducted an English party to the Chaudron this morning. Shall I call him?"

"Yes, call him."

"Noiraud, Noiraud!"

He came with a bound through the window. He was a small ugly black dog with long, shaggy hair, not prepossessing, certainly in appearance, but he had at the same time a certain air of gravity, of decision, of importance. His first look was for me. It was complete, precise, assured, and enveloped me rapidly from head to foot, a look which said clearly, "This is a traveler. He wants to see the Chaudron."

To have lost one train was enough for me for one day. I had not intended to expose myself a second time to a similar misadventure, so I explained to Madam Simon that I had only three hours in which to go to the Chaudron.

"Oh, I understand that very well," she replied, "you wish to take the four o'clock train. Have no fear; Noiraud will bring you back in time. Go on, Noiraud; go on, my boy, go on!"

But Noiraud did not appear at all disposed to "go on." He sat immovable, regarding his mistress with a kind of dismay.

"Oh, how stupid I am!" said the old lady. "I forgot the sugar." She took four pieces of sugar from a drawer and gave them to me.

"You see why he did not wish to start. You did not have the sugar. You see, Noiraud, the gentleman has the sugar. Now go, my boy. To the Chaudron, to the Chaudron, to the Chaudron!"

She repeated these words three times, speaking them very slowly and distinctly, and during that time I, in my turn, examined Noiraud with attention. He replied to the words of his mistress by a little movement of the head, which became more and more decided, and at the end he showed a little impatience and bad humor. He seemed to be thinking. "Yes, yes, to the Chaudron. I have known that. The gentleman has the sugar. I understand; do you think I have no sense?"

Without waiting for the third "To the Chaudron," of Madam Simon to be finished, Noiraud, evidently offended, turned him around, placed himself opposite me, showing me the door, saying as plainly as it is permitted a dog to say, "I am ready, come along."

I followed him obediently. Thus we went through the village, he before, I behind. The children who were playing in the streets recognized my guide.

"Hello, Noiraud, how do you do? Noiraud!"

They wished to play with the dog. He turned his head with an air of disdain, the air of a dog who has no time to amuse himself, the air of a dog who has a duty to perform and who intends to earn thirty sous. And the children cried out, "Let him alone. He is conducting the gentleman to the Chaudron. Pleasant journey, sir."

All smilingly repeated it, "Pleasant journey, sir."

I smiled but awkwardly, I am sure. I felt embarrassed and a little humiliated. I was, in a manner, dominated by this animal. He was, for the moment my master. He knew where he was going, I did not know. I hastened to get out of the village and to be alone with Noiraud amidst the beauties of nature that it was his mission to make me admire.

These beauties of nature were at the beginning a frightful road, dusty and hot under a sun at its zenith. The dog went with a quick step and it wearied me to follow him. I tried to moderate his pace.

"Noiraud, come; Noiraud, my boy, not so quickly."

Noiraud turned a deaf ear to me, and held on to his steady gait without seeming to hear me. He was seized by an attack of anger, when I wished to seat myself at the corner of a field where a single tree gave a scanty shade. He barked in a fretful voice and threw irritated glances at me. Evidently I was acting contrary to rule. It was not the custom to stop there. His protestations were so sharp and excited that I got up and resumed my journey. Noiraud calmed himself immediately and began to trot gaily before me. I had comprehended. He was content.

Some moments after we entered upon a beautiful road, all flowers, all shade, all perfume, all full of the freshness and murmur of streams, Noiraud immediately slipped under the trees, took up a gallop, and disappeared in a little footpath. I followed him, hesitating a little. I had not taken a hundred steps when I found Noiraud awaiting me, his head high and his eyes shining, in a sort of hall of verdure enlivened by the sound of a pretty little waterfall. There was in this hall an old rustic seat, and the glance of Noiraud turned with impatience from my eyes to the seat, and from the seat to my eyes. I began to comprehend the language of Noiraud.

"Good," he seemed to say to me, "see, here is a place to rest. It is fine; it is cool. You were foolish, you wished to stop in the burning sun. Come on now, seat yourself, I permit it."

I stopped. I seated myself. I lighted a cigar. I even made a movement to offer one to Noiraud. Perhaps he smoked. But I thought he would prefer a morsel of sugar. He caught it very adroitly in its flight, ate it with evident relish, and then lay down and snoozed a little at my feet. He was evidently accustomed to make a brief halt and to take a little nap in this place.

He slept scarcely a dozen minutes. I was, for my part, perfectly tranquil. Noiraud had inspired in me an absolute confidence. I was resolved to obey him unreservedly. He roused himself, stretched, and cast at me a sidelong glance which signified "Come on, my friend, come on."

Behold us! like two old friends sauntering under the trees. Noiraud enjoyed the charm, the silence, the sweetness of the place. Upon the road, having hastened to escape the heat and dust, he had traveled at a rapid pace. He marched in order to arrive. But now, refreshed, Noiraud loitered for the pleasure of the walk upon one of the prettiest byroads of the canton of Vaud.

A path to the left presents itself. Noiraud hesitates briefly. He reflects. He passes it and continues his way straight before him, but not without some uncertainty in his demeanor. Then he stops. He has evidently been mistaken. Yes, for he returns over the road we had come and takes the way to the left which suddenly, about a hundred steps onward, brings us to a circle; Noiraud, with his nose in the air, invites me to contemplate the very respectable height of the unscalable wall of rock that surrounds the circle.

When he thinks I have admired this sufficiently, he turns about face and we again take our way through the wood, Noiraud had forgotten to show me the circle of rocks, a small omission which had been quickly repaired.

The road soon becomes very hilly, uneven and difficult. I advance slowly, with infinite precaution. Noiraud bounds lightly from rock to rock, but he never leaves me. He waits for me and casts looks of the most tender solicitude upon me. Finally I commence to hear something like a bubbling spring. Noiraud barks joyously.

"Courage," he says to me, "courage. We are nearly there. You will see the Chaudron."

It is really the Chaudron. A fountain modest enough, of a height equally modest, falls with gushing and rebounding in a great rock slightly hollowed out. I would never have consoled myself for my effort to see this mediocre marvel if I had not had as a companion the brave Noiraud, who was much more interesting and remarkable than the Chaudron.

On each side of the spring, in two little Swiss chalets, were installed two dairies, attended by two Swiss maidens, one blonde.

one brunette, both wearing the national costume. Each expectantly awaits my arrival on the threshold of her box of a house. It seems to me that the blonde has the prettiest eyes, and I make three or four steps toward her side when Noiraud, barking furiously, bars the way. I change my direction. That is well. Noiraud is appeased as by enchantment when he sees me seated at a table before the quarters of his young protegee. I ask for a cup of milk. The friend of Noiraud enters her little handbox and Noiraud follows her. The wretch! He is served before myself. It is for him she pours a great cup of milk. He has been bribed.

After this, with the white drops suspended from his mustache, Noiraud comes to bear me company and to see me drink my milk. I give him a lump of sugar. Then we too, absolutely satisfied one with the other, filling our lungs with the pure air of the mountains, pass a perfectly delicious half-hour.

Noiraud commences to show signs of impatience and agitation. I read him now like an open book. It is necessary to leave. I rouse myself and advance toward the right-hand path by which we ascended the mountain. Noiraud goes toward another road at the left. He casts a glance serious and severe upon me. What progress I have made in the last two hours and how familiar the silent eloquence of Noiraud has become to me!

"What opinion have you of me?" says Noiraud. "Do you think I am going to allow you to pass twice over the same route? No, indeed; I am a good guide, I know my business. We will go down by another path."

We descend by another way, which is much prettier than the first. Noiraud, brimming over with joy, frequently turns to me with an air of triumph. We go through the village to the railway station. Noiraud is assailed by three or four dogs who appear in the humor to have a romp with their comrade. They try to stop him but Noiraud, growling, represses their advances.

"Do you not see what I have to do? I must take this gentleman to the station."

It is only when I am in the waiting room that he consents to separate himself from me, after having eaten the last two morsels of sugar. This is how I interpret his parting salute:

"We are here twenty minutes before train-time. It is never by me you would lose your train. Go on; good-bye, good-bye!"—By EVA MILLS ANDERSON, in *Union Advocate*.

THE TICKET TO PARADISE.

MR. SOL RUCKNER sat on the gallery of Lampton's grocery store, his chair tilted back against one of the posts. A little girl came up and said, "Mr. Rucker, won't you please buy a ticket to our missionary entertainment?"

"That I will, Pearlle," he replied, handing her a dollar, the price of four tickets.

"I am astonished at such extravagance, Mr. Rucker," said Sam Foxworth, a young attorney, who had reason to know of the difficulty of parting the old man from his silver, from many wrestlings he had had with the old man in regard to fees for certain eminent legal services.

"You see, lawyer," retorted the old man, "some things ain't law, and air worth the money they costs, either fer their own-selves or fer the recollections what they fetches back with 'em."

He paused a minute and added, "You may think I am stretchin' the blanket, but a ticket to just such a shindig was onct to me the same as a through ticket to paradise."

He knocked the ashes from his pipe and settled himself comfortably in his chair. He was evidently in for a talk. The lawyer and the crowd all prepared themselves to listen and to laugh.

"You see," the old man went on, "it was this way, lawyer. Hester and me had had a rucus. It want about nothin', but we both was kinder high-spirited and touchous-like. We kinder skirmished around untel she said real sharp and hurtish, 'Mr. Rucker (Mr. Rucker—and her havin' called me Sol ever sence she knowed me) you

can take back yore ring and yore love, too, for all I cares.'

"I answered most as snappish as she. 'As fer my love, Miss Hester Perkins, I ain't no Injun-giver, and with me what is give is give, and it can't be took back—and as fer the ring, this is what I cares about that;' and I throwed it in the fire right before her face, and before she had the chanct to say a word, I flung outen the door and was coverin' ground fer home.

"There want no stayin' fer me in Marion County after that. It just seemed somethin' all the time was a rubbin' into a sore in my breas'. So I goes down to New Erleans, I does, and gits work, stevedoring and fooling with lumber schooners and boats on Bayou St. John and the big river. At firs' it was all right. The new sights and the everlasting noise and kelter of the town kep' my mind busy. It seemed I never could tire of watching the schooners sailin' over the oily waters of the Lake Ponchartrain, and a hearin' the steamboats puffin' and pantin' on the sleepy yallow river, like a lazy nigger in a fodder fiel' in August time.

"And then the gals—big gals, little gals, blue-eyed gals, black-eyed gals, all sorts of gals—gals with hair like sunflowers, gals with faces like dogwood blooms, gals with voices what would have made a passel of mocking birds sick for envy.

"They kep' my mine all in a whirl fer awhile, and drowned the voice in my heart that all the time was a-whinin' and a-whimperin' for ole Marion, for the straight-growned pines, all beaded with sweet-smellin' rawsin, and the creek banks all set with wild flowers like diamond's in a ring, and fer Hester, fer Hester mos' of all in spite of her onjust treatment and her hautish ways.

"It seemed to me I would of swapped off the balance of my life fer just one sight of that gal. But I said to myself, 'Look here, Sol Rucker, you's a growd up man, free, white, and twenty-one, and ain't got no business a-wearin' a dog collar neither fer a man nor fer a woman.'

"So I worked all the harder all day long, and at nights I went to the saloons and

dance halls, and I tole myself I had forgot all erbout them pines and the creek banks and Hester—but Lawd, if that want the firs' nor the las' lie I ever tole, it war the bigges'. For I was just sick in my heart fer home and Hester all the time. Bimeby, one day two young girls, real ladies, comed down where we was unloadin' lumber from the Bond Adventur, and asks us to buy tickets to an entertainment for the orphans.

"Feelin' like a lone orphan myself, I bought one of them tickets, and that night 'steadier goin' to the dance hall I found myself at the church where the entertainment was to be give.

"Tired, at first? worrit? Well, I should reckon I was just cussin' myself fer a plum idjut, and thinkin' of applying fer a writ of lunacy for one Solomon Rucker, when the head orator of the show announces, 'We will now have Browning's "Love Among the Ruins," recited by Miss Artimise Le-Blonck.'

"I looked up and there standin' on the platform was a scraggy, scrappy gal who seemed nothin' at all exceptin' a pair of big black pinetorchy eyes and a great scruff of hair. She began sayin' somethin' about a great big town, where onct upon a time a king had ruled and got drunk and made a proud big name for hisself, and fer his people, and then her voice got kinder whimpery and tender, and she tole how the king was dead, and the town done crumbled back to dirt, and where the palace had been and the soldiers strutted so proud was now jus' a place where a country boy and gal used to come and make love, and she 'lowed that after all better than the pomp and fuss and finery of that bloody king was the firs' love of two young hearts. She closed the piece by saying 'Love is best.'

"Of course, the piece want writ purty and straightforward like I tells it, but it was all frazzled up like poets has a way of puttin' things, 'rangin' words like feathers on a frizzly chicken, 'steadier puttin' 'em smooth like them on a game rooster or a Wyandotte pullet. I knows the piece well, for afterwards I bought the fool book

—two dollars and a half, the same as I could of got a Poland China pig for.

"Well, as the gal closed I fetched a long breath, and I says to myself, 'Love is best.' Then I added, 'but not love on jus' one side. That gal in the poun loved the boy, too.'

"Then a gal comed forward with a fiddle. She was more audacious than the tother, and I was wonderin' whar that kildee had flew in frum, when she squeaked her fiddle a-tunin' it, and then she drewed the bow plum acrost them strings, long and wide and sweepy. It seemed to me somebody had flung into that church a million roses and wild violets, but all made into fiddle notes. I thought to myself that when that gal got to heaven she'd make the angels and the harp players of the kingdom so ashamed of theirselves they would go outen the business.

"But presently, will you believe it, lawyer, I forgot all about that gal that was fiddlin'. I was back in ole Marion. I was down on the banks of Pinashook Creek, me and Hester. It was March onct more. The yellow jesermine was a streamin' with blossoms what had been wore outen the sunshine, and every blame bee in the settlement was fussin' and fightin' for the honey exceptin' when the wind, growed jealous of their gettin' all the sweets, shook 'em all outen the flowers. And the wild honeysuckles! O, Lawd, them wild honeysuckles, pink and powdery and tufted, and the ground all paved with vi'lets! And me and Hester was there together.

"Hester stood with cheeks pinker and purttier than them honeysuckles. I ain't a sputin' that them honeysuckles was beautiful, but they stays the same kind of pink all the time, while Hester's cheeks kep' changin' and changin', each time gettin' purttier and purttier, tell my heart was near bustin' fer love and my eyes near poppin' outen my head for lookin'.

"And as fer her eyes, the sweetes', sunshinies' days of all the Marches of a hundred years could never make no vi'lets as blue and shiny as them eyes of hern.

"As I sayed, I had clean forgot that gal was a-fiddlin' and my mouth was gettin'

sweet with the honey of the firs' and onliest kiss I ever had from Hester, when all of a sudden 'squeak' went one of them blame fiddle strings what had done snapped.

"And then there ain't no creek bank, no Hester, no nothin', only me a-settin' there in a strange hall; me, carin' fer nobody, and nobody carin' fer me.

"My heart was overflowin' with tears, and the electric lights got all dim and darksome, though I know I wa'n't a cryin'. The idee of a man what is a man a-blubberin' 'fore a bunch of strangers.

"Well, I got outen that church, though I knowed it wa'n't manners and behavior to be a-leavin' before the show was over. As I stood outside in the dark I said to myself, I did, the fellow that writ that poun knowned human natur, he did, even if he were short on language. 'Love is best, to be sure, love is best, even if it be love all on one side.'

"And then and there without disputin' or least-aways argifyin' with myself, I made up my mind I would go back to ole Marion; and go I did the very nex' mornin'. I got there the third Saddy in the month, when they has meetin's there, at the Mount Beulah Baptis' Church. I went by the meetin' house. Hester was always a good gal, and I 'lowed I would fine her ther a praisin' the Lawd. I comed to the door, and I looked in, noticin' down the woman's side. Then my heart jumped and turned to ice, fer I thought maybe she mought be a-settin' with that fool Buck Purvis, on the men's side, as lovin' couples sometimes does. I went over to that door and looked. No Hester. Buck was there a-settin' humped up and miserable lookin'. Then I think maybe Hester has got a touch of sickness, and I left the meetin' house door in a hurry.

"When I got to ole man Perkins' farm, the firs' thing I run up on was his chap. Si. Says I, 'Are Hester sick?'

"'Nope, says the chap. 'Not sick, just crazy, crazy about fishin' down in Pinashook, though she don't never ketch nothin'. She's down there now.' And then he turned and chucked a rock at the ole gob-

bler that was struttin' biggity like among the hens.

"I never stopped to see whether he hit him or no, but made fer the creek, and was there before a swif' han' could have shucked enough corn for the feed of one mule. I kep' on untel I got to the place which I had seen while that gal was a-fiddlin', and where I had firs' got enough grit to out with my love fer Hester.

"Everything was jus' the same as it was while that girl was playin'. The bees and the wind was scufflin' with one another about them jesermine. The honeysuckles were a-nodding their heads and a puckering up their mouths and a beggin' the butterflies to come and kiss 'em. The sunfish were shinin' in the creek like jewels in old King Solomon's crown.

"But nowhere, lawyer, was Hester to be seen! I looked and I looked. I was erbout to bless out that youngster of Perkinses fer a-foolin' me, when my eyes lit on a fishin' pole kivered up by the arms of the vi'lets that helt it hugged up to them. Then I knowed that Hester was there, somewheres erbout. I went on a little further, soft and watchful. And then I seen, what you reckon I seen, lawyer? I seen Hester with both of her arms around—around an ole beech tree.

"I hearn a sweet little sob, and I just couldn't help it, but before she knowed it I was there and had both my arms aroun' her.

"And what you suppose that pore little gal was a-doin' when I found her hugged up to that tree? She was a-kissin' her name and mine which I had jabbed into both the bark with my knife that mornin' we both had foun' out somethin'.

"Since then she ain't never had no need to be huggin' trees and kissin' names nor ~~nothin'~~ else, exceptin' youngsters, and a ~~certain ole~~ rapsallion she loves mos' as well as ~~she does~~ a baby, and she is powerful fond of ~~them~~, especially one what we all calls Sol—Sol Rucker, Jr."—BY DALNEY MARSHALL, in *Express Gazette*.

A sure cure for sore feet—Wear Union Label shoes.

BEPPPO.

BEPPO had made a bad start. In the first place he had been deceived by the letters of Tony. They were from America, these letters, and they were fine reading. Tony was in luck. He was climbing fast and high. Already he was a worker on the railway, a placer of rails. It was a fine position, and the pay was excellent. America was the country for a young man. What chance was there in dull old Italy?

It was Tony's mother who called Beppo to hear these letters read. There was great sorrowing when Tony went away. Tony's mother had refused to be comforted. But now that the letters were so hopeful, now that her boy had escaped those unknown terrors of the wild new world, Tony's mother was becoming reconciled to his absence.

And with every letter with the American postmark that old Tommaso brought up from the village, he would say: "Here's another dose of the good medicine."

Perhaps Tony knew something about the effect his letters produced. The priest, a wise and thoughtful man, had written to Tony. What he said no one, save Tony knew. But from that time the letters were more frequent and most satisfactory, and the dark little mother was quite herself again.

So Beppo listened to these glowing mis-sives—which were not intended for his eye—and a wild longing filled his heart. He had a little money, earned in the vineyards, and one day, quite without warning, he posted, across the western hills, and so to Naples, and there took ship for the land of Tony's promise.

It was far from being a pleasant voyage. The steerage was crowded. The people were his countrymen, but none was from his neighborhood. Even the dialect they used seemed different, and the voyage was a rough one. Beppo was ill, but not for long. Some of the others were very ill for days and days. But Beppo was young and strong and could make himself useful.

There was a woman among the passengers who was like Tony's mother, only much older.

Beppo had no mother and Tony's mother had been good to him. For her sake he was good to this sick woman in the steerage. No son could have been kinder or more watchful, no nurse could have been more faithful or more gentle.

He was glad to have something to do. It kept him away from these people. And the woman was grateful, very grateful.

She was going to her son's. He had sent for her. He had sent before, but she was not ready to start. Her son had done very well in the new country. He had sent her the money for a cabin passage, but she was frugal and had come in the steerage and saved the rest.

Her son would be very glad to thank Beppo for his kindness to his old mother. He must write his name on a bit of paper and give it to her, and he must come and see her at her son's home. When they reached New York she would learn where her son lived.

"He may help you to find a good position," she said. "He will be glad to help the young man who was good to his old mother. You have learned it," she told him, "by being good to your own mother—that is the way."

"I have no mother," said Beppo.

"Ah," said the old woman, with a little sigh. "Then you may look upon me as a mother."

And she patted his shoulder affectionately.

But Beppo was shy and he hung back when New York was reached, and presently when a little group of strangers rushed forward and surrounded the old woman he drew aloof.

And a little later when she turned around and looked for him he was hidden in the crowd. And she and the passengers passed away, the old woman still looking back.

Then began a period of misfortune for unhappy Beppo. He had Tony's address, but when he went to his boarding house in the great city he found that Tony had gone west—wherever that might be. It was a

railroad job that took him there. No, he had left no word for any expected friend—and he had left no address.

Beppo found his views of the immensity of the new land were undergoing a change. It made him feel very small. And it was discouraging, too. But he set to work to learn the language. But they told him at the boarding place that it would help him to get work. He did find work now and then. A padrone put him in a street railway repair gang. It was hard work, very hard on the back. And the padrone ran away and there was no money.

And Beppo's little hoard was fast disappearing. Things were turning out badly. He called himself a fool for leaving the sunny home and the soft air, for this noisy, rushing, hard-hearted town. But pretty soon he had not the money to return, and his affairs grew no better. Unhappily, as he became discouraged, he also became morose and revengeful.

Why should others have luck, and fortune, and fine food and wine when he had none? Something was wrong. He couldn't understand it. But he could understand that he was getting poorer and poorer, and more shabby, and sometimes even hungry.

It was then that he fell in with a quartet of his countrymen, whose society did him much harm. They were reckless young fellows, these four, and cared little for work and were in no wise particular as to how they obtained money.

It was Alessandro who voiced the creed of the little group.

"Da world owe us da lifing," he said over his cheap wine, "and when it ees slow with da pay we take eet where we find eet."

And the other young fellows nodded to this and laughed, and they looked at Beppo as much as to say, "Is it not a fine doctrine?"

Beppo liked these young fellows. They gave him companionship; they kept him from being altogether hopeless.

So the unhappy young fellow became the companion and intimate associate of these law defiers. He was not a bad youngster at heart, but their careless gayety charmed

him, their lively chatter made him forget his troubles.

But money was scarce with them and grew scarcer.

"We must maka da raise," laughed Alessandro, his white teeth gleaming, and there was something under the laugh that caused Beppo to look at him curiously.

It was Sunday, and they were lounging on the grass in one of the parks.

"Pietro will write da letter," said Angelo.

"Who ees de man?" demanded Pietro.

"I have da man," Alessandro responded. "He ees of Naples, and reech—vary reech. He has da biga store—da grocery. It ees a fine trade—vary fine for heem."

Pietro's small eyes snapped.

"How much we strike heem for?"

"Two thousan'. Eet will be easy. He make so much a tree times da money lasta year. I know, Carlo Bonci told me. He sella da goods for da olda man.

Pietro arose and thrust his hands deep in the pockets of his short coat.

"We go maka da letter in Vincenzo's saloon. Maybe it better we not all go at sama time. Dere ees always da poleece."

Alessandro sniffed.

"Dere ees always da detective Roversi," he said.

"He taka da knife in da back some darka night," hissed Pietro in his fiery way.

"At Vincenzo's saloon," said Alessandro, turning away. "You will come with me, Beppo."

The young stranger had been staring from one dark face to another. The talk was mystifying. Would they take him into their confidence?

He followed Alessandro. The others turned in the opposite direction.

"We maka man of you, Beppo," said Alessandro when they had gone a little ways.

"What ees eet all about?" Beppo asked.

"You see and know—vary soon—in saloon."

He quickened his pace a little and Beppo trudged beside him. He knew the rendezvous. It was not a savory place. What of that? They were willing to let him into their secret affairs.

Alessandro looked about sharply as he neared the saloon. Then he touched Beppo's arm and they darted through the doorway.

The others were there. They were gathered about a small table on which was a bottle of cheap wine.

Alessandro closed the door behind him. Pietro drew a sheet of paper from an inner pocket.

"Da sooner da letter ees ready da sooner we get da money," said Alessandro.

They bent their heads over the table, and this is the communication they jointly evolved:

"Pasento: You are reech and we are poor. It ees right that you helpa those who have not da gooda luck. Da band asks eet. You will pay two thousan' dollars by Thursday night. Keep away from da poleece! It will not be gooda for you eef you do not pay. Put da money under da loose stone twenty feet along da roadway of St. George's Park—close to da biga flagpole. Do not forget you are watched. De band had da thousan' eyes. You do not wanta die. Ees your life worth two thousan' dollars? Dees from da Black Cross."

Alessandro stared at the letter.

"Da time ees too long," he said. "Make eet Tuesday. By Thursday he would be over da scare."

So Pietro changed the day and Alessandro picked up the letter.

"Beppo will take it," he quietly said, and went out with the young man at his heels.

"You leava da letter under da front door," Alessandro told him as they moved along. "You musta be careful. But you are nota known by da police. Keep da eyes open."

It was a brisk half hour walk to the street on which Pasento's store was located. A block away the cautious Alessandro paused and let Beppo go on alone.

It was a fine store, with great plate glass windows and heavy doors. The doors were closed because it was Sunday, and the broad window shades were down.

As Beppo neared this emporium a young woman opened a side door in the Pasento building and came down a narrow brick-

paved walk to the street. She was close to Beppo as he passed. The young man drew a quick breath. This was a very pretty girl, a tastefully dressed girl, an olive complexioned girl with long lashes half veiling her sparkling black eyes.

The girl gave Beppo a glance as she passed him, and while her eyes rested but a moment on his face, he fancied the glance was a friendly one.

Beppo walked slowly a little ways. Then he turned and came back. The pretty girl had disappeared around the corner. There was nobody near. He drew the letter from an inner pocket, hastily slipped it under the door and passed along.

Then followed some anxious hours at Vincenzo's. The quartet took turns in watching the wall where the money was to be placed. Nobody came. If the police had been notified they did not give any indication of the fact. The zealous Italian detective came and went as usual, as far as the quartet could discover. Either Pasento regarded the threat with derision, or else he was playing a deep game.

Then the hearts of the four men were filled with anger. They would show Pasento that he was not dealing with boys. They would show him that every word in that letter was written in deadly earnest. If threatened men were always to escape, the business of threatening would fall flat. They would give Pasento a reasonably severe hint. If he failed to heed it—well, his folly be on his head.

It was Angelo who made the bomb, the sickly Angelo who sang the songs of the old home so sweetly, and who wept when he recalled those far away scenes.

The anxiously awaited Tuesday had passed and Pasento had given no sign. Thursday the bomb was ready.

It was a simple affair. A tin box enclosed the explosive, a box that was hidden in a pasteboard casing. There was a fuse, a slow burning fuse, that when lighted would give ample time for the bomb placer to get away.

"It ees a simple littla toy," Angelo explained. "You place eet so—you light da

fuse—you walk away not too fast—you turna da corner—and then—bang!"

He struck the table with his bony fist and laughed hoarsely.

"After dees we send da second warning," said Pietro, the vicious. "Pasento ees no fool. He will pay da mon'."

Angelo laughed again and coughed dismally.

"We hava plenty more of da bomb," he said.

Then he stared at Beppo.

"I understand," said the latter.

He was angry, too, at Pasento's insulting disregard of the missive sent by his friends. Pasento belittled them, and belittled him. Had he not placed the letter with his own hands?

"Beppo will placa da bomb early tomorrow morning before Pasento has left hees bed. Maybe eet will wake heem up." He laughed harshly and struck Beppo a playful blow on the back.

"Beppo ees da righta one," said Pietro. "Nobody weel suspect heem."

Beppo looked around.

"Must I place eet on da step?" he asked.

"On da top step against da door."

Alessandro arose.

"I weel tell da Beppo what to do," he said. "Come, Beppo."

"Who ees to carry da bomb?" Angelo inquired.

"Beppo," Alessandro replied.

"If he drop eet," began Angelo.

"I weel carry eet," said Alessandro hastily.

Angelo laughed.

"Da fuse ees da only way to fire eet," he said.

Beppo picked up the bomb and followed Alessandro to the latter's boarding place.

The next morning Beppo awoke early, and found Alessandro calling him.

"It ees time," said the latter. "Hurry yourself and see da sun come up."

They left the room quietly and a moment later were passing through the foggy streets, Beppo bearing the box. The air was damp, the fog hung low.

But the walk was not a long one. When they reached the corner of the street of the Pasento emporium, Alessandro paused.

"After you place da bomb," he said, "don't go back to da boarding house until da night ees come. Go where you please, but keep away from da boarding place and Vincenzo's. You understand?"

"Yes," Beppo answered, and clutching the box tightly, he passed down the street.

The fog was rising a little, the sky was growing lighter.

As he neared the Pasento store two figures, two women, emerged from the side door. His heart gave a sudden bound. One of these women was the pretty girl he had seen when he left the letter. The other woman he did not notice.

The pretty girl passed close to him, and again he caught that demurely friendly glance. Then the women passed along—on their way to early morning church, no doubt.

For a moment Beppo hesitated. He felt tempted to run away. Then he remembered that his friends trusted him. This girl must be Pasento's daughter. How beautiful she was! And he was going to injure her father.

Then a sudden rage possessed him. What was Pasento's daughter to him? What was there about such a poor, unlucky fellow to interest her?

He stooped and placed the box close against the door. Then he fumbled in his pocket for a match. As he drew it out he heard somebody call his name.

"Beppo, Beppo!"

He looked around quickly—then snatched up the box. One of the women was coming back. It was not the pretty one.

"Beppo, is it you?" the woman cried as she came near. "Yes, it is!" She took his hand in great delight, and lo! she was the woman of the steerage. "So you have come," she went on quickly. "I thought it might be you, so I came back. See, Rosina, this is the young man who was so kind to your grandmother. Beppo, this is my granddaughter Rosina. Ah, you have come just at the right time, Beppo. My son wants an assistant. It is a good place, and

you will live with us. He will give it to you if I say so. Will you come?"

The confused Beppo looked from the woman to the girl. Something in the fair face decided him.

"I will come," he said.

"Ah, that is fine," said the woman. "I have looked for you so long. Just a little while ago we found a letter under the door and in it was your friend's address—the friends of whom you told me on the ship. We sent to the place, but your friend had gone, and they did not know you."

"A letter?" stammered Beppo. Had he used the wrong letter? Yes, yes, it must be so. In his haste and nervousness he had drawn out Tony's last letter and pushed it under the door. And Pietro's threatening scrawl was still in his pocket. He was very glad. Why should he injure those kind people who were opening the gates of good fortune to him? Then he thought of the bomb and clutched it tight.

"Let us go in," said the woman. "It will soon be breakfast time. You will meet my son, and matters will be arranged." She looked at the box curiously. "You have other baggage, no doubt."

"You will get it later," said the woman. "Bring him in, Rosina."

Beppo looked around at the smiling eyes and his heart leaped again.

That evening he went to the boarding place, and the landlady met him in the hall.

"Ah," she said, "you have had a narrow escape. That Alessandro is a bad man. The police were here. Alessandro and his friends have been driven away from the city. If they ever come back they will be sent to the prison. Alessandro was not a good friend for you."

Again was Beppo thankful.

Later in the evening he stood at the river's edge and scattered the fragments of Pietro's letter on the dark water. Then he cautiously dropped a heavier object in the sluggish current. He watched it sink.

Then he walked briskly away.—By W. R. ROSE, in *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

POETICAL

The Cost of Living.

"Man wants but little here below"—once that perhaps was true;
I have no right to think I know, no more indeed have you;
Man may have once been satisfied to skimp along somehow,
But it is not to be denied that much is needed now.

There was a time when eggs were not quite worth their weight in gold,
When bacon did not cost a lot and steaks were cheaply sold,
When beans and bread and milk and cheese had not, in fact, obtained
A place among the luxuries from which the poor abstained.

Man needs a fortune here below to live in comfort now;
No wonder that the wrinkles show so plainly on his brow;
He has to have a lot to drive starvation from his door,
And month by month they still contrive to keep him needing more.

—S. S. KISER.

No Card—No Favors.

Tell me not in mournful numbers
Of the strikes that you were in,
Of the times you've been the victim,
Of the wiles of corporate sin,
Railroad strikes, nor strikes commercial,
Nor the cruel ways of Fate.
Speak your wants in simplest English,
If your card is up-to-date.

Life is real, life is earnest,
When our brother's load we share,
Every joy a common pleasure,
Each man's woes his brother's care;
Wait not, then, the distant future,
For the pay car does not wait.
Pay your dues and show your manhood
With the card that's up-to-date.

Lives of nons so oft remind us
Of the thief in blackest night,
Seeking stealthily behind us,
All to gain by vicious might,
Til, at last, he stands discovered
By the stern decree of Fate,
Standing face to face with Justice
And the man that's up-to-date.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
That which still remains undone;
Each benighted non pursuing,
'Til all, to our ranks, are won.
All non-air and link-and-pin cars
To the shop track relegate,
Move them not, nor couple to them
'Til they're carded up-to-date.
—J. R. YOUNGBLOOD.

The True Reform.

Oh, ye men who prate of college,
And of books as doors to hope,
Go and gain the living knowledge
Where the toiling people grope.
Like the plants in shadowy places,
They are needing sun to bloom—
They are hungering for life's graces,
They are wanting light and room.

Give them something more of pleasure
That ten million dollar tomes;
Give them work and give them leisure,
Give them clubs and give them homes.
Open wide the door of beauty
And invite the people in—
And you'll find the paths of duty
Better filled than paths of sin.

Oh, I can not sit debating
On the issues of a creed,
With the mighty work that's waiting
And the world's tremendous need,
And the cold and costly steeple
Brings no pennies from my purse,
While the people, people, people,
Groan beneath oppression's curse.

While the tenements are reeking
With the striving, toiling poor,
Do not send your churchmen seeking
Help for heathens to my door.
Let them go where sin carouses,
Or where seething sweatshops stand;
Let them see the slaughter houses
Of the children of our land.

True reform has one beginning—
The right hand of brotherhood.
Would you help men out of sinning?
Would you lead them into good?
Would you teach that Christ has risen?
Prove it by your deeds of worth.
If you want to close the prison,
Beautify the homes of earth.
—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Get Together.

What yards of conversation,
 What miles of print each day
 Would be spared unto the nation
 If our great minds worked one way.
 We'd walk mid rosy bowers
 Undismayed by thorn or weed,
 Through a life of song and flowers,
 If the experts all agreed.

The musket's sullen rattle
 Would never more be heard;
 By the shocks and roar of battle
 Human hearts would ne'er be stirred;
 With no trace of this resentment
 In the mighty clash of creed
 We would live in sweet contentment,
 If the experts all agreed.

—*Washington Star.*

The Claim Agent.

You can talk about the ticket men who get it in
 the neck;
 You can talk about the baggage men with troubles
 by the peck;
 But the man who gets the worst of it and
 shoulders all the blame
 Is the man behind the roller-top who straightens
 out the claim.

There are claims in every pigeonhole and claims
 on every hand;
 There are claims from every quarter of this busy,
 crazy land;
 There's the honest ones—the foolish ones—the
 ones that smack of "scheme,"
 And there pouring in upon him in a never end-
 ing stream.

There's a claimant who is kicking 'cause his
 horses weren't fed;
 There's a letter from a woman who has lost a
 feather bed;
 There's a fellow says he got a car of fruit instead
 of beef,
 And another calls the agent "a darned liar and
 a thief."

There's a kicker claims he drew a box of "tracts"
 instead of "booze,"
 And a preacher writes he's got a case of "stuff"
 he doesn't use;
 Oh, the world at large reviles him, and it calls
 him bitter names—
 That poor guy behind the roller-top who straight-
 ens out the claims.

Oh, he has to bear the burden of a million men's
 mistakes;
 Oh, he has to pit his brain against the "bluffers"
 and the "fakes;"
 And his job don't end with packing his own never-
 ending loads,
 For he has to help his fellow-men on all the
 "foreign" roads.

You can talk about the ticket men who get it
 in the neck;
 You can talk about the baggage men with troubles
 by the peck;
 But the man who gets the worst of it and shoulders
 all the blame
 Is the man behind the roller-top who straightens
 out the claim.

—By J. E. HUNGERFORD, in *Railroad Man's Magazine.*

The Fate of All Heroes.

Since the time of wise old Moses,
 We have worshipped heroes grand,
 Told young manhood of their virtues;
 Made some Fathers of our land.

There was Pythias and Damon,
 With a friendship none could budge.
 Brilliant Judas Maccabeus,
 And Horatius at the bridge.

Ananias had his vouchers,
 For the falsehoods he would tell;
 Some denied that Bob Ingersoll
 Would wind up where Satan fell.

Just remember the old proverb,
 That each dog must have his day;
 It's now the style to lambast heroes
 E'er the're turned back to clay.

Brave "Nap," cashed in on an island;
 Some howled "Lincoln's not the goods."
 Crockett was applauded grandly,
 Then consigned back to the woods.

Didn't mankind laud Columbus?
 (What a grand and festive joke)
 Straightway chucked him in a dungeon
 To eat garlic and to croak.

Dewey's fame rose to the heavens
 In the flowery month of May.
 Then we shied our brickbats at him,
 Cause we thought he got too gay.

But the latest craze of mankind
 Comes from out the maddened foam,
 "Jackie Binns," from off a steamboat,
 Notice how he hustled home.

Papers tell of how his townsmen
 For him made the welkin ring.
 How he hiked to the reception
 With his sweetheart on his wing.

Let this hero go the limit;
 Let him flutter to the top.
 For the higher up he journeys,
 Just so far will be the drop.

It will surely come to "Jackie,"
 Of the fame of "C. Q. D."
 He will surely see his finish,
 And will see it "P. D. Q."

—E. G. H.

FACETIOUS



He Knew.

"Do you know the value of an oath?" asked the judge of an old darky who was to be the next witness.

"Yes, sah, I does. One ob dese yeah lawyers done gib me one dollah to swear to suffin. Dat's de value of an oath. One dollah sah."

There was consternation in the court room.—*Ex.*

What Troubled Him.

When about to leave town one day a certain elderly bishop, a bachelor, who was especially fond of his bath, gave strict orders to the housemaid about his "bawthtub," and told her not to allow any one to use it.

However, the temptation grew on the poor housemaid, and she took a plunge.

Upon returning unexpectedly, the bishop found traces of the recent stolen bath, and questioned the maid so closely that she had to confess she was the guilty one, and was very sorry.

"I hope you do not think it is a sin, Bishop?" asked Jane, in tears.

Eying her sternly, he said, "Jane, your using my tub is not a sin, but what distresses me most is that you would do anything behind my back that you would not do before my face."—*Harper's Weekly.*

A Regular Radiator.

"The young man is smitten with you, Jeannette. He says you radiate happiness." "Gracious!"

"And he also said that you radiate beauty."

"My!"

"And wisdom."

"Dear me, how funny."

"What's funny, dear?"

"Why, he must think I am a radiator."—*Chicago News.*

Correct.

A teacher, after patiently defining words in a spelling lesson, gave the word "gruesome" from among them, to be put into a sentence with this result from the bright little girl in the class: I can not wear my last summer's dress, because I grewsome."—*Life.*

Safety of the Stupid.

"Bliggins says that he has no regrets for anything he ever said."

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne, "that is a satisfaction enjoyed only by people who never say anything of the least importance."—*Washington Star.*

Not a Prophet.

"What's your husband doing now?" asked the neighbor.

"Oh, he's sitting around telling what is going to happen next election," answered the busy woman.

"Then he's a prophet?"

"No. So far as his family is concerned he is a loss."—*Washington Star.*

Discouraging.

Little Mollie had hastily undressed and jumped into bed without saying her prayers.

"Why, dearest," said her nurse, "aren't you going to say your prayers tonight, especially when you have had a new baby brother brought to the house today?"

"No, I ain't," said Mollie. "And that baby brother's just the trouble."

"But why?" asked the nurse. "Don't you like your baby brother?"

"What's the use?" queried the little girl. "I've been prayin' for a little sister every night for six months, and Bobbie, he only began askin' for a little brother yesterday, and he got his right off."—*Harper's Weekly.*

He Got It.

At the height of their nightly quarrel the other day Mrs. Blank choked back a sob and said reproachfully:

"I was reading one of your old letters today, James, and you said in it that you would rather live in endless torment with me than in bliss by yourself."

"Well, I got my wish and I'm taking my medicine.—*Ex.*"

Sure.

Walter, aged seven, is a wise son who knows not only his own father, but his mother as well.

"Now, Walter," said the teacher, "if your father can do a piece of work in one hour, and your mother could also do it in one hour, how long would it take both of them to do it?"

"Three hours," answered Walter, "counting the time they would waste in arguing about how it should be done."—*Chicago News.*

The Penalty of Error.

Gentleman (seeing two schoolboys beating another one)—Why are you so cruel to this poor chap?

The Boys—The teacher said he has his sums wrong.

Gentleman (astonished at the answer)—What does that matter to you two?

The Boys—Well, sir, we copied them, they was wrong and we got licked.

Why Not?

A woman who both by bearing and looks could be distinguished as "new woman," entered a street car and with a very haughty air seated herself near an old Italian.

When the conductor came to take up the fares she said to him in a very loud voice:

"Let me off at my husband's bank." The conductor evidently knowing her assured her that he would, and passed on to the Italian.

"Let me off at my peanut stand," called out the old fellow as he paid his fare.—*Selected.*

Evened Up.

The Dominic—I'm glad to hear you say you weren't angry with your father for punishing you for something you hadn't done.

Freddie—Oh, I got square with him all right. I did it afterward.—*Puck.*

Slight Variation.

"De Ancient and Honorable Order of Hoboes is a sad order mum," said Gritty George, as he munched the mince pie.

"I suppose so," sneered the industrious housewife. "I suppose you have as your motto Dante's famous expression, 'He who enters here leaves hope behind.'"

"Oh, no, mum. Our motto is on dat order, but somewhat different."

"Indeed! And what is it?"

"Why, 'He who enters here leaves soap behind.'"

First.

They were at dinner, and the dainties were on the table.

"Will you take pie or pudding?" asked papa of Tommy.

"Pie," said Tommy promptly.

His father sighed as he recalled the many lessons on manners he had given the boy.

"Pie, what?" he queried kindly.

But Tommy's eyes were glued on the pastry. "Pie what?" was asked, sharply this time.

"Pie first!" answered Tommy triumphantly.—*Tit-Bits.*

Couldn't Blow Out the Light.

A farmer who had been to the city was describing to his friends the splendor of the hotel he had put up at.

"Everything was perfect," said he, "with the exception of one thing—they kept the light burning all night in my bedroom—a thing I ain't used to."

"Well," said one of them, "why didn't you blow it out?"

"Blow it out!" said the farmer, "how could I? The blessed thing was inside a bottle!"

Our Correspondents



VAGARIES OF CONSERVATISM.

"WE need men in this country—oh, yes; but not so much great numbers of any kind of men as a fair chance for the sort of men."

These words came from the editor of the *New York Evening Mail*, on June 3d, in answer to a previous sally by the *New York Times*, stating that the country could support 400,000,000 population in comfort, hence let immigrants come.

There we have two facts, clumsily proclaimed by two of the most important public organs of New York City, proving the senselessness of our social conditions, face to face with the general inertia of public opinion everywhere, by which we keep prolonging and intensifying all our many social evils. The natural resources of the nation could easily keep 800,000,000 population in comfort, but why is it that comfort, the real article, has never been obtained, in this nation or any other, by the multitudes who have produced the wealth everywhere? Comfort has always been limited to a very small proportion of each social group, apart from density of population, that is, from five human individuals per square mile, to five hundred or more per square mile. Then, apart from isolated cases, and for short periods, comfort has always been the concomitant of conditions or occupations which would be impossible or unnecessary without rank injustice in all wealth production and through the whole machinery of industrial development.

"And so we, in this country, need principally a fair chance for the right sort of men," as stated by the *Evening Mail*. Can we have any kind of fair chance for the right sort of men unless we give a full and complete chance to all men in the struggle

for existence? Have we any other process with which to determine what kind of men shall become worthy of a fair chance or not, unless we commence by giving a fair chance to all men? Civilization has always commenced by denying a fair chance to all men, for healthy development. Civilization has always commenced by giving to all men the wretched chance of crushing each other. Through no other process could we have evolved the crimes, and sins, and sufferings under which humanity has always managed to live on earth thus far.

And why to chatter about the quantity of men that could live in comfort, in our country or any other, when civilization has never given to anybody the power to live a comfortable life, for any length of time? The first requirement for comfort is: a peaceful mind, free from anxieties about any tomorrow. The second is: freedom from sickness or physical pain, with each one of us, and those forming the family group. And how few if any go through life without those two inevitable concomitants, sickness and anxieties, inevitable because of the sickly and pestiferous progress we all insist upon having! Wealth seldom if ever gives comfort of the real kind, under wrong social conditions.

As in the past so in the present, most of us have our comfort and manhood more or less impaired, undermined; with the wealthy by their wealth; with the middle classes by their pinched material conditions, in this or that direction; with the bottom classes by their relative or absolute poverty. As a matter of fact, all great wealth inequalities disturb the physical and mental machinery of all of us, because they are unnatural, because they repudiate the order of God, in human development. The latter would only produce the wealth inequalities indispensable to universal joy

and manhood. Under the kingdom of men, that we prefer to have, we can only produce inequalities in wealth, and everything else, conducive to universal sorrow and sin.

Under a natural, healthy process, without the formidable blunder of selfish human laws, it would not pay to accumulate wealth beyond a certain point. Under a sensible social environment wealth would not purchase the services of anybody for the satisfaction of fancies or unhealthy needs. Do you want to know why? Well, simply because a sensible civilization would give to all men the power to have a full, healthy life, through all or any natural earnings in some useful, healthy occupation, as his own boss or in partnership with other similar honest working capitalists. Natural and divine law does not know anything about any other kind of workers or capitalists.

As for the wholesale or retail gambler in industrial products, he would never have capital or wealth enough for gambling devices, nor could he purchase the services of anybody as mere wage slaves to help him in his gambling schemes, because no such slaves would exist, nor could he ever find products enough to keep in store for a long while, because no producers would ever need to sell in a hurry. Then, all producers would have plenty of land and capital to keep their own products, and to be only gradually sold at normal prices to meet normal demand. Of course, we are so accustomed to the absurdities of idiotic industrial systems, that it is about impossible to grasp any of the natural, sensible results which would follow from a natural normal industrial status.

The solution of human problems is simple enough, when we see fit to look at the foundation of the life we have to live on earth, to begin with, as a test for the next beyond what we call death. All we have to do is to apply to our industrial activities the simple philosophy of Jesus, which can be formulated approximately as follows:

"Work in combination for the honest, scientific growth of all men, when we all shall have what the Father knows we all

need for the complete life of all without the element of any anxieties about any tomorrow."

We still prefer to improve, advance and progress away from the Kingdom of God, and don't wish to even know anything about the first step out of the kingdom of men. We remain attached to the many vagaries and absurdities, in all industrial life, by which we produce a distorted existence for all classes of men, each class apparently pleased with its share of sin and sorrow.

We all mean well enough on the surface of things, but we all fail to look at the foundation of our development. We let that take care of itself; and what a heavy penalty we all pay for it! The very hardships we impose upon ourselves seem to obscure our reasoning faculties. We then fail to long for high ideals. It takes a somewhat normal, peaceful existence to grasp the simple processes by which all high ideals could be soon converted into facts in the life of all of us. Then, in proportion as we rise above others, we feel so satisfied with ourselves that all high ideals vanish like smoke. And thus the kingdom of men keeps repudiating the Kingdom of God.

JOSE GROS.

THE KIND OF LABOR LEADERS WANTED.

BY THE REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

Men with red blood, men of iron, men with brains, men with a vision, men who will dare do right though the heavens fall. No "boozers" need apply. The business is too serious and there are too many interests involved, both on the part of capital and labor, to entrust the workingman's side of the controversy to any but clear-headed advisors. It's all right to be a good-fellow, and it's a good thing to be popular with the boys, but when a man is only that, he soon loses his grip on his job, and those whom he is supposed to represent soon lose theirs. When booze interferes with such a leader's business, he is very apt to sacrifice his business.

Preference will be given to peace-makers instead of strike-breakers. Not that a labor leader should never call a strike. God

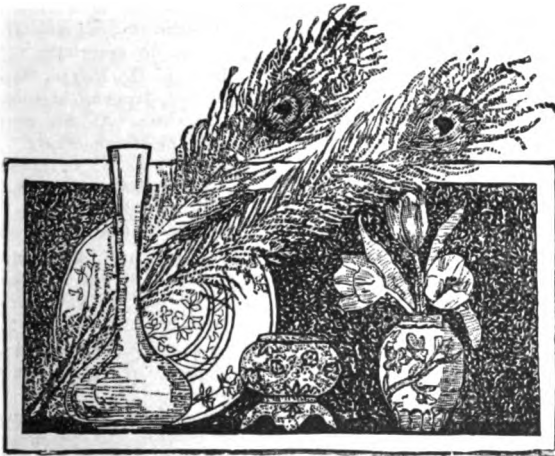
pity him if he hasn't the nerve when the time comes for him to do so. The right to protest should belong to every man. But the best labor leader is the man who calls the fewest strikes, because he has the tact and the sense to settle the trouble without an industrial conflict. If war is hell, then strikes are "purgatory."

Four-flushers and bluffers will not be considered, and the chap who has only the gift of gab will not have a look-in. We need men who regard the labor leader's job as a proposition that requires the exercise of good gray-matter. Only the brainy fellow who can make fully as much money at his trade can make good on this job. It is no cinch. It is easier to work in the shop at day's wages.

If the labor leader is honest, he will, nevertheless, be slammed occasionally by

both sides, but he will have the comfort of a clear conscience, and he will have the satisfaction of knowing that some day he will be given due credit for sincerity of purpose. If he is dishonest he will unquestionably be found out, and he will be held in contempt by all classes of men—including himself—to the end of day.

But while the job presents difficulties, there are in it great possibilities. There never was a greater chance for leadership. But the demands are more exacting, the qualifications more numerous, and the things to be obtained more varied than ever before. The labor leader must be a statesman—not merely a politician. He must be an educator—not simply an agitator. He must be a preacher of social righteousness and of justice for all men.





St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Have you seen them? They are pink. Send Bro. La Fever \$4.00 and get one.

The last meeting of Division No. 2, held Monday night June 22d, was well attended. Bro. C. G. Kelso, member of Board of Directors, was present as was also Bro. J. E. McQuade, of No. 32.

Secretary La Fever has just returned from a two weeks' outing in the wilds of Colorado, with a good color and a better appetite.

Bro. G. M. Long, an old-timer from the Burlington, gave us a call recently. Bro. Long is on his way to California, and while he has not been telegraphing for some time and does not expect to gain a livelihood in that manner again, he has no notion of dropping the O. R. T.

Bro. Wm. S. Essex, of the Panama R. R., was a recent caller at headquarters. He states that the condition of the telegrapher in Panama is good, but that there are but few openings for Americans in that line at the present time, as the Panama R. R. has about all the telegraphers they need. The sanitary conditions are so much improved that the men are not changing much.

Bro. J. E. McQuade, late general secretary of Frisco Division No. 32, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the presidents office, caused by the death of Bro. Wm. Clancy.

Div. Cor.

Lancaster Div., No. 9.

The meeting held June 15th was opened promptly at 8 o'clock by Chief Telegrapher Bro. W. W. Thope, Jr. All officers were present. The petition for membership presented at the May meeting being favorably recommended by the committee was acted upon and accepted. Bills to the amount of \$9.75, including \$4.00 sick benefits, were presented and paid. At this meeting Bro. A. B. Hambright tendered his resignation as secretary and treasurer of Division No. 9, on account of working hours that would not permit him to attend meetings, and moreover he is expecting to soon engage in other pursuits. Bro. Hambright assures us he will continue as staunch a member in the future as in the past, and it is with regrets he is compelled to take this step. "We wish him well."

Bro. Hambright's successor has not yet been appointed. When a selection is made, due notice will be given in THE TELEGRAPHER.

This being the first meeting since the convention was held in Atlanta, Ga., Bro. Kacy, the

delegate, made his report, which was well received by the division, and a vote of thanks tendered him for the able manner in which our interests were looked after. Div. Cor.

Sunbury Div., No. 12.

Our regular meeting, held June 21st, was called to order at 10 a. m. by Bro. McCracken. While the attendance was not as good as it should have been, the meeting was very interesting, especially the excellent report of the convention made by our worthy Local Chairman Bro. C. W. Kase.

The division certainly owes many thanks to Bro. Kase for the good service he has done for us. I wish every member could know how hard some of our leaders have been working for the benefit of our division. No union can live and prosper without the support of its membership: the poor attendance we have at many of our meetings, considering our large membership, shows that there are quite a number of members who are not taking the proper interest in the progress of our division. Do you think it is right to impose upon a few brothers by letting them do all the work? However, if you will only stop making all kinds of excuses, and instead make it your business to attend meetings, it will give enthusiasm to our officers and they will, with pleasure, do everything possible for our benefit.

Bro. J. G. Nelson, first trick at Bluf, was away ten days, on account of the serious illness of his sister. At this writing she is reported to be getting along nicely. Bro. Nelson was relieved by Mr. J. L. McAndrew, a new man on the road, coming from the Lehigh Valley R. R. at Shenandoah, Pa.

Mr. McAndrew is now working extra at Nescopeck. Mr. S. J. Doherty worked this job but a few days. He has left the road and it has been reported that he went West.

Bro. W. A. Groff has left the service and accepted a position as clerk at Mocanaqua. We wish Bro. Groff good luck and success in his new business.

Mr. Ed. S. Breisch, formerly of "AG" tower, has resigned the position he had in Ohio with the Oil Pipe Line Co., and is now working extra on this division.

There has been some suspensions lately. This does not look well as it shows poor service. It is your duty to give perfect service to the company, if you do not intend to do this, then you should resign and give the position to some one who takes some interest in his work and the future welfare of all concerned.

Other changes have been made, but as I have received no items from the assistant correspondents, I can not record them all.

Our next meeting will be held at Nescopeck, Pa., July 19th, at 3:30 p. m.—this, in order to give me a chance to attend the meeting.

On August 16th there will be a meeting held at Sunbury, at 9:30 a. m. This will be a very important meeting. There will be Grand Division Officers present, and refreshments will be served. Think of this, you can not afford to miss hearing the good news these great workers have to impart to you, this news will be for your own individual benefit. In addition to this, we expect a large attendance from Division No. 24, and other nearby divisions. There will be a photograph taken, to be published in THE TELEGRAPHER. In return for all this, we expect every member of our division, who is not on duty and can make train connections, to be present without fail. Remember this. We will not accept any excuse about it being on Monday, and that being wash day, or any of the other excuses that some of you have committed to memory—you have plenty of time to arrange for this, therefore, fail not to be present.

Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to bear to that eternal home the dearly beloved mother of Bro. L. P. Cleaver, also the mother-in-law of Bro. Bruce McCracken; be it hereby

Resolved, That Sunbury Division No. 12, O. R. T., extend to the bereaved brothers and families our most heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved brothers, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. R. JOHNSON,
G. R. BLICKER,
T. C. PHILLIPS,

Committee.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

A meeting was called for 7 p. m., Tuesday, June 8th, in Elliott Hall. The brothers found themselves standing around in the hallway, locked out. Our worthy secretary made several trips up and down the many flights of stairs, looking for the janitor, or a key, to open that door.

After the large crowd gained admittance, meeting was called to order about 7:40 p. m.

No. 63 comes in very nicely, for the boys west of Williamsport as far as "SC," come, turn out and keep in touch.

We should be represented each month in the journal, since the socialized system of securing notes has been put into effect.

If the brothers do not turn in their notes, their entire territory will miss mention, as no one else has the authority; let us have a whole page of notes.

Susquehanna Division—

Bro. A. Wetzel, third trick at "HU" tower; Telegrapher C. E. Orndorf second trick at "FY" tower; Telegrapher G. L. Kauffman, second trick at "UR" tower, and Bro. O. W. Deibler, third trick at "D" tower, enjoyed a leave of absence, Wednesday, June 9th; and Telegrapher F. W. Wetzel worked third trick at "HU" tower; Telegrapher W. H. Kebach, worked second trick at "FY" tower; Telegrapher G. C. Walborn worked second trick at "UR" tower, in their places.

Our worthy local chairman, Bro. Zerbe, made a flying trip to Beavertown last week on business.

Bro. G. H. Wetzel made a trip to Sunbury, recently, to take in the sights, and brought home a few boxes of nice strawberries.

Bro. Steffin, of "CF" tower, was seen on the streets of Herndon last week.

Sister H. I. Williams, of "D" Tower, and Telegrapher J. W. Orndorf, of "FY" tower, enjoyed a leave of absence June 12th.

Bro. Geo. W. Bierly, of Division No. 8, visited Pine recently. He is located at Monument.

Telegrapher G. U. Stanley, second trick at "SQ," Nisbet, has completed a concrete walk around his residence.

Bro. G. E. McCloskey visited his parents at Hyner, Sunday.

Bro. Ed. Aughenbaugh, second trick at "GF" tower, spent his relief day fishing on Hyner Run.

Bro. Joe. Schlotman, third trick at "J" tower, recently spent a few days at his home in Pottsville.

Bro. J. C. McCloskey, formerly first trick at "AQ" tower, is now working on the U. P. in Wyoming, and reports the West flooded with good telegraphers.

Bro. J. C. O'Donnell attended the ball game between McElhattan and Jersey Shore last Saturday.

Bro. Ed. Aughenbaugh made a successful catch of eels the other night, catching nine, the largest weighing two and one-half pounds.

Brothers, remember it is time for us to pay our dues for the remainder of the year.

Bro. A. C. Grieb, first trick at "SQ," Nisbet, attended the School Directors meeting at Williamsport recently.

Our worthy chief, Bro. J. I. Klingenberger, first trick at "NC" tower, Newberry, is now a full fledged resident of Newberry, Pa.

Bro. J. G. Young, spent his relief days in Williamsport.

"Off."

Providence Div., No. 35.

The June meeting of Division No. 35 found all division officers present. There were a good many brothers in the city that night whose interest in the nickel theaters, etc., were greater than in the meeting of their division. One frankly admitted that he had greater interest outside than in the meeting, and was admonished by a couple of brothers upon his lack of interest, and also told never to be heard kicking upon anything that

was done in the division room, no matter what, as one who could and would not attend meetings, should not judge the actions of those who do attend.

Forty members were present; two applications favorably balloted upon, two applications referred to committees for investigation, one new member initiated and one applicant rejected, is the record for the month.

The delegate's report of the convention was very interesting, especially that of Bro. Brady, which was doubly so by his reference to the Ladies Auxiliary, which was started by the ladies at Atlanta during the convention, who hopes to see it flourish.

After an absence of over two months at St. Louis and convention, old reliable Bro. Joslin is again with us, and the familiar "EN" on the wire does sure sound like "Home, Sweet Home."

Bro. Brady, our senior delegate to the convention is again at his old position, second trick at Auburn town, looking a little fat and out of practice.

Worthy Chief Bro. Callis, junior delegate, says that Southern air is somewhat enervating, he hopes the colder climate two years hence may be of a more beneficial nature.

Bro. Callahan, second trick at East Greenwich tower, enjoyed a visit from his sister and her husband, who lately returned from Porto Rico, where they were in the Government employ.

Bro. McDonald, second trick at Norwich, with his family, made a flying trip to Niagara Falls, stopping off at Albany, N. Y., enroute. "Mac" reports a good time, but is wondering where all the water comes from that goes over the falls.

While the reports from Bro. R. O. Brown, our secretary and treasurer, are of a very encouraging nature, they do not show convalescence to be as rapid as we would like to see, and our most earnest prayer is for his complete and rapid recovery.

Former Shore Line Train Dispatcher Mr. J. B. Macheod, now of New York City, was in Providence recently, and called upon his many friends in the terminal, and while there performed one of his characteristic acts, which proves him the same large-hearted and generous John as in years gone by.

Bros. Seavey and Mignault, first and third tricks at Wixford Junction, have made their usual summer change of tricks. Now there will be something doing on the farm.

Bro. C. L. Gaffney, agent at Centerdale, R. I., has the sympathy of all in the death of his beloved wife.

Bro. Sooy, now of Division No. 8, is once more with us. He qualified at Olive St. tower at Attleboro.

The successful bidders for the new tower at Waterman Ave. (East Providence branch) are Mr. G. H. Knowlton and Mr. Flinn. It has been arranged that the positions in this tower, while on a twelve-hour basis, are "temporary positions."

Bro. Franklin Cayer, Northbridge, Mass., has resigned as agent and gone to Canada. He is succeeded by Bro. N. S. Clifford.

Bro. H. L. Harris is now agent at Saunderville. Bro. O. L. Roy transferred to Millville as telegrapher, succeeding Bro. H. A. Benoit, who secured the second trick at Attleboro (Park St.) tower. Bro. J. P. Branagan will be found in the agency at River St. station, Woonsocket.

Bro. H. A. Savaria is again in the familiar surroundings at Northup Ave., as helper on the second trick. Bro. S. Lubosky is trying out the tower service on third trick at Westminster St., and Bro. MacArthur is filling the former's position at Auburn station.

Bro. "Phil" Farley, after many years, is seeing the light of day on the first trick at Dexter St. tower; being succeeded at Arms St. by Bro. C. R. Weeks.

Owing to the amount of work necessarily accomplished at the June meeting, the Local Board of Adjustment did not have an opportunity to render its report for the months of May and June.

The attention of the members holding insurance in the Order is called to the recent circulars of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, referring to the change in the payment of assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department. The payments are for six months periods, payable January 1st and July 1st, in accordance with the Atlanta Convention, and if the members will forward their insurance assessments to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, at St. Louis, at the same time they pay their dues to the local secretary in June and December, they will always have an up-to-date card protecting their working conditions and an insurance policy protecting those dependent upon them.

Bro. Stetson, agent at Central Village, received a very painful injury to the thumb of his left hand recently, by getting it jammed in a car door; last reports it is coming along nicely.

Bro. Darrow took a two weeks' vacation, visiting his many friends along the division, but Boston took the largest part of his time. Wonder what her name is.

Bro. Dykeman was the successful bidder for third trick at Niantic, R. I.

Bro. Coyle, second trick at Northup Ave. yard office, took a ten days' pleasure trip to New York City recently, but is now back at his "old grind."

Members of Providence, R. I., Division No. 35:

It is earnestly desired that all members securing applications instruct applicant not to present themselves at division rooms for initiation until notified by the secretary and treasurer.

To All Members:

At the June meeting of Providence, R. I., Division No. 35, O. R. T., Bro. John Trainor, 120 Waterman Ave., East Providence, R. I., was chosen as acting secretary and treasurer, with full

power, during the illness of Bro. R. A. Brown. All dues, communications, etc., to be forwarded to Bro. Trainor at the above address.

We are very glad to report Bro. B. P. Greene as rapidly recovering from his late sickness. Not quite so rotund as formerly, but "BY" says give me time.

BASE BALL NOTES.

The Providence division operators, of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. league base ball series, are still the leading team, both in the games and the individual run contest, having won four games and lost none.

Broa. Robinson and Gore tie on runs, having caught up with Kilpatrick, of the Boston Yardmen, who led with eleven runs.

Bro. Robinson, as captain, is doing fine work, both in playing and drilling his men. He is one of the best players in the league, and many of our winnings are due to his good judgment in properly placing his men to the best advantage, and the team alone holds the 1.000 per cent.

Bro. Gore is doing some good work on first base, and nothing gets by him, without working, while Bro. Boardman likes to put the ball far beyond the fence.

Bro. Hill has got a powerful arm, and is striking 'em out in a business-like manner, while Wry has a coaxing arm, and they retire to the bench with a disgusting look, but Wry never loses his smile.

Bro. Cutler is a hard and sure worker on second base, and puts all out who gets in his way, and Bro Calahan is doing great work behind the bat, and Bro Clancy is doing "fine business" on short-stop.

The percentage of the teams at this writing is as follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Providence Operators.....	4	0	1.000
First District Operators....	3	1	.750
Yardmen	2	2	.500
Third District Operators....	2	2	.500
Trainmen	1	3	.250
Boston Terminal	0	4	.000

Bro. Calahan was the leading batter in the month of April, an average of .500 per cent. Much rivalry is going on between the teams of the league, and much sport is promised to the Providence Division fans.

Boston Div., No. 41.

The wonderful success of the open meeting at Fitchburg, June 13, following the one held at Nashua, in February, proves conclusively that the meetings should in the future be a regular feature of the Order in this vicinity. Over one hundred of the brothers were assembled, representing Divisions Nos. 41, 104, 65, 139, and also some of the brothers from New Haven. We were also much pleased to welcome the two sisters from

Ayer, who graced the assembly by their presence. As a means of education, these meetings cannot be equalled; they bring out a good representation of the brothers who get the different views of the brothers from different sections of the system, and also give the boys a chance to become acquainted and meet personally those with whom they have worked on the wire for a long time. The speakers were all on to their jobs, and several representatives from other organizations contributed to the success of the day, and with a bountiful dinner served in fine style, the boys went home satisfied with themselves and the world in general. Incidentally, the wizard at the piano helped, in no small degree, to make matters interesting, and was quite the feature of the day. He is a star performer, and if the constitution could be amended, No. 41 would annex him for fair; they need such people in their business.

The Nashua meeting originated by the energy of Division No. 104, was in a sense an experiment which proved a success; next came the meeting at Fitchburg, also a success and another meeting of this kind should be arranged in the near future, and it looks to the writer as if Boston would be the place, and some kind of a pleasure trip should be arranged in connection with the business part. This matter will not be allowed to rest, but will be taken up in full at future meetings, and some plan decided upon. Some pleasure must be mixed with business to break the monotony; the idea "feed the mind as well as the body" was advanced by our popular general chairman at one of our meetings, and his point was well taken, but there must be a little social part to go with our regular work to make this interesting for all members. The old adage "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is as true today as when first spoken. We should not, however, overlook the fact of feeding the mind, and the question as to how we shall go about it: first, all the members should attend the meetings, and we should start the meetings sharp at 8:15 p. m. or a little earlier. The members have a habit of congregating in the outer hall and exchanging views. This is all right as far as it goes, the more ideas thus exchanged the better, but why not come into the division room and give us all the benefit of your ideas. Not only do we desire your presence at the meetings, but also your opinions on the topics for the benefit of the Order, and once in the division room, raise your voice on every matter brought up for discussion. Don't vote with the majority unless you agree with them, but have courage and your own ideas, and have your say whether it agrees with the majority or not. This is the only way by which we can derive the greatest benefits from our meetings. Again, bringing up the matter of "feed the mind," the question arises, how shall we go about it? There are many ways that it could be brought about, still every member has some ideas on the matter, if he would just turn them loose at the meetings. One of the best that

presents itself is embodied in this letter, following somewhat the plan outlined in the June TELEGRAPHER, and which was presented by a brother who has been a great help to the writer in endeavoring to make the letter from Division No. 41 interesting and a success.

At our meetings we could for little or no expense obtain some well-informed speaker to give an hour's talk during the meeting, or before the meeting. What will he talk about? Well, first and foremost tell us about the ideals of unionism, and help to educate us along the lines for which we are organized, in order that each of us may be in a position to defend our cause against all who may question its wisdom and necessity. Some egotistical, narrow-minded, short-sighted individuals claim we have no right to exist. Can you, as a union man, defend your right and point out to them just what we stand for? What good has organization done, wherein has it benefited not only the employe, but also the employer and the public at large. All must agree that it has raised the standard of life and resulted in a marked improvement of the economic condition of the workers. It stands for improved conditions in health, safety and comfort, increased wages and mutual benefit, so well illustrated on our division, which has given nearly eight hundred dollars to the aid of our own needy members and other organizations in the past year. Thus, it merits the support of all wage earners. For the American public, it stands for stringent laws governing child labor, and the shortening of the day for women wage earners, thus protecting those upon whom posterity is so vitally dependent. It tends to safeguard public health and keep people from untimely wearing out. It is trying to cut out the sweat-shop, thereby benefiting the public.

For the employer what has it done? You will find it difficult to get him to admit that he is benefited by it, but let us see. By entering into contracts covering definite periods the union establishes a definite cost of labor, thus steadying industry, especially in times of depression. In establishing a definite minimum wage it standardizes the cost of labor, thus putting the fair employer, who is willing to pay a living wage, at no disadvantage with the unfair employer, who, unless obliged by his schedule to do so would endeavor to reduce the cost of his output at the expense of labor, and thus undersell the employer who endeavors to be fair by his men.

Statistics show that in the decrease of the number of hours worked an actual increase of efficiency has been effected in the output, and the employer thus benefited by the work of the union man. By increasing the wage of the workman, it has increased consumption by placing the workman in a position to purchase more. Do you believe in the injunction as at present employed? Oh, no. Why? Space will not permit a balancing of its good points against its bad points. This may be said: The spirit of the age is one which gives to each individual the right of trial by his peers. The injunction takes away this

right and gives the judiciary the right to enjoin a workman from striking no matter how worthy his cause. This is not what our forefathers intended as a function of the judicial department, and stands dead against the original purposes of the injunction.

Hence we must fight for a change for the better. How? A look at conditions of the unions in Germany or England may help us. They are nearly a century ahead of us in this respect. Not until driven to do so by the tyranny of those in power did they take the path leading to the only solution now before us. Where does it lead? To that which we have tried to keep out of but have been forced into, i. e., politics. When the rights of labor are recognized, it will be through, and only through, labor representatives, placed by labor organizations, in the halls of Congress who will work for unionism and its principles.

Div. Com.

New York Div., No. 44.

The regular meeting for the month of June was called to order with our Chief Telegrapher C. B. Van Nostrand in the chair. Forty-eight members were present, and one candidate was initiated.

A considerable amount of important business was transacted, including a report of the Board of Adjustment, and delegates to the convention, held in Atlanta in May.

We are informed that there are very few delinquent members still on the list, but we are of the opinion that it is merely an oversight on their part, for it seems impossible that any one could fail to see the benefits the Order has secured for them on the Long Island. We are now entering on a new period, and in order to comply with the laws enacted at the last convention it will be necessary for every one to become familiar with them.

At the next meeting, no doubt, something of importance will come up relative to insurance department payments, and it will be to your advantage to be present.

On June 24th the summer time table goes into effect, and as it covers more trains than ever before, it is to be hoped that each and every member will pay strict attention to his or her duty, and show the officials it pays to have O. R. T. men and women handling the business.

The second ticket agency at East New York, transferred from W. H. Bennett to A. Stanley. Bennett bid in Jamaica, second trick, relieving Bro. Marsh, who has resigned.

Geo. Gray, second trick at Bridge St., is off duty on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. J. E. Jogger.

Bro. R. G. Rice has accepted the agency at Good Ground. Bro. Rice returned to the service after an absence of five years.

J. F. Melvin has left Springfield, and gone South for his health. E. R. Perron took his job.

Bro. C. C. Carey, relief agent, who has been holding down Amaqansett for the past two months, has been relieved by Ira Baker, of Glenhead, who in turn was relieved by old-reliable Bro. J. D. Webster.

Bro. F. W. Conklin resigned the agency at Deer Park, and his place was filled by Bro. J. F. Gaffney.

Bro. J. A. Stack resigned the Jamaica telegraph job, and has gone back to commercial work; his place was filled by W. J. Sullivan.

Bro. Van Nostrand relieved John T. Sheldon, of Winfield, a few days this month.

The many friends of Bro. A. Mott, of Farmingdale, are extending congratulations, he having been married to one of Huntington's prettiest and most charming young ladies. The members of Division No. 44 extend congratulations and best wishes also.

Summer offices on Long Island now open for the season, with the following new agents in charge. Some of the newcomers might want to become members of Division No. 44. Let their nearest neighbor speak to them about it: Shinnecock Hills, Mrs. H. J. Ferwilliger; Edgemere, F. A. Carman; Parlor Car Office, L. I. City, Miss Kittie Donnelly; Manhattan Beach, Joseph Mocato; Broad Channel, J. B. Harriets; Aqueduct, Carrie Gellinger; Ramblersville, Rosa B. Lund; Goose Creek, Clara Hebach; Raunt, Edith I. Winkleseth; Steeple Chase, Jennie M. Powell; Sea Side, C. P. Lasher; Rockaway Park, Grace M. Munn.

Tower Department—

Bro. Scally, the first trick man at Ozone Park, who has been working there for quite a number of years, has resigned and gone into the grocery business at Carteret, N. J. His position is temporarily filled by Bro. Hopkins. We wish Bro. Scally success in his new venture.

Bro. Duxsey from second trick at Hollis to third trick at same place. Second trick filled by Bro. Peterson, of New Haven Division No. 29.

Bro. Connell, first trick at "EX" office, bid in third trick at Far Rockaway. Bro. Carbaugh, of third trick at Floral Park, getting "EX" on bulletin.

Bro. Lineham, third trick at Hammels Wye, bid in third trick at Floral Park; this bringing Bro. Lineham back on the main line.

The summer time table is to take effect the last week in June, with a great many additions in trains, which will make for us all a great deal more work, but give the company your best services and help to uphold our former record of good and efficient service. This is imperative.

Bro. Clawson, third trick at "EX" tower, has resigned, and gone to New Jersey to help his father on the farm.

Bro. Pierce, first trick at Blissville, just returned from a three weeks' trip through the State of Kansas; reports having had a pleasant time

with his parents, and used royally by all O. R. T. men he met.

A few summer offices opened on account of the summer schedule. "WD" tower in service June 19th. Bro. Joe Knecht on second trick; first trick filled by Bro. Gilley; unable to say who is on third trick.

Bros. Lewis and Scally, also Bro. Lewis at Hammels Junction, have joined the L. I. R. R. Y. M. C. A. base ball team, and are doing fine work. A trio of promising ball players.

Bro. Frank Horsch is now doing a second trick stunt, selling tickets at Flatbush Ave. station, 3 p. m. to 7 p. m. on account of subway rush hours.

The new fifty-two lever tower at Hicksville was put in service a short time ago. Bro. Hewlett on first trick, second and third tricks filled by new men. Div. Cox.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

The following figures will show that we are marching steadily onward, hard times or no hard times. The clouds that have been hanging in the financial and commercial sky for the past eighteen months are rapidly clearing, in fact have almost entirely disappeared, business in all branches of trade is now about ninety per cent of normal, which also includes traffic on the various lines of railroad throughout the United States, and has resulted in a healthy demand for telegraph operators, both railroad and commercial, and today there are not more than five hundred idle telegraphers throughout the United States and Canada, which is also a normal condition as there are always telegraphers who will not work for any length of time at any one place, but keep continuously on the move. The point that I am aiming at is this: A great many roads will be short of operators in the very near future, and as the law prevents your division operator from "doubling you" twenty-four or thirty-six hours, think what the result will be. Remember it has been conclusively proven that there are operators available (outside of the telegraph department), to man all positions, who would come back for just a little more money than is now being paid by the majority of railroads—think it over—and don't forget that non who is working next to you. Remember our policy—No card, no favors.

Since my last report we have secured 43 new members from the various divisions of railroads, as follows: Pennsylvania Railroad, Pittsburg Division, 4; Pennsylvania Railroad, Allegheny Division, 19; Pennsylvania Railroad, Conemaugh Division, 11; Pennsylvania Railroad, Monongahela Division, 3; Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad, 6. Total, 43.

During the same period we secured ten members by transfer from other divisions; lost six by transfer to other divisions, and six on account of non-payment of assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department. We now have 550 members, about forty of whom have not as yet paid their dues

for the current term (ending June 30th), at least two-thirds of these will, no doubt, pay up within the next sixty days.

Following is a financial statement of the division as on June 1, 1909:

Cash on hand December 1, 1908.....\$4,240.65
Received from all sources to June 1, 1909. 2,360.96
Gold bond purchased in March, 1909.... 1,154.75

\$7,556.36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Account Grand Division.....\$1,431.32
Sick and death benefits..... 165.00
Salary and expenses of Secretary and
Treasurer 187.85
Rent 18.75
Printing and miscellaneous..... 1,442.76

\$3,245.68

Cash on hand, including three \$1,000.00
gold bonds\$4,510.68

As per the usual custom of this division, we will hold but one meeting a month during the months of July and August, which will be on the following dates: July 10th and August 14th. The meetings scheduled for the fourth Saturday evenings during these months having been dispensed with. If you have not already paid your dues for the current term, do so at once. Statement of the dues was mailed each member, by the secretary, on June 10th. Don't forget that your M. B. D. assessments are now payable semi-annually. Why don't you come to the meetings and take an interest in your own division, and thereby find out what is "doing." KLING.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Delaware Division—

On May 20th, "VO," "H," "CN" and "BD" blocks were placed in service, after being closed during the winter months, and the positions were filled as follows: "VO," first trick, W. T. Bennett; second trick, Mr. W. S. Cubbage; third trick, Mr. R. H. Todd. "H" block, first trick, Bro. W. R. Reed; second trick, Mr. R. W. Reese; third trick, Bro. G. A. Morrison. "CN," first trick, Bro. C. V. Lewes; second trick, Mr. B. C. Wainwright; third trick, Bro. J. D. Gootee. "BD," first trick, Bro. V. E. Elliott; second trick, Bro. R. F. Farlow; third trick, Bro. W. A. Easom.

Bro. Jenkins, after a stay of seven years, has left "RU" block, and accepted "DV," Dover, second trick.

Quite a number of our boys attended the Buffalo Bill Circus, at Wilmington, in June.

Bro. Bennett has had his locks sheared and retired from the poetical business, as he states there were a few who got "sore" over his last effort,

and he also wishes to state that he meant no affronts.

Bro. Thos. W. Truitt reports having spent quite a good time at the convention in May.

Bro. Jenkins spent his relief day visiting friends in Laurel.

Bro. R. J. Taylor, wife and daughter, have been spending a few days with relatives in Franklin City, Va. Relieved by Bro. O. W. Allen.

We understand that Bro. A. E. Anderson is getting tired of his position as agent at Lambson.

Bro. J. P. Coursey, of Centreville, was in Barclay with relatives on his relief day.

Bro. O. W. Allen, of Millington, was in Laurel with his parents the first of the month.

The strawberry crop did not amount to as much as was thought, the first of the season on account of the heavy rain storms which made the berries worthless. Thousands of quarts rotted in the fields, not being worth picking at the low price of three cents per quart.

Bro. Vansant spent relief day at Millington; Bro. Freeny in Baltimore; Bro. Taylor in Philadelphia, accompanied by his brother.

Bro. Truitt has been on the sick list a few days.

At the time of this writing a new local chairman has not been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Jenkins. Div. Com.

Maryland Division—

Mr. Stuts, extra man at Seabrook, has just received notice of his appointment to second trick at Stony-Run.

As stated in last month's TELEGRAPHER, Mr. Whittle, at Calverton, will probably be counted no more among the sturdy brass pounders, as he passed very highly in a class of twenty-one law students. Success to him.

We are glad to note Mr. Redmile, at Landover, has resumed duty after a prolonged spell of illness. We hope he will have the best of health hereafter.

Several changes have been made along the pike recently, the old cabin at Pencader has been replaced by a new interlocking tower, and several towers have been repaired and painted.

Bro. Lipscomb has just returned from his vacation.

We understand Elkton, "KI," has been granted an increase on all three tricks. The boys will welcome this good news.

Mr. McMullin bid in "VX," Perryville, last trick.

Bro. Lewis is filling "KN," Lamokin, second extra.

Get busy and keep the good work up. We are receiving quite a number of applicants, but you will note several nons on the list as yet.

By the time this goes to print, we will have our June meeting. Hope to see a large gathering.

Div. Com.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

Our June meeting was not as well attended as it should have been, only about a half dozen being present. 'S matter boys?

Abbott Crossing is on the bargain counter again. Here's a nice roast for some one. Understand Chapman went to Peoria to work in freight house.

Bro. E. Edwards, of Eldora, has just returned from a two weeks' vacation, which we understand was spent in the West, sight-seeing. He was relieved by E. A. Cross.

Bro. J. W. Rankin, of Liscomb, is off on a thirty-day vacation. Have not learned who his relief is.

Mr. Kelly, recently of Mason City Junction, is doing the day stunt at freight house, Grinnell.

Bro. D. J. Kyle is now day telegrapher at New Sharon. Keefover transferred to Marshalltown.

There are several nons along the line whose applications we want, but when you jump at them, it is the same old tune: "Next pay-day," "I'm in debt now," etc.

We understand that one of the wires has been put in at Lacey, after being out about two years.

A new time card went into effect Sunday, June 27th, with a few minor changes, and on this card appears the name of F. A. Thackery as dispatcher. Is this a son of Bro. J. W. at "WN?" If it is, he will make good, all right.

Chief Dispatcher F. E. Martin is enjoying a three weeks' fishing trip, and J. K. Cunningham, second trick at north end, is wielding the big stick, as chief. B. W. Landfear, who works third trick is on second trick in J. K. C's place. Ben has "fired" several agents and telegraphers so far.

After calling an agent-telegrapher one morning recently, about passenger train time, for five minutes, the following dialogue was dished out to us: "DS:" Where you been? Tel.: After United States mail. "DS:" Well, I want you to stay here and answer that call. Tel.: This mail has to be attended to. "DS:" Never mind the mail, I want you here." Fine way to do business. Suppose the mail has been missed, who would have paid the fine, the dispatcher? Why to be sure.

Bro. F. R. Arnote, formerly of Gilman agency, but now with the G. N. and N. P. Rys. at Adrian, Wash., was around recently visiting with the boys. Fred says Washington is an all-right place to work in, and likes it fine.

The nons are getting a start on us again, and worse yet, we have a couple of students on the line in what are supposed to be O. R. T. offices. This should not be tolerated, and it is up to us to make a raid on them.

Agency list shows E. A. Cross as agent at Wright. What's become of Bro. Landfear?

Secretary Davis advises (June 27th) that Mr. Cutter has at last consented to "make a date" with committee to work that schedule over. It seems too good to be true, and perhaps we will be able to announce a new schedule in the next month's writing. Con.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Division—

Another month has rolled around, and it is again time for a write-up, which I will endeavor to give below:

We understand that Bro. G. E. Goddard, third trick at "DK," Dickinson, is sick and off duty. Bro. A. W. Stoudt, an extra man, is filling his place.

Bro. T. J. Callahan goes from "MS," Coal Port, third trick, to the lower end relief job.

Mr. W. H. Wilmot, Jr., has been transferred from third trick at "X," Wilburtha, to third trick at "MS," Coal Port.

There is a new man by the name of Lowe, working second trick at Moore tower.

We understand that the first and third tricks at "N," Niece, are open; no one seems to want these jobs.

Mr. Tucker goes from lower end relief job to second trick at "FD," Frenchtown.

Bro. Heaney, 1st trick at "MD," Milford, is off duty on account of a sore foot.

News is very scarce this month, hope to do better next time. Div. Con.

Boston Div., No. 89.

The regular night meeting for June was called to order at 8 p. m., June 5th, by worthy Chief Bro. Ross. All officers were present.

On account of the wet, disagreeable night there was only about twenty-five old-reliables present—the bunch that no kind of a storm can keep away—and I wish more of the brothers would show the same spirit.

Two applications were voted on, and three applications submitted to committees for investigation—also one brother was transferred from Division No. 35 to our division.

After the regular routine of business, Bro. Wood, one of our delegates to the recent convention at Atlanta, read a joint report prepared by himself and Bro. Ross, our other delegate, with which the members present were very well pleased.

Several times while Bro. Wood was reading his report, he was interrupted by some of the brothers present, asking for more information on matters that were brought before the convention in which they were particularly interested, but they found Bros. Wood and Ross were "right there" and could give them all the information they were looking for. The delegates report a very pleasant time while at Atlanta.

Bro. Ross reports that steps were taken at the convention to form a Ladies' Auxiliary to our organization, and to have each local division form an auxiliary. The writer hopes the brothers will take hold of this matter and push it for all it is worth. We could invite the ladies to our meetings now and then, and after regular business was over we could have a nice sociable time for a couple of hours. I think this might bring in

some of the brothers who hang off Saturday nights.

Once again I am going to ask if some of the brothers on the Providence, Boston and Old Colony Divisions won't send in a few notes to "Ye Scribe" for THE TELEGRAPHER. Our division covers as much, if not more, territory than any other division on the system, but they all have a longer write-up than we do. Get busy and send notes to M. E. Jacobs, 131 East St., Franklin, Mass., before the 18th of each month.

Midland Division—

Bro. Pendleton is occupying his summer cottage at Lake Pearl.

Quite a number of the boys on the Midland attended the ball game at Woonsocket, a few days ago, between the Providence Telegraphers and Yard Men of Boston.

The day-light meeting for June was called to order at 10:30 a. m., worthy Chief Bro. Ross in the chair. Bro. Wood, first vice-chief; Bro. O'Toole, second vice-chief; Bro. F. Riley, past-chief; Bro. Bardel, marshal; Bro. Foley, secretary, and Bro. J. Riley, inside and outside sentinel.

Three applications from men on the Midland Division were favorably balloted upon; they are a valuable addition to be sure, having seen long service in the highest offices. It would be a pleasure to mention their name, but have not the authority to do so. Five applications were also submitted for investigation. Bro. Ross read a joint report of the delegates to the recent convention. Bro. Wood also had a few notes of personal observation, and both were highly interesting.

Among the visitors was Bro. Mullen, from Division No. 104, he favored us with a lengthy talk on the good of the order, receiving the plaudits of those present.

The attendance was by no means a record breaker; twenty-five is a small number considering the important matters that come up at the day-light meetings; several matters of vital importance were not acted upon on account of those present wishing a larger representation. No doubt the warm weather, and the fact that the summer resorts are in full swing, lured many away from their duty. I say duty because each and everyone of you who can is required to be present at our meetings. There are many who make a big sacrifice to come in and help maintain the good standing of the division. This is one class. Another class is composed of those who would sooner go to a ball game, and we are sorry to say that not a few of the regular ones, and officers at that, help constitute it. Such half-heartedness sets a bad example for others, and should be discouraged, still another class is composed of those who only come once a year, or when they think the schedule is about to be revised. Such interest is self-centered, they care not how the division is run if run at all; if they do there is no outward sign to that effect. Why not come in between times and give us your idea how things should be run; show us where this or that is lacking, no doubt

there are some among you who could give us a good talk on union principles, nothing would be more pleasant to all concerned.

Come one, come all, you are all welcome.

Com.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular June meeting was held at the St. Charles Hotel, Emporium, June 16th, with a good attendance—our worthy delegate, Bro. Edwards, and alternate, Bro. Perry, were present. Bro. Edwards gave a very interesting talk on the Atlanta convention. Our division is indeed fortunate to have a delegate who is so well adapted to represent us at conventions. All of the important matters that were discussed at the convention were pictured at the meeting in an able and entertaining manner. The division made no mistake when Bro. Edwards was chosen delegate, and we hope he will continue to act as delegate at future conventions. Alternate Bro. Perry ably assisted Bro. Edwards, and comes in for our thanks also.

The next regular meeting will be held in Kane, in July, at the place decided upon. It has been arranged so that the second and third trick men can attend between Kane and Waterford. We hope to see all who can possibly attend, do so.

Sister Geary, of Kane, was absent for two days early in the month, attending the funeral of her father-in-law; relieved by Bro. Griskey, of "WY" tower, Kane.

The brothers and sisters at "WY" tower, Kane yard, are all smiles over the elegant new office they now occupy—it is a palace compared with the old office.

Sister McGraw, of "WY" tower, Kane, is off for two days visiting friends at Emlenton, Pa.; relieved by Telegrapher Barner, of the second trick, at the same place, who in turn is relieved by Telegrapher Johnson, of Wetmore. We will have the pleasure of addressing these gentlemen as brothers before a month has passed.

Telegrapher Miss Haggerty, of "FN" tower, Warren yard, has returned to duty after a long and serious illness. She was relieved by Sister Hanley, of the second trick. Telegrapher Hammel relieving her on the second trick.

Bro. Schroff is on the sick list, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Supp.

Bro. Griskey was recently called to "JN," Emporium, to relieve Bro. O'Leary for a few days.

Bro. Buck, of Union City, second trick, and Bro. Jack Carlson, of Clarendon, were on the sick list; relieved by Bro. Barner, of Preston.

We are gratified to learn that Bro. L. R. Newberry's wife, who, when the last issue of the journal went to press, was on the point of death, has passed the crisis, and is rapidly regaining her health. This will be very pleasant news to the members and the many friends of Bro. and Mrs. Newberry. Bro. Newberry has made good at "AK," Renovo, where he now works, and has made a host of friends along the line.

Walter Perry, brother of Bro. I. B. Perry, of "CT," Keating, died suddenly of pneumonia on June 7th, after a short illness. Everything known to the medical science was done for him, but of no avail. The funeral took place at Westport, June 10th. The members extend sincere sympathy to Bro. Perry and family in their great bereavement. A number of telegraphers and others of Bro. Perry's friends attended the funeral.

Bro. Minter, of "OR" tower, Cooks Run, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Lock Haven Hospital recently, and we are glad to hear that he is out of danger and will soon be back at the old stand. He was relieved by Miss McCarthy, one of Professor Getchell's students, who seem to be a "non combatant" as far as telegraphy is concerned.

We learn that the telegraph school, located in the R. R. Y. M. C. A. rooms at Renova, has been closed permanently. The officials evidently have reached the conclusion that it is not a very profitable undertaking, and has been nothing but an unnecessary expense from its inception. The production of the school has been a complete disappointment to its friends, for we have walking evidence that not more than half a dozen of the "would-be telegraphers" have made good. The great enterprise has turned out to be a boomerang. And what happens to the "Professor" who was formerly such a strong O. R. T. member. After sacrificing the interests of our Order for personal gain the professor, it is understood, has been quietly informed that extra work will be provided in case any of the regular telegraphers at Renovo office are absent.

Bobby Burns says:

There are some things that dollars can not buy. Our honored Order, money can't destroy, And though for gain, some will their birthright sell, Conscience writhes from retribution's knell.

Our membership is increasing rapidly. Our worthy chief and secretary and treasurer are holding the helm with great success—our officers were well chosen and are making good. Some discussion about having a system division is going on, but we are not as yet able to say how the membership feels about it.

Much as we regret it, we are forced to call attention to the sleeping on duty of some of the telegraphers, both members and nons. Now, boys, don't carry this matter too far. Mr. Coughlin is a fine gentleman, but the limit is about reached and dismissal will follow if these offenses are continued.

We have a good set of correspondents now, Bro. Mann, Barner and Sullivan, and when this trio of literary lights get turned loose we can expect to have things doing. Write to any of these three brothers and they will be glad to represent your views in the columns of the journal.

Drv. Cor.

Olean Div., No. 135.

Regular meeting was held at designated meeting place with a large attendance. All officers were present. We were exceptionally grateful for the information, from Bro. W. J. McCarthy, concerning the convention, it was a master speech, and was followed throughout with the closest attention by all. At the close of his oration Bro. W. J. McCarthy was given an ovation, such as is seldom heard in our hall. After all business was disposed of a smoker given by Bro. Delehant, met with big success. It is to be regretted that there were not a greater number of members present. Bros. Bronold and White, of the entertainment committee, had provided something to oppose the high temperature of the evening, iced lemonade, ice cream, assorted cakes and cigars; everything possible was done to make the brothers comfortable.

Piano selection given by Bro. John McCarthy. Opening remarks by Bro. Frank Carroll. Address by Bro. Brownell. Singing and whistling. "I'm the Only Kid from Lime Lake," by Bro. Ray White.

A couple of the brothers have not paid dues for the present term, you should attend to this at once, each brother should be able to show an up-to-date card at all times. Do a little traveling without a card, and see how many courtesies you are shown.

If you have a grievance, don't take it to your side partner, or what may be worse still, to outsiders, but take it to your local chairman and you may feel assured it will be adjusted in accordance with our agreement.

Can you not convince that hard-shell non that he is on the wrong side of the fence? Try.

The union label is a guarantee that the article is made by union men, if you favor union labor, buy their goods. Turn down "sweat shop truck."

Bro. F. Green, of Brook, "ED" tower, has secured two months' leave of absence. We understand he goes to Colorado, looking after his gold mines. Relieved by Bro. Gardner.

Bro. F. E. Minard, of Jamison, is visiting friends at Fillmore a few days.

Bro. Granger, second trick at Aurora, is taking a short vacation.

Bro. Frank Carroll, of Holland, was in Buffalo recently.

Bro. Plack, of Protection, is visiting his parents in Oil City.

Bro. Wilson, of Chaffel, was absent several days last month, attending the funeral of his mother-in-law at Harrisburg.

Bro. Brownell, of Delevan, is taking a sixty-day leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Burt.

Bro. White, of Lime Lake, attended the "Girls' Picnic," at Fish Pond recently; relieved by Bro. E. L. Chaffee.

Bro. Smith, "CH" office, Machias Junction, was in Buffalo last week.

Bro. E. C. Stevens, of Ischua, attended the Frank and Ischua ball, given at Franklinville recently.

Bro. Cox, of Hinsdale, was off a few days last month, visiting friends at Salamanca.

Bro. R. L. Batsford, of Olean, bid in "AD" message job. CENT 23.

Reading Div., No. 136.

As the majority of the boys will be taking short vacations during the next two months, and since Old Sol will hardly be any too merciful on those that remain at work, it does not appear as though we would see much activity in our camp for the immediate future. However, let us try and keep things going and get a good start for early autumn.

Understand that Bro. Miller returned from the convention in fine shape, having had a most enjoyable time, and having extended his travels after the close of the session at Atlanta.

Should any of you brothers happen to visit Reading, and desire good things to eat, don't forget to call upon Bro. Paul A. Wenrich, 545 Penn St. Bro. Wenrich serves everything of the best, and will treat you right.

Bro. Baum is working wireless at Galilee, N. J., and he states that there is nothing like it. He has had quite a bit of experience in this line and is an expert.

The secretary reports that many of the boys have already remitted for the last half of the year, and hereby wishes to remind those who have not yet done so, to remit at their earliest opportunity.

If any of the members have news they wish inserted in the journal, they should send the items to our secretary and treasurer, who will see that same is attended to. FOXY.

Kansas City Southern Ry.

Southern Division—

Having been selected by our worthy local chairman to act as local correspondent for the Southern District, I beg to offer a few news items, which I trust will be of interest to all. If there are any errors made in reporting the news, I sincerely hope that the members will be very lenient as I have to get the information as best I can.

Understand that Bro. and Sister Woods have left us and are now enjoying the perennial sunshine of the Texas plains. Bro. Woods is working first trick and Sister Woods second trick.

Bro. Weston, of Mooringsport, is taking his summer vacation. Can not say who relieved him.

Bro. A. M. Calkins, formerly second trick man at Hornbeck, has been appointed agent at Ludington. He was relieved at Hornbeck by Bro. Grison, who has been working extra. Do not know what became of Mr. Case.

Mr. T. J. Howell, of the T. & P., has been appointed agent at Frierson. He relieved Bro. P. O. Curl, who has been appointed agent at Leesville. Mr. F. O. Morrison, formerly agent at

Leesville, has been transferred to the agency at Lake Charles.

Mr. A. F. Judd is doing the owl stunt at DeRidder, while Mr. J. W. Martin is taking a ten-day vacation.

Mr. Philips is working nights at "UD" while Bro. Goostree is acting as dispatcher.

Bro. Newell is working days at "UD." Mr. Philips was relieved at Trigg St. by Bro. Baird.

Bro. Gledhill, agent at Orangeville, is taking a vacation. Understand that he is not going back to "GX," as he prefers to go to some other station. He was relieved by Bro. McCaskill.

I am informed that there are some nons on the line who claim that they are too old to identify themselves with the Order and thereby help to better conditions. I presume the same fellows are not too "grizzly" to take an increase in salary or to take advantage of overtime.

Bro. Tom Babcock has been spending a few days with his parents at Houston, Texas. We trust that he had a very pleasant trip. He was relieved by Mr. Holstein.

Bro. Woods was relieved at "UD" office by Bro. W. T. Merchant, formerly of that office, but who has been for the past few months in the real estate business at Texarkana.

Understand that Bro. Goostree, of "UD," is now relieving Dispatcher Adams, who is acting as chief while Mr. Day Mills, the regular chief, is taking a vacation.

We are reliably informed that Mr. Moss, the second trick dispatcher at Texarkana, has been laying off for a few days for the express purpose of alienating himself from a life of single blessedness.

Bro. N. C. Vickers is on third trick at Beaumont.

Mr. Holstein, who has been laying off for a month or so, is now back at De Quincy on first trick, which causes Bro. W. H. Smith to go back on second trick and Bro. Burrows back to third stunt.

Bro. Davis, agent at Carson, has been relieved by some new man. Bro. Davis resigned to seek a more suitable location.

Bro. Richardson, of the S. A. & A. P., relieved Mr. Sullivan as agent at Singer. We welcome Bro. R. to our line. Do not know what has become of Mr. Sullivan.

Bro. H. J. McBeath, of Juanita, is taking a rest. He is relieved by Bro. J. S. Gledhill.

Bro. D. M. Davis, agent at Myrtis, has been superseded by a Mr. Brooks.

Bro. Hardwick, of Oil City, has been relieved by Mr. W. S. Woods, a former S. P. clerk.

Mr. U. L. Hested has taken the place of Bro. Earl Dunham, at Zwolle, who, we understand, is now with the L. & P.

I "13" that Bro. P. O. Curl, agent at Leesville, has secured the services of his brother, who will act as cashier in the freight office at "SV." Bro. West, formerly cashier there, has been appointed agent at Nederland.

Bro. J. J. Denton, formerly agent at Nederland, has been transferred to the agency at DeRidder.

We are truly glad that Bro. Denton has been promoted, because we deem him quite worthy of the favor.

It is very evident that in order to have a write-up monthly in the columns of the Journal, the local correspondent must have the assistance of the boys along the line, for it is utterly impossible for one man to gather up enough items in the course of a month to make a respectable showing. I am very grateful to the local chairman and his assistant, Bro. Smith, for the news sent me, but I desire, very much, to impress upon the minds of all the brethren that they should help me out each month. Just drop me a card or a letter and I will appreciate it greatly. If I am willing to devote my time and energy to sending the write-up to the journal, it is very plain that you should help me gather items. I appealed by letter recently to the brethren, but thus far have heard nothing except one letter, barring the two brothers already mentioned. Now, boys, do not fail to help me out and I believe that we can have such a write-up each month that will make the good brothers on the north end asamed that they have not given us a write-up. We, of the south end, sincerely ask you brethren of the north end to let us know what is going on up there.

CERT. 271.

Grand Trunk Railway.

Brothers:

Notices of dues and remittance slips for the new term, July 1 to December 31, 1909, have been distributed, and it is hoped that every member who would like to see progress made during the new term will not lag with their dues, but forward same to the undersigned without delay. Therefore, let every member put his shoulder to the wheel during the month of July and all give a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together, and see if we can not have every member in possession of his new card by the end of the month. You have to pay them but once, and I am sure that there would be more pleasure and all round satisfaction if every member would do this.

Those holding insurance in the Mutual Benefit Department should bear in mind that at the convention, recently held in Atlanta, Ga., the laws in this department were changed, making it compulsory for all policy-holders to pay their insurance assessments in the same way as division dues; that is to say, pay six months or one term in advance. Mutual benefit assessments should be remitted to Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo., and division dues to me.

Fraternally,

D. L. SHAW, G. S. & T.

Union Pacific Ry.

Wyoming Division—

June the 30th has come and gone and, as you are all aware, the past six months has seen unusual activity in the affairs of our Order.

The old Wyoming Division has done her share of the hustling for new members, and I dare say

when the final count is made, will stand well up toward the front.

I believe it is a safe estimate to place the percentage of this division at 90; and so far as I have been able to ascertain, there are no more than six telegraphers between North Platte and Rawlins whom we wish to annex. Were it possible to keep the men from moving so much it would be an easy matter to put us strictly up-to-date and keep that way.

Since the first of the year Bro. Horsky and myself have made every effort to put things in shape for a solid foundation and good backing for the committee when that honorable body goes to Omaha in the near future, and I feel it is not out of place to say that the present excellent condition of the Wyoming Division is due in no small degree to the splendid support given us by the loyal boosters out along the line, not the least conspicuous of which are Bros. Harry Osborne, G. H. Dodd and O. P. Mullin.

That it is individual effort that counts is amply attested to by results obtained from the liberal co-operation received from these brothers, as well as several others.

It would seem unnecessary to say that we, as telegraphers, must have proper representation at all times, and this can only be brought about through solid organization in the ranks, backed up by a genuine interest exhibited by each and every member.

The careful observer can not help but notice, however, that there is a prevailing tendency on the part of a great many telegraphers to shirk the duty they owe their craft; as a result of which affairs of the Order are given little or no attention by them. This is probably due to their knowledge that the vast majority of the better class telegraphers throughout the country are alive to their needs, and no doubt these drones rest secure in the belief that we will continue to fight the battles. Although this is only too true, we should, nevertheless, unite to eliminate this evil by adhering strictly to the "no card, no favors" policy. Now is the time for all of us to be getting our new cards. We should not only attend to getting our own, but see that the man working with us is making an effort to carry one also. Remember, all dues for cards go to Bro. J. H. Hughey, Jr., Junction City, Kan., while the M. B. D. payments go direct to Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo., care Star Building. Now, we are in excellent shape; let us continue that way by each and every one paying up immediately so we will still be solid when the committee goes in, which, I believe, is to be in July or August.

Bro. Geo. H. Dodd, who has worked second trick at Egbert for nearly a year, is now on his vacation, which he is spending in and about Louisville, Ky.

Bro. W. H. Thompson, who was agent at Egbert, bid in the agency at Hermosa, made vacant by the dismissal of Bro. Limpus, who lost out on a technicality concerning the wreck which occurred at that station on May 20th. Bro.

Limpus' reinstatement is now being sought by your officers, and it is believed they will succeed.

With the inauguration of train service on the Borie Cut-off, "CJ" office, Corlett Junction, was closed and the tower at Borie opened. Only one man is being used at Borie, however, and he seems to be working a very peculiar split trick. You may expect to see three men there soon, I believe.

Bro. Osborne caught a trick at Rock River, which was only recently made a three-man job. Keystone, Neb., was made an agency recently, with Bro. H. P. Wilg doing the work.

Bro. Johnson, formerly third at Sherman, secured third at Pine Bluffs.

Bro. E. C. Reynolds, second at Sherman, has resigned, effective about July 1st. He will proceed to Chicago for a sojourn, and thence to his "Old Kentucky Home" at Louisville.

Div. Cor.

Kansas Division—

Mr. Amos is relieving Mr. Cosley in "GN" office, Kansas City.

Bro. Webb is senior applicant for R. I. Junction. We understand that C. W. Meyers goes to Salina.

Student Helper Piper relieved Bro. Stoddard at Bonner Springs nights.

Student Helper Adams, from Perry, went to Edwardsville, relieving Bro. Brubaker, owing to the serious illness of Bro. Brubaker's father.

By the time this is in print Tonganoxie will again be on the map, with Bro. Bigelow "behind the gun."

Bro. Edgar has decided to continue at the old post, Williamstown, and has taken the necessary steps to help keep the division solid.

Bro. Mierotta is relieving Sister Doering at Topeka. We understand that Sister Doering will take in the Fair and other sights in the Far West.

Bro. Stine, from Marietta, is relieving Bro. Batchelor, at Rossville. Mr. Mann, mayor, chief of police and the balance of the government of Marietta, acting as relief.

Bro. Fisher is the whole works at Wamego nights, while waiting for some one to bid in the position.

Bro. Webb relieved Bro. Firebaugh at Cleburne. Student Helper Piper, of Irving, relieved Mr. Wade, of Irving, a few days.

Bro. Armstrong, relief agent, took charge of the tangle at Blaine.

Bro. E. A. Eager, from the Missouri Pacific, is relieving Bro. Copeland, of Clyde.

Bro. Denison is the senior applicant for Detroit. Bro. Klasse having bid in the west end relief position. He is relieving at Minneapolis.

We have obtained several promises for this (June) pay-day, and we sincerely hope that the spirit moves them before the automobile agent arrives on the scene, else the L. C. will be burdened with more hard-luck stories.

Another one of our confirmed poor-house subjects left for a Western trip, which we presume means a trip to the Fair. Don't waste any sympathy over the tearful gems handed out by the

"non-airs," we have about reached the conclusion that they are all "jokers."

Bros. Ackors and Mohler, of Ellsworth, are on leave of absence and when last heard of were headed West.

When a brother on the order of Bro. Lunger, a merchant of Emmett, calls attention to himself by paying dues, although out of the service and in an entirely different line of business, we can not but wonder more than ever at the stupidity and lack of reasoning power displayed by the few remaining "non-airs." In Bro. Lunger we have an example of a real union man, and we are not afraid to warrant you that the goods he has for sale bear the union label. What a contrast we have in Mr. Morrell, of Loring; Mr. Hughes, of Niles, and some few others.

Bro. Hughey recently sent out a letter asking for the addresses of several brothers who failed to notify him or Bro. Quick of their change in address. Always do this and avoid delay to your mail, as well as extra work for the officers of the Order.

Since having received a letter from Bro. Smith, the local chairman, at Grand Island, we have been wondering why Nebraska desires to send the Hon. W. J. Bryan to the Senate when they have such an eloquent and silvery tongued, or rather silvery panned, spellbinder. We have had the pleasure of hearing both, and if it should ever come to a show-down, we hereby signify our intention of voting both early and late for Bro. Smith. It is also reported that at the convention it was decided that Bro. Smith was the prize orator of the bunch, and that it was necessary on many occasions to remind Bro. Smith to sit down in front, owing to the excessive flow of his pent-up vocabulary.

The Union Pacific was represented at the convention by Bro. Stump and wife and sister, Miss Gushee, of Old Cheyenne; Bro. John Howard Hughey, Jr., and Mrs. John Howard Hughey, Jr., Bro. Horiskey and wife, Bro. Smith, minus the wife. Bro. Cheney, of Denver, made one of the party. After arriving at Atlanta, they picked up Bro. Casey, of the Frisco, from Oklahoma City; Bro. and Mrs. Dalrymple, from Pittsburg, Pa.; Bro. and Mrs. McQuade, from Springfield, Mo.; Bro. and Mrs. Granger, from Mackinaw City, Mich.

On the first morning out from Kansas City, the sleeper on the Frisco occupied by the U. P. party, being heavy on that side, was derailed and turned over down a hill. It took an hour and a half and three gallons of pink tea to dig Bro. Stump out and convince him that he was not hurt. All of the party spent many strenuous days and nights doing the city of Atlanta and suburbs, including many trips to the federal prison. This party, accompanied by Bro. Quick, of the Grand, walked seventeen and three-fourth country miles to a barbecue, where they were served with such delicacies as the famous Brunswick stew and Georgia beer. If there is any question as to the genuineness of the Brunswick stew, kindly refer to Bro.

Kelso, of the Board of Directors, who is an undisputed authority on the fine points of barbecues.

Immediately after the close of the convention, the party of nine from the U. P., accompanied by Bro. Casey, of the Frisco, departed for Savannah, going from there to Tybee Island, where all spent a very pleasant two days at the Sea Breeze Hotel. Surf bathing was the order of the day, and while that coast is noted for the numerous sharks and sword fish that it is reported were waiting for bathers, Bro. Hughey, that old sea lion, close-reefed his glad rags, weighed anchor, and under close sail and with a full hold of Brunswick stew, made for the breakers, about three leagues to the port. While making about three knots an hour, four poles west of the life-line, Bro. John says that one of the biggest mackerel (others claim it was a sword fish) he ever saw heaved him a swat abaft the main belt that started his timbers fore and aft and had it not been for the O. R. T. flag, which he hoisted to the main top at this stage of the voyage, he would have shared the fate of Jonah. As it was, several sharks came up and took a peep at him from the offing, but when he waved the O. R. T. flag, they passed on, evidently not caring to go up against a "full (rigged) schooner," (Georgia brand) of the size of the gallant John Howard, Jr.

Just after the docking of the John Howard, Jr., a great commotion was heard on the beach, and upon investigation the cries were found to come from Mrs. Horiskey, who declared she was drowning. She was rescued with difficulty, and it was discovered that she was in water at least ankle deep.

Many other hairbreadth escapes were recorded: Bro. Smith was found stuck head first in the sand, holding conversation with a mermaid, and was hauled out feet first by Bro. Stump, just as Father Neptune appeared on the scene with his bay-fork. Bro. Stump swears that the under-tow put him on the ropes, while Bro. Smith is equally positive that it was his mermaid who had a strangle hold on Bro. Stump, in retaliation for the part played by Bro. Stump in the rescue of Bro. Smith. On the return trip, Bro. and Mrs. Hughey left the party, going first to Washington, thence to New York, the remainder of the party journeying westward.

Bro. J. S. Force, Wheaton, is sightseeing at the Fair.

Bro. S. McNeil, Miltonvale, has his request in for relief, and is getting his airship pointed westward.

CORRESPONDENT.

Seventh District, Utah Division—

Bro. Leaby is off on sixty days' leave of absence and is taking in the Portland Fair.

The telegraphers at Creston are working in a box car, the Creston depot having been moved to Wamsutter.

Latham has been closed.

Mrs. Ford has been transferred to Wamsutter, second trick.

Bro. Tipton bid in third trick at Evanston. He was transferred on the 15th from Blairtown interlocking plant to the Evanston job.

Bro. Faust, of Blairtown tower, has been transferred to Green River.

Bros. Keys, Mallony, Dean and Haight are working in Green River. The lads all hail from Kansas City and Chicago.

Bro. Seaman, of Rock Springs, is off duty a few days.

Bro. L. E. Robinson, of Black Buttes, is on sixty days' leave of absence.

Eighth District, Utah Division—

Bro. E. F. Harris, the third trick man at Bryan, is now on leave of absence; relieved by Telegrapher Chas. Ewen.

Bryan and Marsten have been closed on account of the completion of double track between Green River and Granger.

Granger being the first office out of Green River, our worthy brothers, A. W. Cue, O. T. Bell and H. Gordon, will be kept very busy watching the blocks East.

Sister W. J. Beck (nee Gathercole) has resumed duty at Church Buttes after enjoying a short vacation.

Mr. E. J. Johnson, of Bridger, is off a few days; relieved by Bro. H. R. Starret.

Mrs. F. Decker (nee L. L. Noble), of LeRoy, is off duty a few days. She was relieved by Bro. H. R. Starret.

Bro. G. A. Hopkins is now located at Aspen, relieving Telegrapher Chas. Ammons, who will in turn relieve a West End brother at Morgan, Utah. This leaves Mrs. G. A. Hopkins on the extra list.

Bro. E. E. Berkey, of Altamont, is awaiting relief. He is thinking of going on a vacation in the near future.

Quite a number of changes have taken place at Evanston. Bro. E. V. Merrigan has resigned, but we did not learn where he went; relieved by Telegrapher B. W. Stephens. G. A. Dances is day telegrapher, G. W. Abbot first night telegrapher and A. S. Brown second night telegrapher. Telegrapher B. W. Stephens left the service and was relieved by Telegrapher A. S. Brown, who also left the service and was relieved by Telegrapher D. C. Meehan. L. W. Harris, report man, transferred to Ogden office; relieved by Bro. C. G. E. Weinert, who was in turn relieved by Telegrapher Dances. CERT. 410.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

District Three, Central Division—

A meeting was held at Brandon on June 20th. There was a good attendance, but there was room for many more in our hall. The meetings are of great benefit to all who attend, and more of the members should make an effort to be present. We missed a few familiar faces from the main line, but the brothers had good reasons for not being in attendance.

Bro. G. S. Morris gave us a lengthy review of the proceedings of the convention which, as sev-

eral of the brothers remarked, was worth the price of admission.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Hooper was detained owing to sickness in his family. We hope that by this time everything is O. K.

A number of the boys are away on holidays—there are no less than four relief agents out at the present time.

The brothers are paying but little attention to the local chairman's circular, as I have not received a single news item. Get busy, for we all look for notes from our division when we get the journal. If you don't do your share, do not complain about the scarcity of news.

CERT. 250.

New York Central Ry.

Hudson Division—

The Electric Division boys went Bryan one better, and it is now 17 to 1. We have no apologies to offer other than it is well for the Third Railers that it was our misfortune not to be able to put our regular team in the field. No doubt the sporting editor of the Electric Division will have a detailed report of the game in this issue of the journal, and I hope his modesty will prevail upon him not to draw too much upon his imagination. The team representing the Electric Division bore the earmarks of the famous "Kid Carsey Team." Bro. Dooley said positively they were all on the payroll, but in his haste he failed to state what payroll. We hope to have another opportunity to meet the same team before the season ends, and the Electric Division will have to show class to hold the laurels they think they won so easily.

The severe discipline being enforced is a gentle reminder of what is expected of each of us. It seems that in a few instances (the most cases of which are nons) telegraphers have contracted the habit or excuse of reporting sick when they wanted to be conveniently relieved. Two of these were permanently relieved without ceremony. This should be a warning to those who care anything about holding their positions. Of course the other class it does not appeal to.

Bro. G. H. Delamater, third trick at 24, has been enjoying the sights around Corning, N. Y., and also acting as delegate to the State Convention of the S. O. V's, being relieved by Mr. McCormack, from Manitou.

Bro. Clark, at 38 was also elected delegate to the same convention, but Bro. Clark says after he got a hair cut and shave, he did not have enough left to tip the porter.

I regret our knocks must center round Pecksbill at this time, but my attention is called to a ham factory in operation at "PI" office, it is rumored that Mr. Palmer is the professor. This may account for the fact that it is almost impossible to raise him on the wire.

Well, will cut out and get ready for Bro. Dooley's "Harlemites."

CERT. 525.

Beech Creek Sub-Division—

Some time ago the third tricks at Mill Hall, Monument, Panther, Gorton, Philipsburg, Clearfield Junction and Kerrmoor, were closed, making two nine-hour tricks, the remaining six hours the offices were closed; which caused a lot of displacing (or, bumping as it is generally termed) and moving around; just take a glance down the list and see if you would know where you were at, if you were so unlucky as to be one of the men displaced: Mr. McClellan, a non, from Philipsburg, third trick, to Winburne, third trick; Bro. Aigler from Winburne, third trick, to Dime-ling, third trick; Bro. Fisher from Dime-ling, third trick, to Gorton, second trick; Bro. Meek from Clearfield Junction, third trick, to Gorton, first trick; Bro. Bickett from Gorton, first trick, to Viaduct, second trick; Bro. Wetzel from Viaduct, second trick, to "SX" tower, third trick; Bro. Gesswender from "SX" tower, third trick, still unsettled; Bro. Shuman from Mill Hall, third trick, to Mill Hall, second trick; Bro. Fredrick from Mill Hall, second trick to Beech Creek, third trick; Bro. I. C. Miller from Beech Creek, third trick, to Viaduct, first trick; Sister Kennedy from Viaduct, first trick to Viaduct, third trick; Bro. Remsnyder from Viaduct, third trick, still unsettled; Sister Bessie Seid, from Gorton, second trick, still unsettled; Bro. J. W. McCloskey, from Mowry, first trick, to Stark, third trick; Bro. R. B. Lyman from "WB" tower, second trick, to "DY" office, third trick; Bro. C. A. Latchet from "WB" tower, third trick, to "DY" office, second trick. Still there are a lot of the brothers who have not yet decided what they want. It is to be regretted that offices must be closed, especially so many at one time.

Bro. Long, at "CK," says the Keeler School of Telegraphy is still turning out students for the boys to finish up. Another one has just landed in "WE" office with Bro. Stably, bringing with her a letter from the chief, requesting that she be permitted to post up. Of all the nerve this is the limit. There are an abundance of telegraphers along this pike waiting for a few days' work (some twenty or twenty-five idle men); what does he want with more.

A special meeting was held in Clearfield, on the night of June 23d, and it was decided to hold regular stated meetings each month; a full set of officers were elected as follows:

Past chief telegrapher, Bro. J. A. Reid; chief telegrapher, Bro. G. S. Stover; secretary and treasurer, Bro. C. G. Marshall; first assistant chief telegrapher, C. A. Dehil; second assistant chief telegrapher, Bro. R. B. Lyman; marshal, Bro. P. Graham; inside sentinel, Bro. F. E. Murray.

The place and time of meetings will be at 8 o'clock, in Mechanics Hall, at Clearfield, on the second Tuesday of each month. All members please take notice, and make it a point to be present at the meetings; these meetings are instructive, and business that is of interest to us

all is done in the meeting room, and not out on a street corner, or in a passenger coach.

By the time you read these items, you will, no doubt, have received a copy of our new working rules, which were revised in March, but which have been delayed by the different chairmen not being able to get the correct rates of salaries; it is understood that all the rates of the officers will be printed at this time.

I have been asked by a number of the brothers if it were not possible for one agent to displace another. I wish to answer this inquiry through the columns of the journal, where it will be seen. It is not only possible, but is permissible; our rule on that subject is very plain, and does not say that the only man that can be displaced is a telegrapher, but, says any one younger in the service than himself, providing he has not held his present position for a period of five years or longer. Now, there you are, how can it apply only to a telegrapher? CRET. 19.

Electric Division and Grand Central Terminal—

Bro. Jas. Stickles has purchased a twenty-foot power boat, and is looking forward to a race with Dispatcher Stegman.

Bro. Maher, of Division No. 37, was with us at the last meeting, and told us that they have a ball team over on the New Haven Road, and that he would like to see our team at the clam bake. We will be there, and there will be no New Haven team after the game, unless our team gets too many clams.

Bro. Dykeman is now located with the New Haven near Providence.

Agent Bingham has left the service to take a much needed rest; relieved by Bro Swanson.

The April discipline bulletin was a big improvement. Keep up the good work, we do not want to read about our failures, so make them send it out blank.

The new working rules including a complete wage scale will soon be out. Give the local chairman your new address, so your copy will not go astray.

Bro. S. S. Sooy has resigned, and is now employed on the Shore Line Division of the New Haven Road.

Bro. C. A. Dougherty was off duty several days on account of sickness, but he is able to be around again.

Bro. C. J. Engel was chosen manager, and Bro. J. H. Dooley, treasurer, of our base ball team at the last meeting. There will be some class to our new team when they get going.

"OLE BLACK AND BLUE."

Electric Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. J. G. Lutz, and while we humbly acquiesce in this decree of the All-Wise and know that our brother

has received a promotion, we can but feel deeply the loss of his presence; and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our respect, love and appreciation for our departed brother, his high character and his useful and blameless life; be it

Resolved, That Electric Division, No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved wife and family its sincere sympathy in their sorrow, which we share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next regular meeting, a copy sent to the relatives of the deceased brother, and a copy submitted to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

M. J. GEOGHEGAN,

A. E. HOLBROOK,

H. D. MURTY,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to call to the great beyond our esteemed and worthy Bro. L. Thaler; therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of Electric Division, No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives in their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his relatives, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

M. J. GEOGHEGAN,

A. E. HOLBROOK,

H. D. MURTY,

Committee.

Mohawk Division—

What is the matter with Justice Betts at Kingsfon? He's all right. We might add three cheers and a tiger for Senator Davenport. These are the gentlemen who are responsible for our being paid twice a month.

The meeting at Fonda, on the sixteenth, was poorly attended, only three of the boys from the west end being present.

Bro. Dan Bradley has been confined to his home in Utica for some time and unable to work. Bro. Bradley is a conductor on the M. & M. We hope for his speedy recovery.

His son, Bro. Joe, is attaining some fame as a musician, playing this summer at a park in Albany, when not at the key, at West Albany engine house.

Information blanks are being distributed, and it is urged that these blanks be filled out and returned to your local chairman at once. This is important.

The passenger business on this division is very heavy, and indications point to a good season. Freight is also picking up.

Summer time went into effect June 20th, and several new trains were put on. Among them

is No. 12, Chicago to Boston, this train to lighten No. 10, which has been run in two sections for for some time.

Double tracking on the St. Lawrence Division, Utica to Stittville, is about completed.

Bro. C. F. Loring recently bid in second trick at "BS-21," going there from ticket agency at Amsterdam.

Bro. M. B. Lynch, local chairman at Schenectady, recently passed over the road calling on the boys. Mike always wears the smile that won't come off, and is very popular with the boys.

Dues for the semi-annual period are due. Don't fail to pay up at once. Div. Cor.

St. Lawrence Division—

We are in the midst of trains, passenger trains, freight trains, extra trains, special trains, work trains, gravel trains, excursion trains, etc.; the new time table furnishes plenty of all kinds of these, they are about as frequent as automobiles on Broadway.

It's up to us to make a big percentage of "trains on time" in the report furnished to the P. S. C.

The circular very recently received from our local chairman is, to say the least, a masterful presentation of facts which so many have overlooked.

Telegrapher Gillespie is the new agent at Rivergate.

Bro. J. H. Fogarty is to be the ticket agent at Clayton this summer.

Telegrapher A. S. Haigh, formerly of "MJ" tower, is doing the first extra trick at Remsen for the summer.

Telegrapher Smith is doing the second trick, and Botsford, third trick, while Shorey works the extra third.

Bro. H. A. Harger, second trick at Prospect, and Telegrapher Burdorf, third trick.

We are all very much grieved over the sudden and serious illness of the wife of Bro. E. P. Jones, whose marriage notice appeared so recently. We are all sincerely in hopes to hear of a speedy and permanent recovery.

Bro. A. J. Rohr has returned to his post at Smith.

Bro. C. H. Giltz, formerly agent at Rivergate, is doing third trick at "MJ" tower.

The construction work on the new double track between Utica and Stittville was not completed so as to put it in service for the summer trains, but the work is going on rapidly, the ballast, having to be drawn from Martinsburg pit.

Mr. Wm. Tapley, son of the well-known conductor, is summer ticket agent at Trenton Falls.

Telegrapher R. W. Backus from third trick at Barneveld to third trick at Holland Patent.

A telegraph office is opened at Denley, thus making a shorter block between Port Leydon and Boonville.

Telegrapher Baum, at Stittville, second, and Reardon third.

Telegrapher McLeod second at "MJ" tower.

Telegrapher McConnel third at Barneveld.

Telegrapher Montena has the job at Denley.

We have a supply of blank applications ready to be filled out, and while many of them are being used, we can stand it to fill in some more.

Div. Cor.

Western Division—

Mr. Harry Bateman, of "RU," who has recently been confined to his bed in Dr. Campbell's Sanatorium, undergoing an operation, wishes to express his thanks to those who so kindly aided him financially.

We hope to have a full attendance at our July meeting, as matters of much importance to the membership will be discussed. A dainty repast will be served, and an enjoyable time is anticipated.

Nothing in the line of items has been received this month. As we can not manufacture any, the Western Division will be poorly represented in this month's TELEGRAPHER. It is up to the brothers and sisters. We have the room, but unless we are furnished items it will have to remain vacant. The Western Division comprises a large territory, and we should have a page of interesting reading matter every month, if each one will do his part. Div. Cor.

River Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has called from our midst, and to his everlasting reward, our worthy and esteemed Bro. N. E. Lacey; be it

Resolved, By the members of River Division, No. 8, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the wife and relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the memorial be spread upon the records of the division, a copy sent to the wife, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. T. WALLACE,

M. C. BISHOP,

V. MARCINKIEWSKI,

Committee.

Dated at West Point, N. Y., June 28th, 1909.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

I want to call attention to the necessity of promptly paying dues. Some of our boys are careless about this most important part of our organization work; we have broken all labor records by passing through a panic with our former wage scale unimpaired, notwithstanding concerted action on the part of combinations of capital to make reductions. You all know why your salaries were not reduced, but some people certainly have a very poor way of showing their appreciation.

We have just begun to get results from our organization. The future holds many things of great importance to the telegraphers, provided

we give our Order the hearty support it deserves. You may rest assured that the success of the movement will depend on how well each of us supports our different organizations.

Now, brothers, let us get down to business. The sun is rising to brighten the new day of prosperity and those in a position to know predict the greatest prosperity the Southland has ever seen, and it is up to us to show our worth to the railroad company, convince them that the most important men in the operation of their line are found in the telegraph and station department, and make yourself one of the best men in the department not only by answering calls promptly, but by working for the interest of the company in every possible way.

Our line now has competition which will be hard to overcome, but it is up to us to hold every pound of business we now have and get more. We can in this way show our appreciation of good treatment, and show the competing line that the N. & W. men are wide awake, energetic and willing to make any sacrifice to secure business for our line. You may be subjected to some criticism or personal inconvenience, but pay no attention to such things, use every honorable means to get business and then let Mr. Ruffin know what you have done. He will always be glad to hear of successful efforts and never fails to show appreciation of good work done for his department.

To be brief and to the point, be a man, do your duty to your company, and don't take money you owe to your fellow workers. You know when you take benefits secured by the Order and do not support the movement, you are not being honest with your fellow workers.

Wake up, get in the procession and watch the labor movement grow as the business of the country increases, and above all attend your meetings and get next to what is doing.

M. G. HARPER,
Gen. Cor.

Scioto Div.—

An apology is about all we are able to offer this month, but your correspondent has been unable to collect many items of interest. We will give what we have.

Delegates to the seventh biennial convention, which convened at Atlanta, Ga., May 10, 1909, have returned and will render report of the work at an early date. All will be provided with copy of such report as soon as possible. It is safe to state it was the largest convention ever held by the telegraphers and more than usual interest manifested. Three hundred and forty-four officers and delegates representing the various divisions composed this supreme body. Many of the most able officials of our sister railroad organizations were before the convention with greetings from their different orders. The telegraphers' organization quoted "A few years ago, in infancy, cherished and guided by Daddy Thurston, has grown to be recognized among the leaders in labor circles."

The Ladies' Auxiliary is now a reality and it is our duty to encourage and assist in its promotion in every way possible. Its aims and objects are absolutely correct, starting out with a nice number of charter members. We hope to see N. & W. System Division 14 with a working auxiliary in a short time.

Bro. J. S. Hall, agent at Chatteroy, W. Va., is off duty on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. E. L. Peake.

Bro. C. A. Smith, agent at Winchester, Ohio, is taking his vacation; relieved by Bro. W. M. Jaynes.

Toronto, Canada, was selected as the place of meeting of the next biennial session of the convention.

Vacancies—Idlewood, Ohio, days; Wheelersburg, Ohio, third; Newton, Ohio, Pit, temporary.

Mr. Hayden Bush, the late claim adjuster of the Pocahontas Division, has been promoted to office of night yard master at Columbus, Ohio. The promotion comes merited. We have not learned as yet who will succeed to position vacated by Mr. Bush.

On account of improved business conditions several engines and train crews have been taken out of work train service and placed in regular service on the Columbus District. CERT. 750.

Radford Division—

News is rather scarce for this issue, very few important changes taking place, but business seems to be on the increase all the while and in a few more months we hope to hear nothing more about a panic.

Telegraphers are again in demand, and a few positions which have been closed for some time are being reopened. A number of men are being employed.

Bro. Chas. Wilson, our regular correspondent for this division, is spending some time in Nevada, Mo., and other western points, and has requested "yours truly" to see that this division is not left blank.

The Radford Division has recently lost a good man in Bro. J. R. Wyatt, who accepted the position of cashier at Lynchburg.

Several fairly good positions are on the board just now.

The report of the recent inspection showed an improvement at almost every station, which is very gratifying. Let us strive harder to make a better showing during the coming year; we would like to see every up-to-date O. R. T. man have a station that would get "perfect."

Now that we have about passed over the critical panic times without any salary reduction let each of us strive to be better men, give our company better service, always do your duty and be on the lookout to advance the companies' interest in every possible way; also be a better Order man, be more prompt with your dues, take an active part in its business affairs and always send your division correspondent something of interest for the journal. Don't leave all of this work to a few.

"X."

Shenandoah Division—

Business on the old Shenandoah is about the same as it has been, but the prospects are brighter now than they have been for some time past, and no doubt we will be doing a good business in a very few months.

Our wire service is still improving and the dispatchers do very little calling, with a few exceptions. We hope to see it continue to improve, as it is a great benefit to the company for the telegraphers to answer the wire promptly; it is also to our credit to answer promptly, as it will show the company that we are doing what we can toward helping them to increase the efficiency of the service, thereby benefiting the general public.

The bulletin of discipline applied has not improved as we would like to see it, and hope that every brother will take an interest in this matter and see if we can not improve it, and in the meantime save ourselves from suspension.

Owing to a decrease in business on the Winston District the third trick at Winston, Salem, Martinsville and Walnut Cove were cut off. Bro. R. M. Helm of the third, Winston, pulled Bro. G. M. Hilton, agent at Walkertown, Bro. Hilton in turn pulling the second trick man at that point. Bro. E. R. Carmichael. The third, Martinsville, was vacant when cut off.

Bro. K. A. Painter took second trick at Buena Vista on bulletin. The third trick, Loch Laird, now on bulletin.

Mr. Shank, first "HN," Hagerstown, on sick list, with Bro. Ed Minnich, from second trick, "HJ," relieving, and Bro. Barton relieving at "HJ," Hagerstown.

Bro. C. P. Harris, third trick at Glasgow, was relieved a few days by Bro. G. W. Skelton.

Bro. J. N. Shank relieved Bro. J. H. Bender on the second trick, Loch Laird, for one day.

Bro. J. W. Melton, of second trick at Glasgow, to "UD," Roanoke, for a few days; relieved by Miss Threlkeld.

Bro. G. Z. Abrihams, agent at Buena Vista, was taken suddenly ill on May 30th. At the present time he is reported to be slightly improved. Was relieved by Bro. J. W. Taylor, first trick at Buena Vista. Bro. R. E. Bear, from first trick, Loch Laird, relieved Bro. Taylor one day until our chief could get a man to Buena Vista. Bros. R. Y. Melton and Bender, Loch Laird, doubling that day. Bro. Edward Moffitt, from Midvale, to first Buena Vista.

Mr. J. H. Thompson, an extra man, relieved Bro. W. L. Cullen, third trick at Greenville, for a few days.

Bro. W. H. Shultz, first trick at Martinsville, off a few days; did not get a line on the man relieving.

Bro. E. R. Carmichael bid in the third trick at Loch Laird, which was on the board.

Bro. J. W. Melton, from Roanoke to Hollins, where he relieved Bro. Murray for a few days, thence to his regular trick, second at Glasgow.

Bro. R. E. Bear, first trick at Loch Laird, is on sick list; relieved by Bro. R. Y. Melton.

Bro. W. Q. Kearns, second trick at Bentonville, was relieved for a few days by Bro. McIntosh.

In "UD," Roanoke, we have Dispatcher C. B. Lackes back on second trick, north end, and Bro. Jim Apple on the third trick, relieving Bro. Harry Kyle, who is taking his vacation.

Bro. H. O. Ringle, first trick Shenandoah, was on the sick list for a while. Bro. H. A. Bickers, third trick, relieving. Bro. J. N. Shank worked third trick one day, and was then relieved by Relief Agent Bro. H. H. Burks.

Bro. H. H. Burks, from Shenandoah, to Elkton, to relieve the agent, Mr. Snapp, for one month.

W. L. Burks, agent at Buffalo, on sick list a few days, Bro. J. W. Melton, from second trick, Glasgow, relieving; Bros. Harris and Alwin doubling at Glasgow.

Bro. G. W. Skelton relieved Bro. Perry, first trick at Luray, for a few days.

Dispatcher Bro. Rice, first trick at south end, taking his vacation.

Bro. J. W. Melton, second trick at Glasgow, to side wires, "UD," Roanoke, again, with Bro. Bush relieving at Glasgow.

Bro. J. R. Young, agent at Starkey, off for fifteen days, with Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Bledler relieving.

Bro. Young is taking a little wedding trip along with his vacation; was married to Miss Annie Sue Carter, of Starkey, on June 9th. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Bro. K. A. Painter, second trick at Buena Vista, off to attend the funeral of his niece. Bro. R. E. Bear, from first trick Loch Laird, relieving, with Bro. R. Y. Melton relieving at Loch Laird.

Bro. Walters, agent at Crimora, attended the meeting of the United Brethren at Harrisonburg, with Bro. J. N. Shank relieving.

I want to make another call on the brothers for news. If you only have one line send it to me, as it will help greatly and will be very much appreciated. Send any you have to me on or before the 14th of each month at Buena Vista.

J. H. BENDER.

Norfolk Division—

It was quite a surprise not to see any more brothers out at the Roanoke meeting Saturday night, June 19th. I fear that some of us are getting down on "Easy Street," since things seem to move along of their own accord. I want to tell you, brothers, you're getting on dangerous ground. What you and I have now did not come without a fight for our rights, and it has been a long pull. Do you think you will enjoy even this small demonstration of organized labor, and its worth to the working man, if we do not bestir ourselves to higher achievements? Is there not yet great things to accomplish? Have we not many things to be protected? We wish to appeal to the telegraphers, that it is important that you be manly and not forget the source from which all we have and are has come—the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. For the cause men have sacrificed positions, money, homes, and a great many pleasures,

and it is through these sacrifices we are today living in a dispensation of more pay for labor performed, better working conditions, shorter hours, and an organization known throughout America, Canada and Mexico, as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, in existence.

The question comes: What have I done toward bringing about such conditions? Have I been active in the work of the organization, or have I stood back and let the other brothers do all the work? Have I been a member of the organization, or am I receiving the benefits and permitting my brother telegraphers to pay for what I am receiving? Have I been negligent in paying my dues, only paying up when I have been asked several times to remit my dues, or have I been remitting dues promptly and getting others to do the same. These questions, brother, should apply to each individual. We must not allow ourselves to get careless. You know what it means for a soldier to go to sleep on duty. Why, then, should you not be wide awake and ready at all times to protect your interests and that of your brother telegrapher?

I was amused a few days ago, in talking to a non-member, who was very clever. The first question he put to me was, "What becomes of all the money you fellows take in?" Well, after I had explained to him how the funds were divided up, some to our local treasury, some to convention fund, some to Grand Division, etc., and showed him that we now have five hundred and ninety-four thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars and ten cents deposited in eight banks in the City of St. Louis, Mo., he began to wake up to a realization of what it means to be organized. The next expression was very mild—"Well, I did not understand it that way." As I said before, the fellow is very clever, and will give me his application soon. I just cite this case to you boys for the reason our telegraphers do not get the benefits of a knowledge of what we are and what we can do if we are all pulling together. I wish to urge again upon each telegrapher to keep himself or herself posted as to the workings of our organization. Above all, attend to your division meetings. You could well afford to lose one day to attend a meeting once or twice each year, and I dare say you'd say it was money well invested.

We have reached a period when much of our work must of necessity be transacted by correspondence. In this connection, I wish to show you my view as to letter-writing: I consider a letter which needs a reply, or any action on my part, just as personal as if the matter was laid before me by the person who writes the letter. When a brother is appealed to to pay up his dues, or a non-member to become a member of this organization, it is just as important that he should treat this appeal with the same courtesy he would if it came direct from the writer's lips.

Now, then, I hope these expressions will set the brothers to thinking. We drift into doing lots of things on account of not thinking, and we do lots of things because we are not among those who are actually "thinking." Get into the firing line,

brothers, and put your best qualities to thinking and acting. You will see one of the grandest organizations in a few years that ever existed.

We can not unfold many things of vital importance to our membership through the columns of the journal, or even through the minutes of our meetings. You lose these essential features that go to make up an enthusiastic telegrapher when you do not attend the monthly meetings. I just touch briefly on this subject that you may understand that you are losing interest when you fail to come to the meetings, and it will finally result in a weakened organization. Now, brothers, let this little mention be enough.

I know we will hear from the Ladies' Auxiliary through our journal this month, so we will have to make our spiel short.

I wish to mention in this article that it was voted at the Roanoke meeting that each telegrapher is invited to bring his wife or sister, or lady to the next meeting (at any point), or if he can not come, the invitation is extended to the ladies just the same, the purpose of which is to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary on this system. I tell you, brothers, this is, in my opinion, a great move, and we should do all in our power to get the ladies interested, and help them in any way we can to get this organization to working, and I dare say you'll see a more active organization. There is nothing that works to such success like co-operation of interest, and when you get your wife, daughter or sweetheart to feel that they are a part of this organization, and that the success of the organization means a better home and more comforts of life, higher social standing, etc., you will have reached a stage of guaranteed success. Now, let's be active in this move, and I assure you that you'll never regret that this has been made a branch of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Now, do not understand by this article that I am attempting to convey the idea that we are not in good shape. However, we could be in better shape; we could easily be 100 per cent strong instead of 95 per cent, so let's get up to where we belong, and don't encourage some other brother to fall behind because he sees that you are. One's example in all things means a great deal.

Bro. Ford, of Montvale, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Buckley, the regular relief agent.

Bro. Rux, of Blue Ridge, is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. Buckley.

Bro. B. R. Carson bid in the third trick at Thaxton. The vacancy was caused by Bro. Wallace moving to second trick at Bonsack tower.

We have just learned that Halsey has been abolished, which throws Bro. Payne out in the cold. Suppose he will bid in some of the positions on bulletin at present.

Bro. Sidney E. Sutherland and Bro. T. C. Coleman, of Wilson, are off on vacation, taking in the Seattle Exposition. Bro. Rice, from the west end, is relieving Bro. Sutherland.

Bro. Williams is working extra at Yadkin, relieving Bro. Trollinger, who bid in Pamplin third trick.

Bro. Bates, of Suffolk, is off several days on account of the illness of his mother in Lynchburg. Bro. A. C. Johnson is relieving.

Bro. I. B. Carter, of Dwight, off a few days; relieved by Bro. J. Carmack. Bro. James, from this point, bid in Bonsack third trick.

Bro. C. D. Huddleston, of Wakefield, was off one day; relieved by Bro. J. Carmack.

Bro. Hancock, of Waverly, was off one day; relieved by Bro. J. Carmack.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. J. T. Ellett, of Crewe, was off a few days on account of illness. Hope he has regained his usual good health. Bro. J. Y. Nicholson and Bro. J. H. Fitzgerald filled the bill as chief.

Mr. L. M. Bray, night chief, has been off several days on account of the death of his father-in-law. Bro. Lewis and Mr. Goodwin, Radford Division, working in "K" office.

Mrs. Carter, of Nottaway, second, was off three times on account of illness; relieved by Bros. A. C. Johnson, R. C. Williams and W. B. Spain.

C. E. Cardwell, third trick, was off two nights; relieved by J. E. Goodwin.

Bro. R. W. Jones, of Blackstone, second trick, was off a few days on account of illness; relieved by Bro. A. C. Johnson.

Bro. Cook is assisting Bro. Coleman with tickets during the rush of business occasioned by the closing of B. F. I.

Mr. W. H. White was off a couple of days, attending court; relieved by J. E. Goodwin.

Understand that Bro. Frank McCraw, who was pulled from the agency at Houston by Mr. Zitzer, will claim the agency at Wellville by right of seniority and will report there soon. Unable to learn where Bro. Rogers will go.

Bro. T. C. Coleman, of Wilson, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. W. A. Nesbit. Bro. Nesbit, on third, relieved by J. E. Goodwin.

Bro. A. S. Vaiden, second trick at Ford, was off one day, visiting Petersburg, taking in the unveiling of Mahone's monument and assisting in the reception of President Taft; relieved by E. C. Mosley.

Bro. J. H. Hardy, second trick at Church Road, was off on the 14th; relieved by W. B. Spain. Bro. E. C. Talley, third trick, was off two days; relieved by W. B. Spain.

Bro. J. A. Heade, of Sutherland, was off four days, visiting Petersburg; relieved by R. C. Williams.

Come, brother, send your correspondence notes, and suggest anything that would be of interest to the members of this organization. CERT. 110.

Michigan Central Ry.

The members of Michigan Central Division, No. 16, adjacent to Detroit, met at their hall, in Detroit, on Tuesday evening, June 8th, in special meeting, having been called for the purpose of hearing reports from the Atlanta convention. A very good attendance of the membership was present and a pleasant and profitable evening was spent. The word from the convention was opti-

mistic. Our ship seems to be headed to the right harbor and destined to a successful cruise. All that is needed is for each member to do his share, keep up interest in the Order, watch out that its interests are looked after to the fullest extent in its vicinity, and that all persons suitable for membership are brought into and kept in the fold. Then, too, it is impossible to be a good and helpful member without being a good employe of your company. We should strive to the end that our members should be known as the very best of employes. We should keep faith with our officials by carrying out their instructions faithfully and looking after the business of the company as if it was our own. We should do our duty by the public by endeavoring to make pleasant their business with our company.

Full details of the convention will be given in THE TELEGRAPHER, and it is for us to set out upon another two years' work to the end that when our representatives gather at Toronto in 1911, still greater progress shall have been made.

All members of Michigan Central Division, No. 16, are reminded that we meet on the third Monday of each month at Prismatic Hall, 141 First Street, Detroit. Meetings are always interesting, but remember that every member present increases the interest. Come out and let us reason together.

CERT. 185.

Air Line and Main Line, Niles to Jackson—

Bro. Butler, the third trick man at Barron Lake, is off duty a few days, visiting relatives; relieved by Bro. Robinson, a new man on the pike, from Union City, Mich.

Bro. Virgo, first trick at Cassopolis tower, is off a couple of weeks, enjoying a vacation. Bro. Wherle, third trick man, relieved him. Telegrapher Decker, a new man on the road, relieved Bro. Wherle. Mr. Decker has been out of the telegraph service some years; was a member of the Order when he worked before and will be with us soon again.

Bro. Flewelling, first trick at Union City, was off ten days on a vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Sweeney, from Jackson.

Bro. Shea, third trick at Union City, was also off a couple of days, visiting in Jackson; Bro. Robinson was relief.

Bro. Brown, local chairman, is back at work at Haires tower, first trick, and Bro. Miller is back on third trick there, while Bro. Brewer is again on the extra list.

At Jackson we have two new fists, both from commercial offices.

Bro. Culkins, general chairman, is back at work at Albion, first hours. Bro. Hilt is again on the extra list.

Bro. Louks, the agent at Glenwood, was off a couple of weeks. We understand that he comes back a benedict. Congratulations from all of us. Relief Agent Bro. McIntyre relieved him.

The dispatchers are taking their vacations and Frank Allen and Cummins, extra dispatchers, are filling in the vacant tricks. Extra Dispatcher

Carter is working Cummins' trick in "SF" office, Jackson.

Bro. Bennett, first trick at Niles, is off for a week, visiting relatives in Colon, Mich. Bro. Fitch, from Hill, second trick, relieved him, while Telegrapher Paul relieved Bro. Fitch. Paul is a new man on the pike; understand he is from the West.

There are not many vacancies this month. Quite a number of the boys are looking for vacations, but relief comes rather slow at this time of the year.

I suppose you all know Bro. J. H. Staley's address is Ridgemount, Ontario, instead of Falls View. It is time to send remittances for the new cards.

CERT. 414.

West and Joliet Divisions—

The exceeding warm weather has decreased the division news this month, but will say that we had a very successful meeting at Hammond on the 10th inst., which was very well attended. Bro. Culkins, our general chairman, was present, and gave us an exceedingly good outline of the convention. Different subjects in which the members are directly interested were discussed. One subject was brought out very plainly and that was that every member should endeavor to be prompt in the payment of dues, which are to be remitted January 1st and July 1st of each year. Let us see if we can not live up to this to the letter. Send in your dues when due and do not wait to be left out in the cold.

We notice that a few extra telegraphers are being employed, and we are glad to say that, so far, the majority of members are in good standing. We have just heard that our superintendent of telegraph, Mr. E. H. Millington, who has been in poor health of late, has gone East for a rest. We hope for his rapid recovery.

The dispatchers are about through taking their semi-annual inspection trips and will soon be back in their old places.

Of late three permanent positions on this division have been bulletined, and we are glad to say they are about filled.

Just before going to press, we understand that Mr. Millington is not expected to live.

Would like to state that your correspondent would be pleased to have any items of interest sent him, and assure you that they will be most gladly accepted.

"UNCLE DUDLEY."

It is with regret that we learn of the death of Superintendent of Telegraph E. H. Millington. Mr. Millington suffered a stroke of paralysis several days ago, and from the first his life was despaired of. He had been in poor health for some time before this. Mr. Millington superseded former Superintendent of Telegraph E. E. Torrey, and has been superintendent for the past seven years, coming to Detroit, Mich., from St. Thomas, Ont., where he had been chief dispatcher for some time. He leaves a wife, a son and a daughter to mourn his loss. The telegraphers of the entire Michigan Central System join in expressing sympathy for the family in their bereavement.

CERT. 123.

Saginaw and Mackinaw Divisions—

Bro. E. L. Amley, of Linwood, Mich., for the past four years one of our best and most enthusiastic members, died at his home on Wednesday, June 9, at 10:00 a. m. The funeral was held Saturday. Bro. Amley had been in poor health for the past year, having been stricken with consumption. In the early spring a purse was raised by the members of Division No. 16 to send Bro. Amley to the West in the hope that he would regain his health, but he never recovered sufficiently to be able to make the trip, although in the last letter that the writer received from him he said he desired to thank all the boys who had contributed so handsomely for his benefit and hoped soon to be able to make the trip, and hoped to regain his health. In the death of Bro. Amley the Order loses a faithful worker, and the parents and family a dutiful son and brother. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

CERT. 87.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty, in His supreme wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother, E. L. Amley; and

WHEREAS, We realize that in the death of our brother we have lost an honored member, and the parents a dutiful son; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the M. C. R. R. System Division, No. 16, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family its sincere sympathy in their hour of affliction, and most earnestly commend them to our Heavenly Father for consolation and comfort, ever remembering that He doeth all things well and wisely; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication and a copy spread upon our minutes.

J. E. BERRY,
C. J. RAFFERTY,
M. J. GRANGER,
Committee.

New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

Third District—

Am informed that we came very near losing Bro. H. W. Bechtold, third trick telegrapher at Oakwood, who plays first base with the Oakwood ball team. He wanted to follow the Bloomer girls away after a good game there, but think he has decided to stay with us yet awhile.

Bro. C. H. Russell, agent at Oakwood, is enjoying a vacation traveling in New England States and Eastern Canada; relieved by Bro. E. J. Brennan, the second trick operator.

The third trick at Continental was bid in by Bro. W. S. Avey, but after staying there a few days he decided that he would be better satisfied at McComb, and so he returned to McComb. Bro. Avey was relieved at McComb by Bro. Schielo, a new man. Bro. C. A. Brown, who was filling third trick at Continental temporarily, went to Stony Island, and Telegrapher R. J. Green, a new

man, filled the vacancy at Continental a few days until a regular man could arrive there.

Bro. L. E. Wagoner, formerly second trick at Colby, secured third trick at Continental on bulletin. Bro. Wagoner was relieved by Telegrapher C. F. Guzman, a "Mexican," and a new man on the road.

Bro. C. J. Erickson, third trick at Lupsic Junction, is laying off a couple of weeks and we understand that he is to be married; relieved by Telegrapher G. C. Bailey, a new man.

Telegrapher Green, at Fostoria, second trick, is relieving Bro. J. W. Redman, who went to Claypool, first trick.

Bro. Hixon, first trick at Continental, is off sick a few days; relieved by Bro. Avey.

Bro. D. W. Gilbert, of Bellvue passenger depot, is off duty a couple of days. A new man is working at Bellvue by the name of Shepard. Also Bro. W. A. Stover, of Bellvue yard office, off a few days; relieved by T. D. Noel.

The last meeting at Lupsic Junction was not very well attended we are sorry to say. If the boys would make some little effort to come we could have a good crowd every meeting night; it doesn't show the right spirit to neglect your labor union meetings and at the next meeting we would like to see one member from each office when possible, or more.

We have at last accomplished the task of getting agencies placed on bulletin. It is the duty of every brother who desires an agency to put in his bid promptly whenever one is bulletined and do everything in his power to make the work as light for the superintendent as possible. In this way we can keep our privileges and gain new ones.

I only received news from two or three offices and those two or three offices each month. Don't always look for the other fellow to send in items, but let us know what is going on around your office so we can have a good-sized write-up.

"ZIM."

Cleveland District—

Bro. W. B. San, the second trick man at Vermillion, is off a few days on account of the death of his wife; relieved by Telegrapher Walton, who was formerly with the L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Ten new engines on Cleveland Division, which made their first trip recently, was a pleasant surprise to all. Looks like up-to-date railroading.

Telegrapher Shepard is now doing the "owl stunt" at Willoughby.

Extra Telegrapher Walton is on the third trick at Kimball.

Bro. Pierce, the first trick man at East Lorain, is on leave of absence on account of poor health. We hope to see Bro. Pierce return to duty in the near future, enjoying better health.

Sister Steel, first trick at Madison, is on a month's vacation and is traveling through the West, visiting relatives in Denver and New Mexico. Telegrapher Noel is relieving at Madison.

Thanks are due Bro. Mulcahy for the handsome souvenir post cards from Atlanta.

One hundred and ten wire sounds like a saw mill these nights. Why? Oh, some stiff has the nerve to shove a student in there. Shame? Huh! he has none.

What is the rule in regard to filling temporary vacancies? When there is a vacancy for two weeks, a month or longer, can a man who has a steady job jump in and fill that vacancy? If so, what is coming to the extra man? He should have the extra work, be it first, second or third trick and the man who has a regular job stay on it or declare it vacant. Our schedule seems lame here. Can't it be remedied?

Bro. Wilson, regular second trick man at Madison, is filling the vacancy made by Sister Steel, who is on vacation. Extra Telegrapher Noel is working second trick.

There are several nons on the Cleveland District at present. Two of these have promised to join us. The brothers working tricks with these nons should get busy and land them. Now is when we need them and they need an up-to-date. A solid O. R. T. gives the committee power.

COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst the beloved wife of Bro. B. W. Sarr; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of Nickel Plate System, Div. No. 18, Order of Railway Telegraphers, that we extend to Bro. Sarr and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be presented to our brother, a copy spread on the records of this division and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. G. MANSON.

C. F. MAYER.

C. H. BASTAIN.

Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Ry.

Our meeting which was held at Elks' Hall, Hamilton, Ohio, June 21st, was one worthy of special mention. To say that it was a fine meeting is not making it strong enough. One of the main features of the meeting was a talk made by Fourth Vice-President J. J. Dermody, and those who missed this event have surely been "stung." Bro. Dermody talked for a period of one hour and then to the regret of all present the Chair had to call time on him on account of the limited time left to finish up and catch trains for home. The attendance was cut down a little below expectations due to the hard rain in the early part of the evening. However, the crowd was one made up of the right kind of material, not willing to be headed off by rain or anything else. Lunch and mild refreshments were served and everybody went home happy, armed with a "big stick" for the non-members.

Local Chairman J. P. Fahey is away on thirty days' leave of absence, enjoying an extended honeymoon trip, having entered the "sacred

bonds." We have not learned the former name of the fair one, but hope to receive her application for membership in the near future. The division desires to extend congratulations and best wishes to the happy pair.

Bro. Perrin, second trick at Wyoming, is away on leave of absence.

The C. H. & D. boys have taken advantage of the allotted time for play brought about through the introduction of the shorter working day and have organized baseball teams. The last game booked at Dayton between the North and South End boys resulted in a victory for the North End team, the score, 6 to 5; little close, but Manager Fisher says "fine biz."

Business is so heavy at present that it seems like old times; the only difference is that the eight and nine-hour day has taken the place of the twelve-hour day and we don't mind the work so much. We understand that the interchange report on business handled at Cincinnati shows 1,100 loads handled on June 23d, breaking all previous records, the next highest in any one day being 750 in 1907. Who said no business? Boys get loaded; looks like we should secure a revised schedule soon.

Drv. Cor.

C. M. & St. P. Ry.

Northern Division—

We understand that Bro. Dunlap is improving slowly, but that he is yet very weak.

Bro. Nichols, of Wampun, has been on the sick list for the past week, and Telegrapher Radke is helping out at Wampun during his absence.

Bro. Meigs, agent at Fox Lake, got married since our last write-up, and during his absence for the big event Bro. Schwalbach, from third trick at Granville, acted as agent, looking after the summer resorters. Mr. Hoey is holding down third trick at Granville, during Bro. Schwalbach's absence.

Bro. O. W. Renshaw has resigned the office of general chairman, to take effect at once, and he resumes service with the company. His successor has not been named as yet. Bro. Soyster takes charge of the work until the new man is elected. We regret to see Bro. Renshaw leave us, as he has proven faithful to his office in all ways.

New steel is being laid from North Milwaukee to Rugby Junction, and some more is going to be put in between Cambria and Parduville.

Drv. Cor.

C. & C. B. (in Iowa) Division—

Bro. C. E. Miller, of Bouton, is laying off a few days. Telegrapher Allen is relieving him.

Dispatcher J. J. Kindig was over the division recently, shaking hands and renewing old acquaintances.

Bro. J. W. Belles, of Council Bluffs yard office, reports nothing doing. He says "Its deader than dead."

Bro. H. Seeger, first trick at Morley, took a day off the latter part of May. Relieved by Telegrapher Ed. Warner.

Bro. Olson, of Madrid, second trick, is now in Des Moines, dispatching trains on the Des Moines Division. Telegrapher Miles is relieving him at Madrid.

Bro. Paul Kouba, of Vining, is off on a month's vacation in Idaho and Washington. Bro. C. J. Oleson is relieving him.

If you don't notice that item in the journal this time, you know that you did not say anything to "John Tile" about it.

We must again take off our hats to Bros. Zadichek and Bliss. They are the ones who contributed most of the news items in this issue.

Bro. G. L. Arrasmith, of Bayard, has been off a few days, on account of the death of his mother at Griswold, Ia. Relieved by Relief Agent Allen.

Bro. A. A. Hottle, of Slater tower, second trick, is laying off a week visiting friends and relatives at Garavin and Jewell Junction. Telegrapher F. T. Gustafson is relieving him at Slater.

Bro. J. N. Elsner, of Morley, nights, is certainly doing his share of the extra work. A few days ago we found him at East Marion yard, and at present he is working as agent at Edgewood.

Bro. W. E. Rose worked third trick at Green Island, during Bro. Buswell's absence the latter part of May. He also worked at Clinton the night of May 31st to see that the "elephant" trains got out of town O. K.

Bro. A. Gamelin, the former agent at Huxley, writes us that he is now installed in his new position on the coast extension at Lemmon, S. D., and likes it very much. He says they have hard winds and rains up there. Success to Bro. Gamelin.

Several of the brothers took in the Hackenback-Wallace shows, at Perry, June 5th, among which were noticed: Bro. F. M. Bentley, of Rhodes; Bros. Rupp and Rood, of Slater tower; Bros. Embree and Hoesly, of Madrid, and Bro. W. J. Swenning, of Herndon.

Telegrapher C. L. Jeffries got the second trick and Bro. M. L. Blakeslee the third trick at Herndon; Bro. C. L. Kinner, of Keystone, got Manila, second trick; Bro. W. E. Rose got Lost Nation, third trick, and Bro. N. P. Black has been appointed extra day telegrapher in the dispatcher's office at Perry.

Bro. George Madsen, of Persia, nights, relieved Bro. W. M. Arrasmith, at Manning, for a short time. Bro. Arrasmith attended the Firemen's Tournament, at Scranton, and we understand his team won the trophy. Bro. Madsen was relieved at Persia, by Mr. D. A. Arrasmith, an old timer, who leaves his farm just often enough to keep in good practice.

Telegrapher L. V. Curran, who has been working extra, nights, at Vining and Van Horne about two weeks, is now relieving Bro. Loeltz at Earling. We understand that Bro. Loeltz is on his honeymoon trip, visiting at Twin Falls, Idaho, where he has a ranch. He also intends to take in the fair at Seattle before returning to work.

Bro. Bethurum, formerly night telegrapher at Palalta, has just returned from Kansas, and is

now working extra on the east division. He relieved Bro. L. A. Kell, second trick at Oxford Junction, a few days, the first part of June, who laid off on account of his mother's sickness. He also worked at Clinton the night of June 10th, and helped get the Elk special out of town, and is at present relieving Bro. W. D. Fox, of Delaware Junction, first trick, who is off a few days.

"JOHN TILE."

So. Minnesota Division—

Business is improving on the east end, and we hear that there will be a number of night men employed which will make room for several telegraphers on the division. The new trainmaster, Mr. Atkins, from the Wisconsin Valley Division, has taken up his duties, and seems to be determined to have things as they should be.

Understand Bro. Steves, at Houston, is off for thirty days; do not know who is taking his place.

Bro. Wood worked at Houston, nights, for a while, but took charge of Airlie station when it was opened.

Bro. Mathison appointed to Houston night office, has not gone there but is still doing the relief stunt at Colman.

Bro. Burnett worked third trick at Ramsey; Bro. Parker, second, and Stephenson, days, until vacancy is filled for the four months. Bro. Horton is working as extra dispatcher.

Bro. Schendel, of Fairmont, days, has been appointed to second trick at Ramsey, and Whalen, from Hatfield, has been appointed to Fairmont for four months.

C. W. Stephenson has been appointed as agent at Ramsey, until Bro. Horton returns.

Bro. Fogarty, from Sherburn, and Bro. Kenevan, from Lakefield, are taking in the big fair at Seattle.

Sherburn is being run by Gene Fogarty.

Percy Taggart, formerly at Minnesota Lake, is back on the S. M. He worked with the circus several nights as telegrapher, and at present is relieving at Lakefield, during Bro. Kenevan's absence.

Bro. E. H. Laugen off for a few days at Jackson; relieved by an old-timer named Smith. Smith is now working extra at Fairmont.

Dispatchers Wethe and Seward are taking their regular vacations at Madison; relieved by Bro. T. P. Horton, extra dispatcher on S. M.

Bro. V. E. West, at Artesian, is taking in the exposition at Seattle, and visiting relatives in Idaho; relieved by Flynn, from Chandler.

Agent Felker is on the sick list, and Bro. Felber, from Pipestone, has taken charge of Ramona station temporarily.

Div. Cor.

River Division—

Bro. F. E. Galliven has gone to Butte, Mont., to accept a position as telegrapher in the office of General Superintendent H. B. Earling.

Telegrapher P. C. Heuer, who was appointed fifth operator in "C" office, Minneapolis, did not seem to be equipped with the necessary qualifica-

tions, and the position is again bulletined. Bro. W. F. Hawkins filling in there temporarily, and Heuer reverting to the extra list.

Bro. O. W. Renshaw, our genial and worthy general chairman, has been appointed chief dispatcher on the H. & D. Division, and while we are all pleased to see his ability recognized by the company, we are also extremely sorry to lose him as general chairman.

Telegrapher Donohue, of Lower yard (St. Paul), who was absent from duty for several weeks on account of sickness, is back at the old stand.

The depot at Ridgewood Park has been moved some 200 feet east and across the tracks, which is an improvement that is greatly appreciated by Mrs. Sones the agent.

Bro. W. G. Hanson, our local chairman, is back on his old job at Lake City, and reports a very pleasant time at the Atlanta convention.

Second Trick Dispatcher M. T. Skewis is enjoying his two weeks' annual vacation, and is relieved by Bro. F. E. Bruner, from Newport.

Bro. Wilcox, of South Minneapolis, has moved to his farm near Hopkins, and expects to raise shamrocks until next fall.

O. C. Peed, of Chestnut St. (St. Paul), captured third trick at Red Wing on bulletin.

Several of the new "Mikado" type locomotives (of which there are but four larger in the United States, and those on the Susquehanna Division of the Erie Ry.) passed over this division recently, to be used in the mountain service of the Coast Extension.

CERT. 1908.

Third District—

Bro. W. J. Kreh, of Tower A 23, Deerfield, is recovering nicely from the operation for appendicitis; he was at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, for nearly three weeks, but returned to Deerfield the 22d, and will visit at the home of his parents in Michigan for about two months before resuming duty this fall.

Bro. C. A. Selig, agent at Deerfield, has been sick with tonsillitis, but we understand he is now convalescent; his father died about two weeks ago. The sympathy of all the boys is expressed in the resolutions adopted by the committee appointed for that purpose.

The mumps seem to be getting victims among the agents north of Rondout. Bro. McNamara, of Russell, was sick for a week or so with them.

Bro. J. J. Wynhoff, of Tower A 68, is relieving at Tower A 23 during Bro. Kreh's absence.

Bro. W. A. Beaver is relieving at Deerfield, during Bro. Selig's illness.

Understand Bro. D. A. Beaver, former agent at Shermerville, is going to visit out West for a month or so this summer.

Bro. J. E. Meredith has been checked in as the new agent at Shermerville. It is understood that he wanted a busy place, and we think he will find Shermerville just that style.

Only two desirable nons left on the C. & M., in scheduled positions, and one of them has the

papers filled out now, but waiting for the beginning of the new term. The other fellow has promised not less than a dozen times, but so far has not made good.

Bro. Smith has returned from Harlem, Mont., and is again holding down one of the fone jobs at Glenview.

We are very sorry to lose the brother from Tower A 23, on account of his small error causing No. 25 to trail through a switch point. Understand this was his first trouble with an interlocking plant, and it seems a very small thing to discharge a man for, if he felt he was unjustly treated he should have said something.

Those assigned to regular positions who have not been placed at them, should take the matter up with the chief dispatcher or superintendent before referring it to the local chairman.

The meeting at Libertyville was fairly well attended, though some first trick men and agents from north of Warrenton should have come; the Saturday excursion business and the gravel trains detained most of the brothers on the Janesville line, which, of course, could not be helped. We were favored by the presence of First Vice-President Newman, Chief Telegrapher G. Daff Jones and Secretary and Treasurer McDonald, of Division No. 91, all of whom gave us very interesting talks; two other brothers from No. 91 were in attendance also, but on account of limited time we did not have the pleasure of hearing from all.

Bro. Soyster, our secretary and treasurer, told us of the loss of Bro. Renshaw as general chairman; he having resigned to accept the position of chief dispatcher on the H. & D. Division. We feel this is a severe loss, as Bro. Renshaw's ability and acquaintance with how things should be done made him a very valuable man to us; still we feel that Bro. Renshaw had just the same right to accept promotion as any of the rest of us would, and we wish him every success in his present position and hope he may attain higher honors for there is no question of his ability. We trust that he will always remember to play fair, now that he is on the other side of the table; fair play is all we ask.

Bro. W. A. McKay, lever man at Pac. Jct., is going to his home near Fargo, N. D., to spend a few weeks.

Bro. James, of "C" office, is working for one of Superintendent Rupp's clerks, while he is on a vacation, and Bro. Tabbert, of Galewood, third trick, is working in James' place, and a Bro. Z. D. Reed, from the C. & C. B. Division, is working at Galewood.

Bro. P. G. Miller is working first trick at Tower A 68, and a new man named M. J. Kane is working the second trick temporarily.

The next meeting is to be held in Chicago, some time in August, if nothing prevents, and we hope to see every Terminal man who is off duty attend, and also all the C. & M. boys who can, should be present; they can return on the Deerfield train and then catch some time freight from there to their destination. We will try to

secure a hall about a block distant from West Ave. depot, and this will make it handy for all concerned. Let every one keep this in mind, and when the time comes attend and take an active part in the organization. This is the only way to keep up interest.

Grievances should be aired at meetings, and not to trainmen or others. They may be your friends, but they never helped you to get more pay, shorter hours or a grievance settled.

There is a certain member here in the Terminals who feels aggrieved at a brother on account of the brother will not allow the use of a wire at certain times; it has gone so far that one says he will drop out; this is a wrong position to take. There would be just as much logic in moving out of the city or State, yet on the other hand no one should monopolize a wire to the exclusion of the other; you may be busy, but if you will remember the other fellow once in a while, you will have more friends, and, in the end will do just as much business, besides, avoiding friction, should be the policy of every member. CERT. 1129.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has deemed it best to remove from our midst the beloved father of our worthy Bro. C. A. Selig; therefore be it

Resolved, That we the members of the Third District, Division No. 23, do extend to Bro. Selig our heartfelt sympathy in this his hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved brother, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. R. ALLEMAN,
B. J. SIMEN,
M. R. CORCORAN,
Committee.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Sedalia District—

As I have not received any items from the brothers during the past month, I take it for granted it is the unanimous opinion of the members on this district that a write-up is unnecessary, and a waste of time and space. But just to the contrary I shall give them what few items I have been able to get.

I have not had much time during the past month to keep tab on the changes, as I was unfortunately robbed of my suit case in Atlanta, it being taken from my room during the day, and as all my records were in my case I have been busy night and day trying to find out who, what, and where I am.

Bro. Tegeler secured New Haven nights on bid. Bro. J. E. West gets second trick Valley Park on bid.

Bro. J. S. Ford, Jr., gets the agency at Lake City on bid, and Bro. R. S. Davis gets the night position.

O. F. Miller secures Tipton nights.

J. C. Wilson secures Centretown nights, permanently.

Bro. A. W. Williams secured night job at Warrensburg permanently.

I understand Laughrey, who relieved Bro. Pelsing at Lee's Summit a few days, has left the service.

A. M. Page is relieving Mrs. Best on third trick at Independence.

Bro. H. McClain, nights at Holden, enjoyed two weeks' vacation in June, visiting in Iowa and Michigan, being relieved by P. C. Aylesworth.

J. E. Huerner, agent at Barretts, was relieved a few days in June on account of sickness.

Bro. Bryan, who has been working in Chief Dispatcher Knapp's office for several months relieving Mr. Croft, has resumed his regular position in yard office at Sedalia. Mr. Croft was in Chicago taking treatment.

Bro. C. C. Balr, formerly in yard office, Sedalia, is back on the Mo. Pac. after having taken in the West and Southwest. He is at present working third trick at Pleasant Hill.

I want you boys to ginger up now, and not get the idea into your heads that you are all dead ones, just because business is dead.

I shall expect every member between now and July 31st to write me, giving me the names and initials of every telegrapher working in his office, stating whether members or nons, and if members to what division they belong, giving certificate numbers, if possible.

I want every member to do this, and if there are three employed at one station I want three reports from that station. Don't think because the other fellow at your station sends in his report that yours is not necessary, but every one of you mail me this report immediately after reading this article.

Let's wake up and attend to business and not get lazy just because the weather is warm.

W. L. W.

Hoisington to Horace District—

On account of our correspondent, Bro. Hartman, leaving the service, we have let the write-up from this division lag, but we are now "up and doing" with Bro. G. W. Curtis handling the pencil.

Bro. E. H. Strait, night telegrapher at La Crosse, has given up "pounding an old Morse key" for "keeps," and gone into the draying business in La Crosse. He was relieved by a Mr. G. A. Fitzgerald from Pennsylvania.

Utica, "CA," was opened a few nights ago with "Bill" Lawrence doing the stunt; am unable to ascertain whether it is permanent.

On account of the shortage of telegraphers Shields was closed for a few nights the first of this month, but was reopened the 18th with Mr. Lewis working the night trick. We understand that he is from the C. & S.

G. A. Fitzgerald, night telegrapher at La Crosse, has taken a lay-off. He was relieved by Bro. A. J. Richards, from the D. & R. G.

Sugar City, Colo., agency is up for bid.

Mr. L. O. McMeekin, third trick dispatcher at Pueblo, was over the line last week getting a line-up on the track.

We take notice that some of the brothers who are working nights have that old ballad, "Sleep is such a treat to me" ringing in their ears, and some of them are taking that "Treat." This is a practice that will get them into trouble and should be discontinued at once.

Out of about "twenty-five" circular notices asking for items, which were forwarded together with a form for furnishing the writer "Names, Cert. and Division Nos." of all the telegraphers along the line, only three have been returned. Come on with the news. We would like a pretty good showing in every issue of the journal, but it will be impossible to be well represented unless the correspondent is given assistance. Endeavor to "scrape" up some news, and forward to me in time for publication.

Bro. S. A. Miller, who has been away from this pike, for quite a while resting up, returned a few days ago, and has landed the night job at Arlington, Colo.

We understand that Bro. E. H. Strait is undergoing a "seige of the mumps." We hope to soon hear of his recovery.

Have you paid your dues? If not—well—get busy. Do not let them run behind. Do it now!

Bro. J. E. Swain, second trick at Hoisington, has taken a lay-off, and is "taking in the sights" in Michigan, so we understand, and Bro. O. J. Smelser, first trick at Hoisington, is working in his place. We trust that Bro. Swain is enjoying a much needed rest.

Bro. G. W. Curtis was off duty a few days the first of the month, on account of the death of his cousin. He returned to his home at Salina, Kan., to attend the funeral, and was relieved by Mr. G. A. Fitzgerald.

Some time ago it was reported that Bro. E. E. Windsor, agent at McCracken, had resigned, but we take notice that Bro. Windsor is still on the job; it seems there is no one to relieve him.

Business seems to be improving. Eads, Colo., which has been a day job for nearly eight months, was reopened as a night office May 28th, with Mr. G. A. Fitzgerald doing the "Owl" stunt. He having been off duty for two weeks since leaving La Crosse.

La Crosse, until a few days ago a "two-man" job, has been given "three" men.

We understand that Sheridan Lake, Colo., has a new agent, therefore, that job will be bulletined soon. This will give some of the boys a chance to get a good "agency."

Let us try to make a good showing from now on in the way of write-ups. I assure you that I shall do my best if you fellows will come across with something to write about.

Div. Cor.

Hoxie District—

News is very scarce on this division this month—if the brothers will send items to Bro. S. Nelson, at Hope, Ark., we will have a nice write-up every month.

Telegrapher P. H. Stuart relieved Telegrapher Dever, nights, at Minturn. Can not say where Mr. Stuart is from.

Bro. W. J. Dearing, formerly third trick at Bald Knob, has bid in Swifton, nights.

Telegrapher Green is relieving Sister F. Davis, third trick telegrapher at McAlmont, for a few days.

Bro. A. Poston is again at his post, as second trick man at Austin, after three weeks' vacation. He was relieved by Bro. H. H. Green, formerly of the N. C. & St. L.

Bro. U. S. Goodwin, first trick at Argenta, has returned after serving thirty days; he was relieved by Bro. W. B. Cunningham, regular second trick man. Bro. Cunningham was relieved by Bro. S. B. Werner, whose regular position is third trick.

Mr. M. A. Callaghan has been installed as agent at Olyphant, a non-telegraph station.

Bro. J. T. Brewer, agent at Kensett, was off a few days to take his wife to Memphis.

Bro. W. H. Thomason is working third trick at Bald Knob, until that position is filled by bulletin.

Bro. W. B. Cunningham, the second trick man at Argenta, spent a couple of days fishing this month.

Bro. J. J. Stevens, of the Grand Division, is working the third trick at Argenta.

Bro. N. B. Huling, of the Penn. worked a few nights at Argenta, filling in while Bro. Cunningham was off on his fishing trip.

W. T. Gattis, who formerly worked first and second tricks at Newport, is now located as second trick telegrapher at "BG," Little Rock.

Pine Bluff District—

We are very sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Cline, wife of Bro. W. A. Cline, at Varner. Mrs. Cline died at Tillar, on the 18th of June.

Bro. C. S. Brown, of Walnut Lake, is relieving Bro. Cline.

Mr. W. D. Capp, formerly of the N. C. & St. L., is now working nights at Wrightsville; relieved by Bro. E. B. Wall, who is working days at Higgins.

Bro. Goodbar, of Pine Bluff, days, is taking a few days' vacation; can not say who is relieving him.

We are very sorry that we did not get any news from the Texarkana District, as that district ought to be able to furnish us as much news as the Hoxie District. Guess our local chairman is too busy to get up anything. Drv. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Creator to remove from our midst the beloved wife of our Bro. W. A. Cline, and

WHEREAS, In token of our universal respect and sympathy for Bro. Cline; be it

Resolved, By the membership of O. R. T. System Division, No. 31, of the Arkansas Division, St. L. I. M. & S. Ry., that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to him in his bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent our bereaved brother, a copy placed upon the records of this division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

S. NELSON,
F. E. SAMUEL,
J. A. WALL,

June 21, 1909.

Committee.

Arkansas Division, Pine Bluff District—

Bro. W. M. Holman, general chairman of Division No. 31, was the guest of Telegrapher F. V. Dickey, at Noble Lake, for one day. The day was spent in fishing on the lake, and Mr. Holman, being an expert angler, soon had a fine string of speckled beauties. But the kind of fish he likes to catch the best is a non, and he was successful in landing Miss M. E. Bidwell, night telegrapher at Jefferson Springs. Welcome to the fold Sister Bidwell. Cor.

Central Division—

Bro. Barger has been assigned to the agency at Lenapah.

Bro. Robinson, of Lenapah, nights, has accepted a position with the Postal at Ft. Smith.

Bro. Miller, the day telegrapher at Nowata, has resigned. Bro. Maddox is working there until an assignment is made.

Bro. Pugh, of Wagoner, has resigned. Can not say who will get this, as it is on bid now. In losing Bro. Pugh, No. 31 loses one of its best and most loyal members, as he was certainly a friend to a man with a card.

Mr. Montgomery, a new-comer, has been placed as day telegrapher at Illinois, during the potato season.

Bro. Rozzell, of Illinois, has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Hayes Merc. Co., of Webber Falls.

Bro. McKee relieved your scribe, while he attended the convention. McKee has bid in Conway, nights.

Bro. Harned, of Ozark, is off on a vacation; being relieved by Telegrapher H. W. Rice.

Bro. Hattendorf, of Denning yard, has gone to Ft. Worth, Tex., taking his better-half along. Relieved by Bro. Mitchell.

Bro. Benedict, of Conway, is laying off; relieved by Mr. Weeks, a C. T. U. A. man.

Bro. Wills has been assigned to Palarm, nights.

Am very sorry that nothing was sent in from this division last month, but I was at the convention and failed to get back in time to get the news to our editor.

In conclusion, I wish to say I hear some complaints relating to a position on the east end not being bulletined. This is no fault of mine, as you all know I am no mind reader and can not tell what is going on there. Some of you "kickers" should sit down and write me when a vacancy shows up, for I am in the dark on this district. I am willing to do all in my power to maintain the rights of the members, and have made enemies by demanding same from the officials. L. C.

White River Division—

There is but little news on the White River this month.

Bro. Holman, general chairman, made a trip over the line a few days since. He reports the division in very good shape. We still have a few nons, but think when we get after them vigorously we will reduce the number.

Bro. Ausmus, agent at Clover, is taking a leave of absence, and is being relieved by extra man, W. W. Hoyt.

Bro. Butler, the agent at Sylamore, is taking a sixty days' leave of absence; haven't heard who is relieving him.

Battlefield station has been opened as a freight and ticket station, but it is a non-telegraph station. Business on the White River Division is improving. The company is doing considerable ballast work at the present time.

Our Chief Dispatcher, Mr. H. D. Masters, made a trip to St. Louis recently.

Second Trick Dispatcher Mr. W. A. Nyc, from Cotter; Bro. G. W. McVey, agent Mt. Olive; Ed. Plant, agent at Norfolk, and Bro. Brewer, agent at Newport, are attending United States Court at Batesville.

Supt. J. W. Daniels visited Batesville this week. CERT. 2226.

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Baltimore Division—

The regular monthly meeting of the division was held at the usual meeting place, Lafayette Hall, 609 North Fremont Ave., on Wednesday evening, June 9th, with the usual large attendance. The meeting was called to order about 8:15, Bro. McGrath presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary and Treasurer Bro. Hurdle, who, by the way, has just taken unto himself a bride. We desire to congratulate Bro. Hurdle and wish him future happiness.

Bro. Day announced that he would be unable to attend the meeting on account of being absent from the city.

Bro. Richardson, our delegate to the convention made quite a lengthy address, telling of his experience in Atlanta and the happenings at the convention, all of which were very interesting.

Oliver H. Day, better known to the fraternity as "Shorty" Day, was accidentally drowned at Havre de Grace, Md., on May 14th. The body was recovered and taken to the home of his mother, 1730 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, Md., where the funeral services were held, and thence taken to London Park and interred in their family lot. Mr. Day was well known among the commercial and railroad telegraphers, who will be surprised to hear of his sudden death. Mr. Frank S. Day, who is employed in the general office of the B. & O. R. R., is a brother. Mr. Day was not doing telegraph duty at the time of his death, but had substituted in "GO" office during the inaugural period, and had many friends in that office, as well as in the offices of the W. U. and Postal. We regret very much his untimely end.

CERT. 299.

IN MEMORIAM.

At the last regular meeting of the Eastern District, Baltimore Division, No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, on Wednesday, June 9, 1909, the following resolution was ordered adopted through this committee, a copy sent to our bereaved brother, a copy spread on the minutes of the meeting, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from this life the beloved brother of our brother, Frank S. Day; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Eastern District, Baltimore Division, No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in meeting assembled, whilst bowing in humble submission to the will of God, extend their sympathy and condolence to our bereaved brother and his family.

Very fraternally yours,

C. B. PIERCE, *Chairman.*

H. R. WATKINS,

J. F. RICHARDSON,

Committee.

Chicago Division, West End—

Bro. M. R. McMillion, from the Missouri Pacific, is holding down the summer agency at Lake Wawasee.

A large number of the members from the Chicago Division attended the meeting at Defiance June 16th.

Bro. W. D. Walters, of Chicago Junction, bid in the evening trick at "G." Garrett, on June bulletin.

Bros. Rothenberger and Clark, of Suman, both joined the band in that little city. Both are noted musicians.

It seems that some of the younger members can not get along without "scrapping." Such conditions should not exist among the brothers; it causes hard feelings where only good will should be in evidence. Remember we are united for one purpose—that is to better our working conditions.

Mr. A. L. Newell, second trick at Millers, resigned, by the company's request. We trust his place will be filled by an up-to-date brother.

We have heard that several of the brothers intend to drop out of the Order. We are indeed sorry to hear such news. Brothers, consider the matter. You are injuring yourselves more than any person you may dislike. Think what the Order has done for you in the past—through the hard times we have just passed our wages were not cut one cent; then look at the eight-hour day we are now enjoying; and when everything is taken into consideration, we are just getting in shape to accomplish greater tasks. I urge you to consider this matter carefully; don't let personal feeling cause you to turn your back on the Order. If you feel you are being wronged in any way, take it up with the officers of the Order as a man should do; there is no one who will assist you in times of trouble as the O. R. T. Therefore, brothers, let's push, not hang back, and see what we can accomplish within the next year.

Bro. Ritter is working at Ripley at present. Can not say who is off.

Send us news, brothers. You surely can not expect a write-up unless you do. Come on with what you know each month, about five days after pay-day. You may think, "Well, he knows I was sick, on a visit," etc., but this is not always the case. It may not interest you, but there's many a brother from the B. & O. working for some other road who will be pleased to hear from the Chicago Division. Come on with your news. Write me—a note will do—otherwise do not expect to see any items.

A block wire is being strung from Hicksville to R. I. Junction, to comply with the new law, which is effective July 1st. It will necessitate more offices and men.

Bro. W. W. Gruesbeck, of Ripley, is spending his vacation in the East, near Philadelphia. Bro. Ritter is relieving him. Bro. F. W. Reed, formerly of Ripley, has been reinstated.

Bro. C. C. Otto and bride, of Tiffin, are spending a few days at Suman with his parents.

Bro. T. J. Karr resumed duty at Alida June 9th, after being off a month with a very sore hand. Telegraphers Whitsel and G. Hallen relieved him.

Bro. M. L. Gragg, first trick at Alida, was off a few days, being a witness in a trial at Valpo. Relieved by Mr. Whitsel.

Mr. Bailey, second trick at Walkerton, was off a few days with a sore arm; relieved by Mr. Spurgeon, of McCools. Bro. Ray Lansing, at McCools, was also relieved by Mr. Spurgeon.

Mr. Ansboro, dispatcher at Garrett, is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Comparett, of second trick, who in turn is relieved by Mr. Odum. Mr. Brookmeyer now has the third trick on east end regular.

It is said that Mr. G. Hallen, who has been at Lapaz for the past four years, has left the service.

Mr. Peterson is working second trick at Teegarden.

Mr. Rhinehold secured second trick at Millers on advertisement. Mr. Ervin is working third trick at Millers extra.

Bro. M. W. Bishop, who left the service a few months ago, is working in the yard office for the Pennsylvania at Logansport.

Mr. R. B. Thornton, who works for the Grand Trunk at Battle Creek, Mich., visited his brother, F. M. Thornton, second trick at Alida, recently.

Brothers, note the "Misters" in above news and get after them.

No card, no favors. No exceptions whatever to this rule.

Send me your news pay-day each month.

W. S. Y.

Monongah Division—

CORNWALLIS, W. VA., May 22, 1909.

Members Order Railroad Telegraphers, Monongah Division, B. & O. Ky.:

DEAR FRIENDS: Please accept our sincere thanks for beautiful floral offering and the kindness and sympathy extended to us in our sad bereavement.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN B. CONIFF AND
LAVELLE FAMILY.

New Castle Division—

Bro. Purdy, the first trick man at Akron Junction, was off over Sunday; relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. Ault, first trick at "XN" tower, Cuyahoga Falls, is "baching" a few days on account of his family visiting in New York City. Bro. Ault accompanied them as far as New Castle, taking his vacation on the fly.

Bro. McLaughlin, second trick at Akron Junction, was called home on account of the sickness of his father. He was relieved by Bro. French, who has been doing the extra work at Ravenna.

Bro. Pennell, first trick at Kent tower, bid in the third trick at Ravenna; relieved by Telegrapher Krueger, who completed the course under Professor Russell. We hope Mr. Krueger will prove himself more of a man than the "Professor," and we have reasons to believe he will do so.

Bro. Post, of "FS" tower, third trick, was relieved by Bro. Carleton during commencement week.

Bro. McBride, third trick at "MR" tower, is on ten days' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Artz, a new man in the business.

Bro. Marshall, third trick at Newton Falls, is off duty one week, fishing, in the wilds of Michigan. Bro. Marshall proved himself a fisherman by sending the Newton Falls boys a sample of what he got. However, the expense bill was not attached, and we have no way of knowing what the fish cost the brother. He was relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. Clewell, of Niles Junction, first trick, was relieved by Bro. Carleton, in order that he might take the color examination.

We are sorry to hear of the serious trouble of Bro. Faust, first trick at Haselton, but we hope

he will return from the Springs in first-class condition and ready for the fray.

Bro. Smith, of "SK" office, Easton, bid in second trick at Lowellville, and after a few days' vacation, will go there. Bro. Siering is doing the extra work at Easton.

Bro. Prinn, second trick at Ohio Junction, was called to Baltimore on account of the serious illness of his sister. Bro. Carleton is relieving him.

Bro. Sarff, third trick at N. C. Junction, is off for thirty days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Bedell. from second trick at same place. Bro. Bedell was relieved by Telegrapher Wildman.

Bro. A. F. Alexander has been transferred from clerk and telegrapher at Cuyahoga Falls to same position at Warren, Main Line. Bro. Kestler, who held the job at Warren, went to Cuyahoga Falls in Alexander's place.

Business seems to be gradually improving, and with it comes inquiries from the boys as to when negotiations will be resumed, which shows that they are not entirely satisfied. Eight hours is a big improvement over twelve, but it does not pay the grocery bill, and with living expenses as they are now, it is no wonder the men are getting uneasy.

Some new faces have appeared on the division since last writing. We must again urge every member to do all he can to get these men in line, and especial attention should be given to the boys who are just starting. While we oppose the teaching of telegraphy under existing conditions, yet now that they are here, we should treat them right and show them the value of thorough organization.

"UNCLE BIFF."

Connellsville Division—

Bro. Mull, formerly of Connellsville Division, is at present working on the Western Maryland R. R.

Bro. Elder is now located at "FO" tower, second trick.

Bro. Cronin, a new-comer, has landed the second trick at Philson.

Bro. John Habel, who has been on the sick list for several days, has resumed duty.

Bro. J. B. Margroff recently visited his old home at Accident, Md.

Bro. Noble was the successful bidder on second trick at S. & M. Junction.

Bro. W. J. Emerick was a visitor in Pittsburg last month. During his sojourn in the city, Bros. Emerick and De Huff took in one of the Pittsburg-New York baseball games.

Bro. C. A. Boyer spent a short vacation in Newton Falls recently.

Bro. S. M. De Huff spent two weeks with his mother at Huntingdon, Pa. Mrs. De Huff and daughter, Rose, accompanied him.

Living expenses at Uniontown have increased materially since the advent of a new first trick telegrapher at that point.

Div. Com.

P. & W. District—

As per bulletin No. 17, the following appointments were made: Mr. C. H. Rubell, Callery, split trick; Bro. C. J. Fisher, Elfinwild, third trick; Mr. F. W. Johnson, Ribolds, second trick; Bro. L. L. Williams, Ribolds, third trick. Vacancies exist at Allegheny days and second trick at Ellwood City.

Bro. Phipps, of third trick at Schenley, has returned to duty after an extended trip to Baltimore; relieved by Mr. Rubell.

Bro. Fisher now has a regular position, Elfinwild, third trick.

Bro. A. A. Hostetler, third trick at Downieville, has taken unto himself a life help-mate, and is now visiting relatives at Goshen, Ind., on a honeymoon; relieved by Bro. C. H. McElhenney, of Division No. 52.

Bro. Yeager was compelled to lay off on account of an abscess at the root of a tooth. This caused him to be absent from our last regular meeting.

Bro. J. R. Davis, second trick man at Callery, is off on a short vacation; relieved by Bro. Morehead.

Bro. G. T. Smith has also left the B. & O. for parts unknown.

Bro. Williams, of Ribolds, third trick, is off a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. "Jack" Lanning was very much disappointed in the small attendance at the last regular meeting. He laid off for this occasion, and there was only a handful to greet him. Jack was on hand to read the doings of the convention, and was loaded up with a number of sheets of "dope." Why can't you be on hand at each and every meeting? You can't tell what is on the program until you are there.

Those who were not in on the remittance for the new card on June pay will be sure and remit to Bro. Frasher at once and get the necessary, and make it a point to ask the other man to show him.

"SHORTSTOP."

Eastern District—

The Eastern and Western Districts held their regular monthly meeting at Hotel Wilson, in Pittsburg, on Thursday evening, June 17th, with Local Chairman Safford in the chair. The attendance was not very large, but those who were absent missed a treat. Bro. Lanning, our delegate to the convention, was present, and gave us a detailed account of the business that was transacted, and called the brothers' attention to the important changes. He also described the country through which he traveled, and was very warm in his praise of the hospitality shown the telegraphers in the Southern city. There is no doubt but the brothers made a wise choice in electing Bro. Lanning a delegate, for the business-like manner in which he produced his report shows that he is a capable man. We appreciated very much the cigars he furnished. There are about fifty cigars left over, and those who want to help enjoy them will have to put in an appearance next meeting night—third Thursday each month.

I have been able to obtain very little news this month, as the weather has been so fine, and every one is looking for pleasure and don't seem to be much interested in the O. R. T. affairs just at present.

Bro. Phipps, third trick at Schenley tower, has resumed duty after about five weeks' vacation.

Bro. J. H. Smith, who was the victim of an unfortunate accident some months ago, is working first trick at Lavenia, and hopes to be able to secure this trick on bid, and three members that have bid on this trick, and are older men, have withdrawn their bid in favor of Bro. Smith. Boys, that is the proper spirit to show towards each other.

There are quite a number of the boys who desire vacations, but I understand that on account of the scarcity of men, the division operator is unable to furnish relief, so there should be a chance for good telegraphers to secure employment on this division at the present time.

The address of W. C. Safford, local chairman of the Eastern District, is Room 6, Normandie Bldg., McKeesport, Pa., and if you have any news that you wish to see in the journal next month, don't fail to send it to him. CERT. 27a.

C. & E. I. Ry.

Illinois Division—

The meeting called at Mt. Vernon proved a success, and it is a credit to the boys on this division. The attendance was large, considering the difficulty experienced by the brothers in being absent from duty. General Chairman Bro. Phillips, and Local Chairman Bro. Fogler were both present and gave interesting talks. Bro. Phillips gave a good account of the convention held at Atlanta and on conditions in general, and Bro. Fogler on conditions on this division. All grievances brought up were gone over satisfactorily, the afternoon being spent very pleasantly, all agreeing that a meeting be called in the near future at some convenient point, probably at Salem.

We wish to call attention to the work of our local chairman, Bro. Fogler. He certainly is a live one, and with the support of all the members we should accomplish much. Brothers, take hold and push. You will be surprised at the effect your enthusiasm will have on the members, and none around you. More interest is being taken now than for some time. If all work together we will make the other divisions sit up and take notice.

Bro. La Brier has transferred to our division, and to show he is there with the goods has secured six applications.

Bro. Hooks, agent at Olive Branch, has been absent a few days to attend court at Springfield, being relieved by Regular Relief Agent Otey.

Bro. F. R. Calvert, of Division No. 2, third trick at Tamms, has resigned and is with the Cotton Belt at Thebes at present.

Bro. Stout, first trick at Thebes, again compelled to be absent on account of sickness. However, he advises he is still in the ring and am glad to re-

port he has resumed duty sometime previous to this date.

Bro. C. H. Preston, second trick at West Frankport Yards, has resigned and, I understand, is working at Oklahoma City.

Bro. B. E. Johnson, second trick Villa Grove Yard, off on short vacation; relieved by Mr. H. R. Ragan.

Bro. C. E. Huser, formerly of Mt. Vernon, has bid in second trick at "SX" tower.

Bro. T. Supan, third trick "VE" tower, has resigned and was relieved by Mr. R. S. Hardy.

Bro. W. W. Hawker has resumed duty at Cadwell after a few weeks' vacation seeing the wild West. He is relieving Telegrapher Price, who goes to Mode.

The hours at "AH" tower have again been placed on the eight-hour basis on account of placing a night man at depot. This makes the hours more satisfactory to all concerned.

Bro. Christman, second trick, Mode, has bid in second trick at Thebes.

Mr. W. N. Clink, second trick, Tamms, has bid in third trick "SX" tower.

Bro. B. E. Tetlerton, second trick, St. James, has bid in third trick at that place, relieving Mr. F. G. Sowdy, who has bid in second trick at Bourbon.

Bro. H. J. Purtell, of Grand Division, is working second at Thebes at present. He is extra on this division.

We wish to thank the brothers sending in items at Bro. Fogler's request and ask them to come again. It certainly is a big help to the correspondent, and shows there is interest being taken in the work, which is very encouraging.

CERT. 54.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

Bro. Johnson, first trick at "BX" tower, is arranging for about ten days' fishing on the Wabash with his father, who is agent at Perrysville, Ind.

Bro. Lanquist, third trick at "BX" tower, is contemplating a layoff soon. Get rice and old shoes ready.

The night flagman at Starr is laying off for a few days, visiting his brother, who is sick in Chicago.

Bro. Kaneen, from Bronson, bid in second trick at "BX" tower, relieving Telegrapher Shotts, who took third at Woodland Junction, relieving Bro. Paddock at that point.

M. D. Patterson, night ticket agent at Hoopes ton, was in Danville on business a few days since.

Telegrapher Burt, former second trick man at Rossville Junction, is now on third trick. Bro. Smith from third trick to second trick. This change was made for a few months in hopes of improving Bro. Smith's health.

Relief Telegrapher Bro. Bahls is relieving Bro. Johnson at "BX" tower for a week.

There is a new telegrapher at Fairmount Junction. Telegrapher Metzger left for parts unknown.

Who is the lady at Sollitt? We hope that she soon may be called sister.

Bro. W. F. McDonald, of Chicago and Div. 91, gave Hoopeston, Rossville and Danville a short visit while en route to Paris, Ill. We are glad to meeting the brother from Div. 91.

Bro. Darnell, of Pence, Ind., is waiting for relief. Tom is getting anxious to get to the shady trees this hot weather.

Telegrapher Parrett, who worked at "HJ" tower several months, has landed a Chennyville, on the Chicago Southern.

Bro. Aikman is at Bismark as agent.

Bro. Mickel, agent at Alvin, asked for relief recently to attend the funeral of his grandmother. Business must be getting better, they could not let him go.

Brazil District—

Bro. I. J. Lucas, "CB," Coal Bluff, has returned to work after spending a month visiting out West. Bro. Lucas was relieved by Bro. F. L. Andrews, who is doing relief work.

Bro. Manly was unable to get relief to get married on account of there being no relief telegrapher idle.

It seems that there should be no excuse for the roads not having telegraphers to do relief work, as there are plenty of men out of work all over the country.

The wires are working very poorly between Danville and Brazil at present and there seems to be a good chance for them to work still worse if they keep laying the linemen off as they have been doing in the past few days.

To the brothers that contributed items this month, I wish to say that if you knew how they were appreciated you would keep sending them, and I hope that there will be more come in line right away that we may have a good showing in our journal each month. Div. Coa.

Pere Marquette Ry.

Bro. Wright, of Chicago, bid in Waverly, first trick, but afterwards backed out, and Bro. Miller, who has been working agency at New Richmond for the last three or four years, took it. Bro. Wright has been taking a vacation and visiting his father, Bro. Wright, of Muskogon, for the last three weeks.

Bro. Hendricks, who has been relieving agent Perrine, at Zeeland, was off a few days on account of sickness.

Telegrapher Berry, who has been working in tower at Alfred for the last few years, died suddenly at noon, May 29th.

Bro. Thrall, of St. Joe, bid in the day telegrapher's position at Shelby, and Telegrapher Holmes, from third trick, Benton Harbor, is working St. Joe ticket job.

Bro. Hansen, agent at Porter, has accepted the agency at East Chicago, under Supt. Halsted.

Telegrapher Briggs, second trick man at Porter, bid in the agency at New Richmond.

Bro. Maxim bid in Bravo agency, but backed out after working it a few days, and O. F. Vollmer is working there at present.

Telegrapher Green, who has been working third trick at Grand Junction, is working second trick at Michigan City.

Telegrapher Fowler is working at Waverly, second trick.

Bro. Bessey is back at Grand Junction, third trick.

Dispatcher Porter was visiting the dispatchers at Grand Rapids this month, telling them how to enjoy a vacation, which they don't get on that district.

Bulletins are being issued under trainmaster's name and only put out on each trainmaster's territory on this district, instead of being sent on Chicago and Petoskey Divisions.

There is a new agent and new second trick man at Porter, but don't know their names.

There have been several changes at Benton Harbor and no bulletins issued. Guess this office don't come under the schedule, and it is one of the few offices paying sixty per. Coa.

C. & O. Ry.

New River District—

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Hinton June 17th. New River was well represented, but I am sorry to say that the Mountain was found wanting. It is with a feeling of shame that I record the fact, but for the last three meetings not a single member from the Mountain has put in his appearance at the lodge room, the chairman, Bro. Holt, excepted.

Now, brothers, this looks bad, and what is still worse, it is bad. Whenever we begin to let down and get slack we necessarily lose ground. We have accomplished wonders through our organization in the last few years. Our growth and progress has been phenomenal, and we have made a record of which we can be justly proud. But we must maintain this organization; we can not afford to relax our vigilance even for the most infinitesimal length of time. We are living in an age of the fiercest competition the world has ever witnessed, and tremendous forces oppose tremendous forces. The industrial giants of the day are drawing the lines tighter and tighter; and the laboring man finds himself pressed just a little bit closer to the wall as each day passes. These things can be seen by the most unobservant, and the knowledge should spur us on to greater effort. And yet, strange to say, we have men in the telegraph service, some of them brothers, who apparently fail signally to comprehend the situation. Not long ago a young man who had but lately become a member of the Order remarked to another brother that he did not see what good his money did him that he paid in as dues and insurance, and that he thought he would drop out. Had this young brother taken the trouble to acquaint himself with just ten years of history he would have been in a position to realize how great was his error. He was surrounded by benefits that the organization alone had made possible. On every side was evidence that he was receiving the worth of his money many times over.

In fact, his insurance alone was worth all that it cost him to belong to the Order. His dues amounted to \$12.00 per year, and his insurance premium on a \$1,000 policy was \$7.20 for the same length of time—\$19.20 in all. How much would this \$1,000 policy alone cost him in any old line company? Probably not less than \$25.00, possibly \$30.00.

And yet this young man was complaining about not receiving any benefits from his money. Suppose that about fifteen years ago all of us had adopted his mental processes, and been governed by his brand of judgment, where do you think he and the rest of us would be today? We would undoubtedly be past masters in the art of living the simple life—going barefooted probably and browsing on greens—and he would be taking first lessons on how to make ends meet on the magnificent salary of \$37.50 or \$40.00 per month. If all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, we would now be the dull boys, all right. We would have been checking our little twelve hours off every day, with Sunday thrown in for good measure. We would have been so concerned over that little ten cents per hour, with our mind on flour at \$8.50 per barrel, that we would never, even in our wildest flights of imagination, have considered a vacation. And even if we had, it would have been a tie ticket for ours, or a side-door palace at best. Our social position would probably be best described by a placard that found its way into a telegraph office about fifteen years ago to the effect that in the absence of a spittoon, brakemen would be privileged to spit on the operator.

Fifteen years ago we had no rights that anyone was bound to respect; and had it not been for the O. R. T., our position today would have been still worse. Now the question is, what is a fair return on the money we invest in the O. R. T.? Let us figure out what rate of interest this young member is receiving on his \$12.00 a year dues. It must be borne in mind that he has not in the past contributed to the building up of our present benefits, and that therefore his return on the \$12.00 dues represents all that has been acquired in the years gone by. His income for the year at \$37.50 per month amounts to \$450.00. At our present rate of pay it amounts to \$720.00. At the end of the year, then, he is, in cold cash, exactly \$270.00 better off. But this does not take into consideration the reduction in hours of labor that he is now enjoying. Through the efforts of the organization, he is enabled to draw his salary for a day shortened by four hours. At the end of the year he is the gainer in time over the old working year of exactly 1,440 hours, or each hour he works he receives twenty-five cents. It follows, then, that his time is worth twenty-five cents per hour. Estimated in actual cash, these 1,440 hours at twenty-five cents per hour, represent a sum of \$360.00. He is the gainer, then, at the end of the year of \$360.00 in time. This \$360.00 added to the \$270.00, gives us \$630.00. At the end of the year he is just \$630.00 better off as a result of the work accomplished by the O. R. T. In other words, on the \$12.00 dues invested he is re-

ceiving a return of \$630.00 per year. His rate of interest on the investment is exactly 5,150 per cent, 5,150 per cent! What do you think of that? And this young brother says he don't think he is receiving a proper return on his money. What do you suppose he would call a proper return?

But wait, we have over-looked other equally material benefits. That little piece of magic card-board that passes you without question from one end of the C. & O. to the other (the system pass), and carries in itself the very highest kind of a recommendation. What do you suppose the poor overworked, brow-beaten telegrapher of fifteen years ago would have thought had he been suddenly presented with a privilege of this character? An eight-hour day, \$60.00 per month, a system pass and recommendation, and the respect of the community. Why had we even dreamed of these things fifteen years ago and it had been found out, we would have been looked upon as fit subjects for a lunatic asylum.

We rest our case. If we haven't proved that the young member in question is getting his money's worth, we'll give it up.

These things haven't been given to us gratis by the railroad company. Every inch of the ground over which we have advanced has been disputed inch by inch, and we have fought our way up at the expense of much hard work and sacrifice. And this is no indictment against the railroad company. They are strictly within their rights when they secure our services at the lowest possible compensation. It remains for us to establish an equitable standard of pay. When we are unorganized and stand alone, the standard of pay is set by the most inferior members of our craft—those who are willing to live in a shack, and let their children grow up in ignorance. Organization means government and the orderly handling of our affairs. It means the rule of the most self-respecting and intelligent element of our craft; and when the standard of pay is set it is not with the intention of robbing a fellow craftsman of his job, but with the purpose of making it possible for all to live in comfort and respectability. We have received a priceless heritage from the past. We are today enjoying the work and sacrifice of untold thousands. The very least we can do is to guard and preserve this work, and contribute our individual mite to its present and future advancement. And, aside from active membership in the Order, we can forward this end in no better way than by "making good" at all times in our work for the company as telegraphers. We have only lately gained a great concession, the eight-hour day. Let us prove worthy of this great advance, for in no other way can we hope to hold it.

Reverting to the meeting, one of the most interesting features of that night was Bro. Hancock's convention report, which he delivered in person. He spoke in an easy, informal way, and gave us a delightful word picture of both the business and pleasure ends of the convention. It appears that the people of the Southland gave our representatives a welcome before which that of the prodigal son would have paled into insignificance. They

were highly honored by the various dignitaries of the State of Georgia from the Governor down, and by the people at large. The Georgia Railroad placed a train of ten coaches at the disposal of the delegates, free of all charge, for an excursion to several points of historical and natural interest.

Addresses by the Governor of Georgia and other prominent men was also an interesting feature of the convention. Altogether, we were treated royally by the Southern people; and nothing points more unerringly to the increased esteem and respect in which we are held by the people at large than this cordial and hearty reception given our representatives at Atlanta. It is a thing that we can all take pride in, and should prove an incentive to greater individual effort in the future.

In closing I wish to call your attention to one of a dozen "don't's" appearing in a late newspaper. It is as follows: "Don't be a snitch," and the explanation is given that a "snitch" is a man who will accept benefits and refuse to help secure them.

Is there anything more contemptible than to be what is defined or described by the word "snitch?"

M. L. DEMING, *Chairman*.

Clifton Forge Division—

Bro. C. W. Owens, for many years agent and telegrapher at Crozet, Va., died May 27, 1909. Bro. Owens served the company on this division for thirty-eight years, being the oldest employe in the telegraph department in point of service on the Clifton Forge Division. He was a man of stainless character, a faithful employe, a devout christian, a good citizen and a loyal member of the Order.

We regret that it was impossible for many of the brethren to attend his funeral, owing to the inability to reach Crozet in time, there being no early train from the west.

A beautiful floral design, representing a broken telegraph line, was sent by the division.

To the bereaved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Under the new administration of System Division No 40 everything is moving along nicely; seventeen new members were received last month, enthusiastic meetings are being held over the system, and perfect harmony prevails among the membership.

Our offices are manned with men of ability, men who take a pride in building up the Order, and who are conscientious as to the responsibility and duties resting upon them.

Let us then, brethren, give them our individual support in enlisting the desirable non, paying our dues promptly, and being faithful both to the Railroad Co. and our Order.

While we are in good shape, there are still two or three on our district who have failed to pay dues, or who have not joined our ranks. Now, brother, if you should happen to see this and are one of this class, place yourself in good standing, where you will strengthen the division and give prestige.

In looking over THE TELEGRAPHER for many months past, I have failed to find much in the fraternal columns from Division No. 40. It seems to me the example set by the N. & W., our sister road, is one worthy of following. Scarcely an issue of THE TELEGRAPHER falls in my hands but what I find several lengthy articles from the N. & W. Brethren, this is of great value to the Order, it stimulates interest and gives the membership an insight into what is being accomplished. Will each of our local chairmen appoint some brother, on each district, who can and will give us the news of interest each month?

W. S. J.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our esteemed brother and co-laborer, Mr. C. W. Owens, who for many years has labored in our ranks, maintaining under all circumstances a character untarnished and a reputation above reproach; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Owens we have sustained the loss of a brother whose fellowship it was an honor and a pleasure to enjoy; that Division No. 40 of the Order of Railway Telegraphers has lost a loyal member; that we offer to his bereaved family and mourning friends our heartfelt sympathy, and that we commend them to the Heavenly Father who is merciful to all who call upon him and who alone can console in the time of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. S. JOHNSON,
C. E. SPITZER,
L. E. HICKS,

CARD OF THANKS.

CROZET, VA., July 9, 1909.

The family of Mr. C. W. Owens wishes to express to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers their sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the flowery sent. It was, indeed, a handsome tribute of respect.

Ashland Division—

We have expected for several months that some one would give our division a write-up. It can hardly be expected that our worthy Local Chairman, Bro. H. O. Irwin, can do it all. "He has troubles of his own." We have several good writers on this division, and let us have a write-up each month. There is no news of a very startling nature on the Ashland Division, but understand the electric block signals are completed on the Huntington Division, and that Ashland Junction will be closed, throwing Bros. Baker, Irwin and Sister McPhillips out. This is very hard on the boys to be moving around so much, as this change will affect a great many and causes a lot of kicking.

Everything is still closed and no sign of any offices being opened up soon.

At Pikeville Bro. Irwin, cashier, had been sick, and he has his hands full at present, but will be around to see the boys soon.

Bro. F. A. Burns off on vacation; relieved by Bro. L. S. Moles, a new man on this division, but is up-to-date.

Understand Bro. O. L. Kearns, at Harold, is getting lonesome up in the Big Sandy Valley, and expects soon to get on assistant to keep him company.

Mt. Savage opened up some time ago with Bro. Gray at the key."

Bro. Lester, at Pine Grove, has been off several weeks on the sick list; relieved by a non.

Now a word to the nons. We have three nons on the Lexington District, and four on the Big Sandy. Part of them are ex-members who dropped out, and some mention that they have a grievance against some special party who is a member. Now this won't do, boys. Get in line. Bury the hatchet, and let's do business. The Order is doing business for the benefit of telegraph operators, and you should join the army that is fighting for you. Who secured the eight hours, overtime, mileage, annual passes, etc.—through the influence of the O. R. T. These are facts that you should think over, and not try to run down the Order when it is for your own good, you should give it all the assistance and help, build it up. No use to remain a non simply because you are sore at some member (no one man runs the Order). Send in your application blanks. Do your duty. Don't wait for your neighbor to do his, do yours. Join the Order of your craft. Mc.

Erie Ry.

Mahoning Division—

The joint meeting of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, June 19th, was fairly well attended by men from both divisions.

Bro. W. S. Lowrie, local chairman, of Mahoning Division, in the chair, assisted by Bro. H. E. Harrington, local chairman of Meadville Division.

After the meeting adjourned your scribe was able to gather the following items:

Mr. McGhee, third trick telegrapher and yard dispatcher, who works from midnight to 6 a. m. at "HD," Cleveland, has so much time to spare he acts as instructor in a telegraph school in Cleveland, part of each day; also has two students attending him while on duty at "HD."

R. B. Barret, at Geauga Lake, enjoyed a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Ralph McDonald.

H. R. Myers, second trick at "HD," Cleveland, was off duty a week; relieved by J. B. Pulaski.

A. W. Bell, of Hubbard, was a Cleveland visitor recently.

W. J. Holbrook, third trick at Leavittsburg, was off for a week; relieved by third trick man at Warren, Mr. A. L. Taylor.

A. R. Thomas, of "VY" office, Youngstown, has been sick and off duty; relieved by W. C. McHale.

Mazie McAllen has resigned to accept a position of telephone and telegraph operator at the W. B. Pollock Foundry & Machine Works, Youngstown.

H. N. Andrews, third trick at "BR" tower, who is off duty sixty days, has gone to the Pacific Coast for a trip, and C. A. Conant goes from third trick at De Forest tower to third trick at "BR" tower.

Our Chief Train Dispatcher, Mr. F. H. Andrews, is enjoying his annual vacation, having gone to Omaha, Neb.

Frank Sanders, first trick at "VO" tower, is on a jury at Youngstown.

F. E. Brooks is again working third trick at De Forest tower, after having attended the Case School of Applied Science, at Cleveland, since last September.

Do not forget the meeting night, and do not fail to be present. We meet the third Saturday night of each and every month, at Warren, O. The hall is on the third floor of Union National Bank Building, southeast corner of Market St. and Park Ave. Div. Cor.

Cincinnati Division, East—

We had good meeting at Wadsworth May 1, but on account of bad weather attendance was limited.

Bro. Husted, our local chairman, gave the brothers present a very interesting talk, which was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Holycross, who has been acting agent at Burbank, has resumed duty as second trick telegrapher at "BN."

We understand that Bro. Shaffter has bid in the third trick at "AK" tower. Telegrapher Battles is working the second trick at Rittman, which was formerly held by Bro. Shaffter.

R. F. Razor is filling the third trick at Wadsworth, temporarily. We have not yet heard who has bid it in.

Bro. Bringolf, from Silver Creek, has been sick with mumps for the last week.

"IN" tower has again been opened, with two switchmen working twelve hours each. Cor.

Buffalo Division—

It is noticed from THE TELEGRAPHER that no items from the Buffalo Division has appeared therein for several months, although every brother is looking for the same upon receipt of each issue; now if some good and faithful brother will forward the news to our local chairman, he will see that something appears in the columns provided therein, each and every month.

Each do a little, and all can do a lot.

There have been several changes during the past few months, and certainly there must be some one interested, at least it appears that way; as soon as a position is not advertised, every one gets "8" and the thing is righted at once. Let us try this in the interest of the telegrapher.

Let us hope for a full page for the next issue.

CERT. 201.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. Geo. B. Lynch, and while we humbly submit to Him "whose will be done," and realize that our brother has received an inestimable promotion, we can but feel a deep sense of personal loss; and

WHEREAS, We desire to show our respect for and appreciation of the high character and thoroughly honorable principles attained by the departed; be it

Resolved, Erie System Division, No. 42, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved family our sincere sympathy in this their sorrow which is truly our own; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next meeting, a copy sent to the family of the deceased brother, and a copy submitted to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication. COMMITTEE.

Susquehanna Division—

Bro. G. H. Wilson, of "KZ," Union, is off duty a few days on account of the illness of his mother at Cameron.

Bro. H. M. King gave up "Hickory Grove" agency, and took second trick at "RX," Corning.

Barton Gravel Pit has been opened up days, with 'phone men in charge.

T. W. Donnellan took second trick at "DI," Addison.

Telegrapher Coleman, of Smithboro, is off a few days. Relieved by Mr. Wilson. We understand that Mr. Coleman's mother is sick. We hope she has recovered.

Telegrapher Hanahan, formerly of the "Old-Reliable," is now working on the N. C. near Williamsport.

Bro. Ira Brooks is off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Spencer.

Telegrapher J. P. Hogan is off a few days on a vacation.

Bro. C. W. Vincent, of Waverly, is off a few days; relieved by Mr. Pitt.

The Seventh Biennial Convention held in Atlanta, Ga., May 10th, was the largest ever held, and we will soon have a report of it, then all will know what was done there.

Brothers, get after the nuns in your locality, make it your special business to see them, and give them a good talking to and show them why they should be with us.

Our local chairman will call a meeting in the near future. Div. Con.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Fifth District—

Changes seem to be the order of the day on this division just now. Since last write-up Bro. Piersdorff was taken from the owl trick at Zealandia and checked in as agent at Delisle, replacing H. G. Wilkes, resigned, and who has, I understand, gone into the implement business. Hard luck seems to have been the share of Bro. Piers-

dorff, for scarcely had he been checked in before he was laid up with rheumatism and had to lay off again. Much sympathy is felt for him and it is our sincere wish that he may soon be able to resume his duties. Bro. Ronstadt, from Aylesbury, has succeeded Bro. Piersdorff at Delisle, being an older man. E. Lund, a new man, has got the agency at Aylesbury, temporarily.

Bro. Meraw has been appointed permanent relieving agent for this division, which should give those so inclined a chance to get a little vacation. He is at Nutana at present, having relieved Bro. Black, who goes to Disley. Bro. Stephens, of Disley, expects to take Nutana agency in the course of a few days.

Bro. Johnstone, late of Zealandia, is among us again, and has accepted a position in Saskatoon freight office for a short time. Hope to soon see him pounding brass again.

Bro. C. A. Adams, an ex-agent of Disley, has been working in the Saskatoon freight office for some time, but has accepted an agency with the Grand Trunk Pacific at Chauvin.

Bro. Flaxman is at Bethune at present, relieving Mr. Thomas, resigned, to take up farming with his son.

Bro. J. Strong was relieving at Bethune for a few days, but is back at Rosthern as day telegrapher, much to the relief of Bro. Raymond, who can ill afford to be without a day telegrapher at that point.

We understand that Bro. Blair, of Chamberland, is next on the list for holidays, and when notified that he was to be relieved in a few days let out a war whoop which was good to hear.

Bro. Scott is relieving Bro. Strong, who is away on holidays, but who will be back soon. Mr. Kendric, a new man, has the agency at Osler for the present.

The following stations are on bulletin at present time, and will likely be filled in the near future: Osler, Nutana, Girvin, Aylesbury, Bethune and Disley.

One word in your ears, boys. Try to get your yard list into the dispatcher by 8k sharp. He has reports to make from it for Winnipeg, which if not made out by 8:15 do not get through till after dinner, and when "C. S" is asked for, be Johnnie on the spot, and by so doing you will make matters a whole lot smoother for the dispatcher's office.

Con.

Battleford, Vermilion & Edmonton Sec.—

Relief agents are very much in demand these fine June days. Everybody seems anxious for a layoff.

Bro. Litster, of South Battleford, has returned from his sojourn among the niggers and 'gators "in dear old Georgia," and we can expect Bro. Matthews, our local chairman, to call a meeting of the Order almost any time. No doubt Pete will be chuck full of fun and information from the Sunny South and will gladly impart it to us stay-at-homes.

Work trains have commenced work in ballast pit at Watson, with Bro. Harrington in charge of the 19's and 31's.

Bro. Charlie McGill, of Quill Lake, is visiting in Winnipeg; relieved by Telegrapher MacCully.

Bro. Harrop, of Fielding, is visiting in Jerico, Moose Jaw and other points East; relieved by Bro. Harry McGill.

Bro. Schwalm, of Invermay, is taking holidays; relieved by his night telegrapher, Bro. Jack McCulloch.

Bro. Squibb, agent at Watson, has just returned from the old country. where, we understand, he took unto himself a wife.

Bro. Provost is doing the relief stunt at Watson.

It is rumored that two or three flag stations are to be opened this summer, which indicates that the C. N. R. is continuing to prosper.

Telegrapher MacCormack, from Invermay nights, has exchanged places with Bro. Harwood, of Warman nights, temporarily.

We are pleased to see Bro. Waterfield, of Islay, back at the old stand.

Bro. Smith, at N. Battleford, "FV" office, last fall, has returned to town from his "farm" and is holding down the night shift at Humbolt.

Bro. Foss, of Humbolt, has resigned to take a position in Winnipeg.

Bro. H. Stephenson, from B. C., is now day telegrapher at Humbolt.

CERT. 231.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Savannah Division—

Mr. A. L. Armstrong has gone from "GO" office, Savannah, to the ticket agency at Tybee Island, for the summer, he being relieved at "GO" office by Mr. F. S. Shumpit.

Bro. C. G. Rogers goes to Midville agency, vice Mr. J. N. Cail, who has returned to Dover agency.

Bro. H. E. Holland, third trick at Gordon, has been on sick list; relieved by Relief Agent Mills.

Mr. R. B. Cassels has been transferred to Tybee Depot, Savannah, vice Bro. G. W. Clanton, who returned to his old love, Meldrim, second trick.

On account of Tybee Depot having been given to Mr. Cassels, who is a new man with the company, it was taken up for bulletining, giving our older men a chance at this position. The following men have made application for the position: Bro. N. A. Williams, Bro. B. J. Moore and Bro. T. M. Franklin. We have not yet heard who is the winner. The new appointment will take effect September 1st, after the summer season is over. We understand that quite a number of nons were kicking for the place after it was "too late," handling their grievances direct with general superintendent. This shows how thankful some men are. After the positions are bulletined through the strenuous efforts of the Order, they try their luck single-handed. We would suggest that they get in line, and let the Order handle their grievances. Some nons reminds us of an old cow waiting for the bars to be let down. They will stand around and watch an opportunity for an opening, and as soon as they see a little space, they jump through

and feast on the best, without doing anything themselves.

Bros. J. H. Burke, C. G. Rogers, and E. M. Strickland were among those who attended the grand convention in Atlanta, and report a fine trip.

T. P. A. Hackett has been over the road during this month adjusting the passenger tariffs.

We have just been visited by the general officials, who made an inspection trip, and we are glad to notice that our men had their stations neat and tidy in appearance, and no room for censure.

Bro. D. M. Rogers, local chairman, was called to Savannah in company with Bros. Travis and Livsey to adjust several minor grievances, the main grievance being in regard to the bulletining of positions, which has caused much trouble in the past. We note that this rule is now being carried out on this division, and we hope that each local chairman will be careful to have all positions bulletined on his respective division.

At present there seems to be more individual effort displayed by the members in general, and the effects are noticeable; if those who have started this will continue, it will be but a short time until this division will be "right there" with the 100 per cent. Those who have not tried it should commence, and see how much good they can do for the Order.

It has come to our notice that Mr. J. A. Ballentine, manager of the National Inst. of Tel. of Columbia, S. C., has been corresponding with our superintendent with a view to placing some of his "graduates" in offices along the line of road, as "helpers." After several months, only one has been placed, and this at a large junction agency. Efforts are now on foot to have telegraph wires cut in freight office, for his special benefit. The boys can look out for wire trouble now.

Our attention has been called to the fact that one of our members is using a clerk in his office, teaching him telegraphy during his leisure time. How can a member willfully violate his obligation in such a manner? If he needs a clerk, he should work him as such. If there is time to teach telegraphy, the member has time to do the work himself. Such a policy as this causes hardships to be placed on many good, loyal members, as it is supposed that they have ample time for teaching telegraphy. Better cut it out, you are cutting your own throat, besides laying yourself liable to expulsion.

CERT. 3.

Chattanooga Division—

The semi-annual dues for the last half of 1909 are now due. It is hoped that all members on this division will remit promptly and make our record for the ensuing period as good as it was for the period just closed. Assessments in the Mutual Benefit are also due and payable and are to be remitted semi-annually instead of monthly as in the past, as per Bro. Quick's letter of May 25th.

Bro. C. E. Bledsoe, of Durham, has accepted Lindale agency, vice Bro. Sammons, resigned. Mr. Comer, from Clem, went to Durham and Mr. Moon furnished a student for the \$25 job at Clem.

Bro. Bolton, of yard office, Chattanooga, is filling in as copy man at Cedartown, while the dispatchers are each taking a short rest.

Mr. Bernider, an extra man, is working Bro. Bolton's trick.

Bro. King, of Trion, is off duty a few days; relieved by Mr. B. A. Powell, an extra man.

We are very sorry to note the illness of Sister Knight, of Turin, and wish for her a speedy recovery. She is being relieved by Mr. Smith, an extra man, with whom we are unacquainted.

CHAT. 265.

Ann Arbor Ry.

With the help of Bro. Taylor, I have secured a few items. I made requests of several members on the line to assist in gathering items for the journal, but as yet have not heard from them.

Bro. Kerwin, third trick at Durand, has gone to Shepherd to relieve the agent for a couple of months. A new man on the road who, we understand, is from the M. C., is doing the third trick at Durand.

Business on the road seems to be about normal, but the shops at Owosso have closed down.

Third trick dispatcher, T. E. Lahy, is taking a few days' vacation visiting his home in Southern Ohio; relieved by Extra Dispatcher Johnson.

The extra gangs that have been laying steel on the south end of the middle division have been laid off to cut down expenses.

The telegraphers at Mt. Pleasant had a lemon handed them June 10th. They are to relieve the agent at that point of the duty of selling tickets, and they are also required to work nine hours instead of eight, as has been the custom since the nine-hour law went into effect.

One of the new passenger engines has been received and more are expected. It is equipped throughout with electric lights.

Bro. F. F. Slagle, formerly of Dundee, has accepted a position with the D. T. & I. at Adrian. We regret to see him leave the Ann Arbor, but hope he has bettered himself in making the move.

Bro. Lanham, formerly third trick at Hallett, has secured Vernon agency on bid, and says he is satisfied with the change.

The Ann Arbor is to see all kinds of improvements this summer. General Manager Lowell intends to expend a large amount of money in improvements and new passenger equipment. When this is done the Ann Arbor will rank among the best roads in the country, and the first in Michigan to put on steel passenger trains.

For some time past there have been meetings of employes and management held at Owosso in the engineer's hall, to promote a more genial feeling between employe and employer. Rules are to be revised and the Standard book of rules will be adopted. A school of instruction for teaching the proper handling of train orders will soon be established, and all who can do so should attend.

Sister B. I. Sullivan, of Marion, is away on thirty days' leave of absence. We can not say whether she is going to leave the service or not.

She was relieved by Mr. Weed, who comes from the M. C.

Bro. Cudaback, formerly of Cadillac, has accepted a position at "A" office, Toledo, where he is helping Mr. White out. I understand that Bro. Cudaback is in poor health, and was placed in this position to enable him to be near a specialist.

While loading Ann Arbor Car Ferry No. 4 in the slip at Manistique, through some mismanagement the ferry was overturned and with about 1200 tons of iron ore lays at the bottom of the slip. Work is being rushed on the lightering of the ferry, as the harbor is tied up and the service badly crippled. A temporary slip has been built and business is being handled with as much dispatch as possible under the circumstances. M.

B. & L. E. Ry.

Among the many changes that have taken place recently on the north end are the following:

Bro. C. R. Miller, first trick at Meadville Jct. to first trick at "AK" tower.

Mr. W. S. Filson, third trick at Mercer Jct., to second trick at "AK" tower.

Bro. C. F. Sahn, first trick at "RX" tower, to first trick at "CD," Exposition Park.

Bro. V. P. Lyman, third trick at "RX" tower, to first trick at "RX" tower.

Mr. R. S. Keep, who holds a card in the Train Dispatchers' Association, is working third trick at "RX" tower.

Mr. F. A. Wheeler, one of Bessemer's popular agents, took charge of the agency at Exposition Park on May 25th. This is Mr. Wheeler's second summer at this beautiful resort.

Bro. R. A. Buzza, first trick at French Creek, was a visitor at Exposition Park one fine day last week.

Bro. C. A. Callahan is working third trick at Watson Run.

Mr. T. L. McKarney, who was working third trick at "NS" tower was taken ill while on duty, and was removed to the hospital. His condition is reported as being very serious.

Mrs. J. C. McKay, wife of Bro. J. C. McKay, agent at Conneaut Lake, is reported as being quite ill in the hospital.

Bro. W. T. Benedict is reported as being on the sick list.

Bro. L. D. Calvin, third trick at "RN" tower, was off duty nine days recently on account of sickness in family.

Bro. L. V. Thayer was called to Pittsburg a few days as witness in law suit.

Bro. H. D. Hall was off on a vacation for one week.

Considerable rejoicing is going on all along the line on account of the re-establishment of the rule requiring all vacant positions to be bulletined by a "23" message. This has proved to be the most satisfactory manner in which to fill vacancies, and is one of the best rules we have.

A young man who is working as extra telegrapher on the Bessemer desired to secure some information about the O. R. T., and asked one

of the dispatchers at Greenville if he thought it advisable for him to join the Order. The dispatcher replied that he thought the young man would have a better standing with the officials of the company if he would not join the Order. By what process of reasoning any intelligent person could arrive at such a conclusion is beyond our comprehension. Organized labor is approved of by press and pulpit everywhere, and members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers have just as good standing with the officials of the Bessemer Railroad as telegraphers who are not members.

It is rumored that the Bessemer is contemplating the installation of the telephone system to take the place of the telegraph, in the near future. A few facts in regard to the use of the telephone for running trains on other lines will not be out of place at the present time. On January 1, 1909, there were in actual operation in the United States 4,900 miles of railroad using the telephone system, and over 7,000 additional miles were being installed.

The advantage which is claimed for the telephone over the telegraph is that train orders can be handled quicker. It was the custom on most lines changing from telegraph to telephone to retain their telegraphers without change of salary, as they hold their telegraph lines in reserve to be used in case the telephone system is temporarily out of order. It is the opinion of many persons who are acquainted with the use of the telephone and the telegraph that the telegraph is by far the safest method of running trains. Whether or not this will prove to be the case will be seen after the telephone has had a fair trial.

Telegrapher Scott, of Frazier, worked first trick at Hallston a few days last week, relieving Bro. Allen.

Bro. C. L. Milner, formerly of this division, is visiting friends at Harrisville, Pa. CHAT. 75.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Sacramento Division—

The fruit business on the Sacramento Division is beginning to make things lively. Agents and telegraphers are figuring on the usual vacations, and the extra man finds plenty to do.

The following assignments were made on bulletin No. 49:

Bro. B. S. Dimmick, agent at Towle; Bro. W. M. Martin, second trick at Summit; Bro. C. E. Schoonover, agent at Floriston; Bro. R. E. Fry, third trick at Reno; Bro. H. E. Hyde, agent at Lincoln; Bro. L. T. Shamp, first trick at Chico; Sister May Southern, second trick at Chico, and Bro. L. L. Locey, agent at Colusa Junction.

The following positions are made vacant by above assignments:

Third trick at Towle, first trick at Yuba Pass, second trick at Caporn, agent at Arbuckle and second trick at Cisco.

It is rumored that agencies at Placerville, Folsom and Dutch Flat will be open soon.

Mr. H. Van Fleet, who has filled the night position as telegrapher at Auburn for some forty years, is now working extra at Gold Run. We suppose for the benefit of his health, as Gold Run is a summer resort.

Mr. D. C. Pelton, agent at Fruto, has been on a vacation for a few weeks, and Bro. M. H. Church has been relieving.

Bro. C. A. Nelson, acting agent at Towle for a month, is now working third trick at same station. Former Agent, Bro. C. A. Bailey, is now working second trick at Midas. Bro. F. L. Harmon held this position for some weeks, but is now holding down the third trick, his regular position.

Bro. Edw. Duffey checked in at Duluth Flat as acting agent. We understand Mr. R. Munro, regular agent, has resigned.

Sisters Hood and Tuttle are still holding block positions at Magra and Dutch Flat.

Bro. C. E. Duden, agent at El Dorado, was called to San Francisco on account of serious illness of his sister, who died shortly after his arrival. Division No. 53 extends heartfelt sympathy. Bro. Duden returned to work June 14th.

Bro. A. T. Johnson, a young extra man, has been working extra at Caporn, Chico and other places.

Bro. Paul Storey is now working second trick at Woodland.

Bro. Didlake, of the Northern Pacific, has been working second trick at Reno; relieved by Bro. M. E. Jepson, and will now hold third trick at 12th St., Sacramento, during absence of Bro. W. W. McClintock, who is working a dispatcher's trick temporarily.

Bro. S. J. Simen, first trick at Marysville, is working a duplex wire in Sacramento office; relieved by Bro. R. H. Loban, acting agent at Floriston.

Bro. E. F. Stewart, regular second trick at Midas, is now working second trick at Loomis.

Bro. F. M. Smith, second trick at Verdi, has, we understand, resigned; relieved by Bro. P. B. Bigelow.

Bro. Geo. Yaeger, agent at Boca, has just returned from an extended visit throughout the Eastern States. George was glad to get away for a vacation, after having spent the winter in Boca, the coldest place in the Sierras, also glad to return to dear old California. Bro. H. L. Bruce relieved Yaeger.

Bro. J. J. Woodbury is working third trick at Boca.

Bro. C. C. Davison is taking his summer vacation, and Bro. B. D. Mullen is working third trick at "OW" wire.

Bro. G. M. Clarke leaves for Seattle Fair in a few days, and we understand he will remain in Oregon for some time visiting relatives.

Bro. H. H. Houston, delegate to Atlanta convention has returned to his position first trick at 12th St., Sacramento. Harry took an active part in the affairs of the convention, and reports a splendid time on the trip, which was extended to

New York and through the Northwest, returning June 1st.

Bro. J. E. Blackford has also returned to his post at Towle; he attended General Committee meeting at New Orleans, also convention at Atlanta, although not a delegate, and we understand he made about the same trip as Bro. Houston, taking in the Seattle Exposition.

Bro. Randal is relieving Bro. W. P. Roth, third trick at Tehama, who is on a vacation.

Bro. O. P. Bates has been on a short vacation in East Oakland. Bro. D. W. Koppikus has transferred all general secretary and treasurer's matters to Bro. Bates.

Bro. A. J. Plank has been doing the agency work during the absence of Bro. Bates.

Bro. Blackford informs us that the following named brothers were unintentionally omitted from the January 1st seniority list, and correction will be made: Bro. C. S. Greene, Bro. A. T. Johnston, Bro. H. C. Troth and Bro. R. M. Stinson.

Bro. J. F. Casey, regular first trick man at Colfax, has just returned from an extended trip throughout the Eastern States. Jim has not enjoyed the best of health lately, but we understand he is much improved and will resume duty July 1st.

Bro. J. E. Watt is relieving Bro. S. J. Billheimer at Elvas; Billheimer on vacation in Los Angeles.

Bro. P. B. Bell, extra on Sacramento Division, has taken a trick in "BD" office, San Francisco.

Bro. C. S. Greene, first trick at Reno, has been sick for some time, understand he is about to enter into some business venture in Penryn, and will give up railroad work. We wish him success.

Div. Coa.

Shasta Division—

Bro. D. W. Koppikus, assistant general chairman, honored us with a visit, and was over the division and made a cleaning up. He made the nons hard to catch, or to be more exact, made them more fraternal in every respect. You may depend upon this being a "solid" division hereafter—of course, there are a few hopeless cases, but they don't count.

Two passenger trains have been added to our time card, owing to the heavy traffic caused by the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition. These trains are strictly first-class, electric lighted, making very few stops and run on a schedule of twenty-seven hours between San Francisco and Portland. No. 14 is running ten hours later than old card time, making it rather inconvenient for local traffic.

Owing to the many changes during the past two months it is nearly impossible to make a complete line-up.

Bro. Wood has been assigned to a day position in Coram. Bro. Townes is acting agent at Coram.

Relief Telegrapher Wilson, a new man on the division, is working as second trick telegrapher at Redding.

Sister Bundy is still third trick telegrapher at Red Bluff, and will hold same until it is bid in.

Bro. Lloyd is relieving at Kennet, nights.

Lamoine is now open for bid. Agent Anderson, from Coram, is at Lamoine at present.

Bro. A. D. Henning and family are back from a trip around the world. He advises that he enjoyed himself.

Relief Telegrapher P. M. Golden is at Weed, third trick. The third trick is a new position created on last bulletin. Bro. V. J. Bevier working his regularly assigned position, second trick.

Telegrapher G. F. Winans, a new man on the division, is relieving Bro. West for a short time. Bro. West is on a vacation.

Bro. Rose, from the Missouri Pacific, is relieving at Hornbrook, nights.

Bro. H. Wilson, an old-time press operator, is working in Portland.

Bro. Pearson and family are on a two months' vacation. We understand he will visit the fair and many other places of interest. Bro. Pearson was relieved by Telegrapher C. E. Adams, from Dunsuir, and Mrs. Pearson by Telegrapher Drake.

The following positions are now open for bids: Third trick telegrapher and clerk, Red Bluff; third trick telegrapher and clerk, Kennet; agent, Coram; agent, Lamoine; third trick telegrapher, Weed (new position).
Div. Coa.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Relay Division—

There have been few changes in the relay force since last month; not changes in their mental attitude—that remains practically the same—just a few moves on the checkerboard.

F. B. Chalupsky, of St. Paul, resigned to accept a position with the Great Northern at St. Paul. Got tired of paying rent on a typewriter and went where the rent is free and the salary higher. We would suggest here that thorough organization is the method used to increase salaries and get concessions.

Bro. A. R. Lee relieved Mr. Chalupsky at St. Paul.

M. H. Hancock, of Spokane, resigned to accept the agency at Reardon, Wash. Wanted to get on a well-organized division. A better way would be to help organize the Relay Division.

V. B. Walker, of St. Paul, relieved Mr. Hancock at Spokane.

Mr. Walker was relieved at St. Paul by Bro. Carrigan, of Livingston.

Our chairman, Bro. C. A. Tompkins, goes to Tacoma to help move the business and incidentally do a little missionary work. He thinks we have been working both ends against the middle long enough.

C. V. Rhodes relieves Bro. Tompkins at Dickinson.

We understand that another increase of force is anticipated at Tacoma.
Div. Coa.

Montana Division—

Hampton, at Belgrade, is off a few days on sick list; relieved by T. J. Hoban.

Bro. Carrigan, of Livingston relay office, has been transferred to "NP" office at St. Paul.

Mr. Cox, at one time a dispatcher in Livingston, is now working in the relay office there. We understand that Mr. Cox will do the extra dispatching.

Bro. Williams is working the second trick at Lombard. We understand that Mrs. Tyrrell has resigned and that Mrs. Williams will be placed on the third trick at that place.

Messrs. C. A. Reichardt and G. Jacobs exchanged positions, Jacobs going on third trick at Chestnut and Reichardt on third at Hoppers; later, Jacobs was relieved at Chestnut by a Mr. Hoover from the Burlington.

Bro. J. E. Milsch, the telegrapher at Bridger, is on a six weeks' leave of absence, visiting friends in Iowa. He was relieved by Mr. R. P. Webster, a new man on the road.

Bro. F. T. Hungate, a new man on the road, is working third trick at Winston, relieving Telegrapher Christ, who was taken out of the service.

Cardwell, on the Butte line, has been opened as a day telegraph office, with Bro. C. U. Brown at the key.

Bro. F. R. Hubbell relieved Mr. P. C. Bryan at Great Northern Junction; Bryan went to yard office at Billings to relieve Bro. C. H. Preston.

Yegen has been made a three-man job, Bro. Preston getting first trick, Mr. W. G. Walgren, from Reed Point, second, and R. C. Cooper, from G. N. Ry., third.

L. S. Winters is the new second trick man at Great Northern Junction.

It is rumored that the telegraph office at Foster will be closed in a short time.

Bro. E. P. Smith, having returned from a trip to Kentucky, goes to Foster, relieving Bro. C. D. Geyer, who goes to Yegen to relieve Mr. Walgren.

Bro. Jones, of Merrill, has been called east on account of sickness in his family. Bros. Dahl and Burnside doubled for three days until another man could be sent there. We understand that Bro. Jones will try the simple life on his claim near Mercer, N. D., in July.

Bro. Parks worked third at Merrill a few days and was bumped by Bro. Geyer from Reed Point. Bro. Parks went to Reed Point on second trick.

We understand that another man will be put on at Reed Point to help out during the wool shipping season.

Bro. Mould has been transferred from Laurel to Big Timber, relieving Bro. Brown, who received the agency at Jefferson Island.

A Mr. McKenzie is the new man on third trick at Greycliff.

Bro. I. D. Hadzor, agent at Norris, has resigned; applications are going in.

R. B. Boyd, of Sappington, likes the country so well that he has gone back east after his family.

Bro. C. D. Barton, third trick at Whitehall, accepted the agency at Sappington during Boyd's absence.

There is a new third trick man named Cronk at Whitehall, who hails from the Illinois Central.

M. Conrad, who drew the agency at Three Forks, has been relieved by Telegrapher Brennan.

There is a new third trick man at Welch. We are unable to say who he is or how he stands.

The latest reports of Bro. Farhart, who worked second at Lombard last winter, indicate that he is in the automobile business in Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. C. E. Carpenter, local chairman, is off duty two weeks, enjoying a pleasure trip to Salt Lake. He was relieved by Miss Smith, from Park City.

CERT. 1079.

Dakota Division—

Mr. Ringham, of Jamestown yard, is laying off. He is relieved by Bro. Andre. Bro. Andre comes from the Wisconsin Central.

Bro. Christensen, of "J" office, Jamestown, is laying off; relieved by Mr. Malone, from Steele. Mr. Malone was relieved at Steele by Bro. Marsh.

Mr. Johnson, of Burleigh, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Hopkins, from Steele. Bro. Hopkins was relieved at Steele by Bro. Marsh.

Bro. Miller is again at work at Dawson, third trick, after being held up by an attack of smallpox. Bro. Maxwell is now at McKenzie.

Bro. O. A. Johnson, from the Lake Superior Division, is filling in second trick at Crystal Springs, with Bro. Reichard first.

Bro. Baker, who relieved Mr. Olmore at Berner, has resigned and has been relieved by Mr. Blue.

Guptie Gravel Pit has been made a new office, with Bro. Trandall, from the C. B. & Q., filling the chair.

Bro. Baker, at McCloskey, is laying off. We can not say who is relieving him.

Bro. Yostie, from Windsor, and Bro. Andre, "JY," Jamestown, have exchanged positions. Bro. Yostie is now third at Jamestown and Bro. Andre third at Windsor.

Bro. Christensen has returned from his vacation and reports a good time. Mr. Malone goes to Jamestown, taking second trick. Bro. Strand takes first, and Bro. Ebert is laying off.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Pacific Division, First District—

Ellensburg—Bro. R. C. Dobson, accompanied by his bride, is still on vacation. Bro. Baker is working his trick in "EB." Telegrapher Fichtel is working Bro. Baker's trick, and one of the old warhorses, Bro. H. M. Luttrell, is working third. Bro. L. is back temporarily. He has rented his fruit ranch and will begin a law course at the U. of M., Ann Arbor, Mich., about Sept. 1st.

Thorp—Telegrapher W. J. Owens has resigned; relieved by ex-Dispatcher Slutter, followed by

Telegrapher A. L. Parks. Vacancy assigned on bulletin to Bro. G. E. Carvell, from Martin.

Bristol—Telegrapher J. A. Schirmier, first, bid in agency at Covington. Vacancy assigned on bulletin to J. A. Butchcoe, from Martin. E. F. Feldman, third, left the service. Bro. C. F. Long is now holding down third trick.

Cle Elum—Bro. Sales is on vacation; relieved by Mr. W. W. Whitticare.

Nelsons—Bro. A. Locke has left the service and is now working for the Idaho Northern at Rathdrum, Idaho. Telegrapher Wood, from third at Nelsons to agency at Elma. First and third bid in by Bro. and Sister Fischer from Upham. Bro. J. Garriepy still holding second, but on vacation just now for sixty days; relieved by Telegrapher L. C. Wyse, who has promised Bro. Fischer to fill out the documents July 1st.

Easton—Bro. A. M. Calvert has returned from Arizona. Bro. U. G. Calvert is back on first trick. Bro. J. L. Brimberry is doing second trick and Bro. S. M. Moore is holding down third.

Upham—Vacancies on first and third tricks left by Bro. and Sister Fischer filled temporarily by Telegraphers Morrissey and Grummit. Permanent staff, Mr. Howe, from second to first; Bro. F. V. Tapley (from somewhere in Maine) on second; Bro. E. Best from third trick at Easton to third at Upham.

Martin—Bro. C. A. Defore, one of the old guards who has been drilling steadily in "WR," Tacoma, office, felt the need of a rest, so he bid in first trick at this point. Bro. M. B. Parker, from Stampede, bid in third. Telegrapher H. E. Hudson is working the second trick temporarily.

Stampede—Telegrapher H. V. LaDow, from Covington, bid in the third trick vacated by Bro. Parker.

Borup—Bro. M. C. Bayer was assigned to second trick when Bro. Arnold left for the North. Bro. V. O. Brunner was on third, later relieved by Bro. G. F. Priest.

Weston—Third trick at this point has been assigned to Mr. C. A. Barrie.

Lester—Bro. M. B. Lytle has been transferred from second at "DM" to third in "WR" office. He was relieved by Telegrapher Parks from Thorp.

Humphrey—Bro. E. S. Curtis took about three weeks vacation. He was relieved by Telegrapher E. R. Ridgway, who was later relieved by Bro. O. H. Littlepage.

Eagle Gorge—Last month, on account of misinformation, I reported Bro. McDaniel as being on vacation and relieved by Telegrapher Bennett. Mack secured a final relief but a few days before this was written. He was relieved by Relief Agent Hopper. "13" he is off for about a month.

Palmer Junction—Bro. C. W. Coburn is on third trick, vice Bro. Maddox, resigned.

Ravensdale—Bro. R. A. Hamilton took a couple of weeks layoff, and reports a good time. He was relieved by Bro. G. F. Priest.

Sumner—Second trick was bulletined and was bid in by Bro. Patterson, of Winlock, who later

gave it up for the second trick at Woodland. It was assigned on next bulletin to Telegrapher Welch.

Dieringer and Mecker offices have been abolished.

Buckley Line—Only news we can learn of is that there is a new man named Brown at Enumclaw. Don't know whether an Order man or not. Says he was sent there to post up on station work, and that it is an excellent place for that purpose, as there is not a thing to do at that point but work.

Examiner J. M. Flynn has been over the First District, putting the boys through their paces on the transportation and A. B. C. and straight block rules. He will next tackle the Second District. This is the quadriennial examination, and it caught many of us for the first time on this road. The writer thinks the practice of other roads is much better. They examine their men singly before they are hired, so that none escape. It would take a good guesser to say how many "boomers" have been and gone in the last four years, having undergone no examination at all. K. C.

Pacific Division, First District—

Mr. Fichtl, of Ellensburg is still "broke" and not in the Order, although he has opened an account and carries a checkbook on one of the Ellensburg banks. We wonder if he has ever figured how much the Order has to do with keeping wages at a point where it is possible for him to carry that checkbook?

Bro. J. Floberg, of Cle Elum, took a layoff during the last month. He was relieved by Bro. J. L. Miller, from Olympia.

Bro. A. M. Calvert, agent at Easton, on layoff and taking a trip to Arizona. Bro. U. G. Calvert is the relieving agent. Bro. E. Best is now on third trick. Others move up accordingly.

Bro. V. O. Brunner, of Martin, is back to his old "hangout," working third trick.

Bro. P. C. Arnold, of Borup, is taking three months layoff. Going to seek his fortune in Alaska.

A very sad accident happened at Weston, recently. Telegrapher C. A. Caldwell, while crossing the track to throw a switch for a stock train, slipped and fell in front of the engine and was instantly killed. The remains were shipped to an uncle in Seattle and thence to his home in Chillicothe, Ill. Bro. Baker wrote to Bro. Quick to take up with some brother in his home town the matter of getting a floral offering for the funeral from this district. Have not heard at time of writing this whether the matter was arranged or not. Telegrapher F. H. Rowan temporarily working third trick at Weston.

Telegrapher E. A. Johnston, of Lester, has resigned. Bro. E. G. Mathews is working third trick and Bro. M. B. Lytle is holding second.

Bro. McDaniel, of Eagle Gorge, is on thirty-days layoff. Relieved by Mr. Bennett, from Colorado.

Miss R. A. McClellan, of Sumner, is laying off. Relieved by Mr. W. A. Dingleline.

Meeker has been closed permanently.

The first trick at Puyallup is held by Mr. F. A. Ross, from Meeker; second by Bro. Huffman, and third by Mr. Gress, from Meeker.

Mr. Stanton, from Meeker, is working first trick at Prescott.

Mr. Heiser, of "WR," Tacoma, took a layoff for a month. Relieved by Bro. Lytle, who was later sent to Lester.

Bro. F. A. Bradbury, who was "bumped" from Prescott by Mr. Stanton, took second trick at South Prairie.

Local Chairman Baker reports that Bro. E. G. Mathews, of Lester, gladdened his heart by asking for two sets of application blanks. Bro. B. says to tell the boys that he has lots more application blanks and will be tickled to death to have the brothers put them to good use.

K. C.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.

Toledo District, West End—

Bro. B. H. Better, third trick at Kingsaway, transferred his membership from Division 33 to Division 55 this month.

Bro. L. D. Schultz, of the Grand Division, relieved Telegrapher O. B. Handy, at Huron, for a few days on account of the latter's sickness.

Relief Agent Bro. J. B. Zingg was at Milan a few days, while the regular agent, J. Mygel, moved from Mt. Pleasant to Milan.

Bro. Piper, second trick man at Hartland, transferred his membership from Division 33 to Division 55.

Bro. A. E. Drenner, agent at Hartland, has left the service.

We understand that Bro. E. A. Weirick got third trick at Huron Junction, on bulletin.

Bro. J. D. Dennis has been laying off a few weeks, being relieved by Relief Agent Bro. C. D. Endriss. He returned to work June 22d. Bro. Endriss goes to Homestead to relieve Telegrapher Richland for a few days, commencing June 25th.

Have you paid your dues?

DUTCH.

Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.

Regular monthly meeting held at Valdosta Sunday June 13th, with a good attendance. Much business of importance was transacted. Bro. Watson was unable to be with us on account of having no one to work for him. We were glad to see the A. C. L. boys out, and hope to have more of them at our next meeting, which will be held at Valdosta, July 11th.

Bro. Carr, of the freight office at Valdosta, goes with A. C. L. at that point. Mr. Jaxon, Findlay nights, relieved Bro. Carr. Mr. Perry has gone to Findlay nights. Bro. J. L. Roberts, from Hahira, Ga., goes second trick at Adel. Bro. C. M. McCahee, from Lenox agency to Hahira. Mr. Gay, from second trick, Adel, to Lenox agency.

Bro. M. Middlebrooks, formerly nights at Findlay, is working second trick at Hillsboro, Ga., on C. of Ga., that being his home.

Bro. J. W. Watkins, first trick man at Union ticket office, Cordele, is off a few days.

Several changes have taken place at Union ticket office, Tifton, since our last write-up. Old faces are gone to parts unknown and new ones are in their places. Bro. D. A. Hickey, first, Bro. J. E. Piper, from C. of Ga., No. 46, second, and Bro. E. H. Baker, from 132, third trick.

The writer notices that Mr. Willis A. Hair, one of those famous C. T. U. of A. scabs, has disappeared from the agency at Baxter, Fla. Boys, which way did he go; keep a watch out for him and remember the name, please.

We hope to see more of the boys out to our next meeting July 11th.

CARR. 5.

Southern Ry.

Atlanta Division, South End—

Another month has rolled around and some of the boys still remain nons. When you undertake to line them up the same old excuse is given: "I am sorry, but just simply can't spare the money this month." I fell in company with a non some time since who had had trouble with the railroad company and was on his way to see the chief dispatcher. He had the audacity to say to me that if he was discharged he would join the O. R. T. and get the Order to put up a fight for his job. What do you think of such nerve?

Bro. J. F. Mosely, of Stockbridge, has made arrangements to take a trip through the West and visit Waco, Texas, and Rosebud. The latter place is his home. We know his stay will be a pleasant one, as he will be surrounded by relatives and old friends. He will leave July 1st for a sixty days' vacation and will be relieved by Telegrapher Grant.

Telegrapher DeLong is now taking a three weeks' vacation visiting relatives in Jacksonville, Fla.

We held a nice meeting at Flovilla, Saturday night, June 19th, with the following brothers present: I. H. McVicker, Moseley, Allen, W. O. Needham, G. C. Merritt, W. D. Mayes, Bros. Chambliss and Edwards, second and third trick at Flovilla; Bro. Goodwin and a few others that I failed to meet. We hold regular meetings on the fourth Sunday in each month at Flovilla. Don't forget to swell the crowd. Come and discuss matters and exchange ideas with each other. The dispatchers will favor you with wire passes if you can come between tricks or get relief. Come once and we are sure you will come again. Our chief dispatcher and superintendent have been very nice about furnishing passes by wire. Of course, we must write for transportation when practicable.

Bro. G. C. Merritt, third trick at "Cork," is on a vacation, covering ten or fifteen days. We do not know who is relieving him.

The brothers south of Macon will please send items for publication to Bro. W. O. Needham, Ellenwood, Ga.

I saw Bro. E. C. Needham, from Waring, Ga., north of Atlanta a few days since. With his family he is taking a trip to his old home.

Div. Cor.

Norfolk Division—

Mr. E. T. Lamb, superintendent and general agent at Norfolk and Pinners Point, leaves us on the 15th, and Trainmaster Mr. J. S. Bergman has been appointed to succeed him as division superintendent. Mr. Bergman was trainmaster four years. He comes from the Durham, N. C., agency.

Mr. P. A. Hart has given up the agency at Lawrenceville and is succeeded by Mr. E. W. Ligon, formerly from Mr. Hooper's office, and the Pinners Point billing office. Mr. Hart has accepted a position as accountant in the Danville, Va., agency office.

Bro. C. B. Austin, agent at Milton, N. C., declined the assistant agency at Danville, Va.

Bro. Baptist, of Boynton, has been staying close nursing a case of mumps. Glad to see him well again.

Bro. Capelle, the agent at Edgerton, recently made a flying trip to Norfolk on business; relieved by Mr. Keeton from Lawrenceville office.

Bro. Kelly, agent at Brodnax, spent a few days in Petersburg and Norfolk on business; relieved by Mr. Keeton.

Arringdale, Va., agency has been open two months, and has been temporarily filled by a student. What is the reason that this job is not bulletined and given to some old man?

Buffalo Lithia Springs agency is to be opened on the 15th for the summer. The agent at this point is also conductor on the branch train.

On May 28, Bro. J. P. Dalton, of Holland, received a telegram announcing the death of his father, Geo. A. Dalton, of No. 141 Grove avenue, Petersburg, Va. He had long been a sufferer from kidney trouble, and his death was not a surprise. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. W. Moore, pastor of the church of which he was a member. Mr. Dalton is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. C. F. Fraser, Mrs. J. W. Harris, Mrs. G. G. Lewis and Miss Nora Dalton, all of Petersburg, Va.; W. A. Dalton, of Jetersville, Va., and J. P. Dalton, of Holland, Va. The remains was laid to rest in the Blandford Cemetery. We extend to Bro. Dalton and the family our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Thornton, the local chairman, has called a meeting at Port Norfolk on Sunday, June 20th, for the transaction of important business.

CERT. 2096.

Asheville Division—

We haven't had anything in the journal from the Asheville Division for a long time, of which fact I think most of us are ashamed. We could contribute something every month just as well as not, but I think most of the members are busy working on the nons, and now as they have about worked themselves out of a job in this special work there should be no excuse offered for not having items in the journal regularly.

I think the convention put new zeal into the Southern boys and they will get closer together than ever before. While we did not have a large attendance of visitors at the convention we have been asked innumerable questions regarding the work accomplished, and we know that even the nons are as a usual thing interested.

The new superintendent, Mr. Pelter, who has just taken charge of the division, seems to be an excellent gentleman and it is up to the boys to show him what excellent service can be rendered by a thoroughly organized set of telegraphers. Other superintendents have been proud of the telegraph service on this division and we can and must please this one, and I assure you that if you will deliver the goods the superintendent will reciprocate.

I am glad to note that the service is at this time as good and probably better than it ever has been.

Bro. B. B. Abernathy, of Connelly Springs, has just returned from New York, where he has been for several days on business. We are sorry to learn that he was ill most of the time and did not enjoy the trip.

Bro. Little, at Barber, keeps pounding away on the nons of the Winston Salem Division, and reports that he is growing very short of material. We are glad to say we have none to spare him on this occasion, as we are also short. The boys of the Winston Salem Division should be proud of him as local chairman, for he is indeed a good one.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of the wife and child of Bro. Alexander, of Drexel, and we sincerely hope they will soon recover.

How about the ham factory at Graphiteville? Ain't it a Jonah? One student, one teacher (who needs a course himself) and two main wires in the office. Guess there will be some large telegraphing done up in those mountains some of these days.

Bro. Brookshire, of Azalea, reports having had a nice time while on vacation. Bro. Frazier relieved him.

CERT. 9.

St. Louis Division, West End—

Agent Byers, of Bartleso, was on "23" last Sunday. He visited friends in Hoosier.

Bro. Chapman, second trick telegrapher at Mt. Carmel, is holding first trick, Telegrapher Berniger having resigned. Bro. Chapman is being relieved by Bro. Geddis, from New Baden.

Bro. Heuring, of Browns, succeeded in landing a non a few days ago.

Bro. Gahagan, first trick man at Denverside, has resigned; relieved by Bro. Carnahan, regular second trick man. Bro. Cleary is now working second trick.

We understand that the lady telegrapher at Lake has resigned, but we are unable to say who gets the position.

A few changes have been made on this division lately. The dispatchers are working the branches east as far as Huntingburg. Dispatchers Devney, Eckerty and Larcey are still with us.

Dispatchers Gilley and Dearing have been transferred to Louisville.

There are not very many items this write-up. Let's get together and have a big write-up next month. "H."

North End, Charlotte Div.—

Quite a large meeting was held last month, I understand. I regret that I could not be present, but I was on vacation, visiting my sister at Clinton, S. C. I was relieved by Bro. C. L. Albright.

Bro. Ed Wood, formerly third trick at Paris, has left the service of the company. He was relieved by Bro. Russell.

Mr. J. J. Burns, of Wellford, has left the services of the company; relieved by Telegrapher Scott.

Mr. E. R. Rector and Mr. C. R. Tinsley, of Spartanburg, off a few days attending court; relieved by Bro. A. H. Faulkner and Bro. Russell.

Mr. James J. Phillips, of Mt. Zion, at this writing is sick and at the point of death in Spartanburg. He is being relieved by Telegrapher Dewberry.

Bro. R. Ward, of Blacksbusch, off a few days; can't learn who relieved him.

Mr. Frank Garrison, formerly second trick at Gastonia, was discharged for holding red board on No. 43, our fast mail train, to put a drunken man on. Brothers, we should look after this man, as he is knocking us every chance he gets; does not seem to be made of our kind of material.

The following assignments were made on bulletin of June 18th: First trick Air Line Junction W. E. Patterson. Third trick Paris, W. D. Miller. Second trick North Charlotte, B. F. Darst. Third trick Greer, C. L. Cox.

Now, you extra men, have no kick coming, as eight or ten jobs are on bulletin; bid them in.

We have heard serious complaints from our chief dispatcher, Mr. King, about the boys sleeping on duty, especially the third trick men. This looks bad. Quit running around and sleep more and stay awake at night; be men, don't be like a lot of children. Let us show Mr. King that we mean to do the right thing. I am sure he would appreciate it.

We want to see all of you at the next meeting with new cards and each with an application. Don't let that non slip by this time; don't let him say "wait until next 20th;" get him now.

R. M. ALLEN.

Queen & Crescent (North).

Chattanooga Division—

There is at Greenwood, Ky. (Q. & C.), an agent and telegrapher by the name of Sandifer, who has gone into the telegraph school business. He has about three or four miles of wire strung about through the country from house to house.

Sandifer may never expect to railroad again, and may think that he does not care, as it can not hurt him, and is a means of putting a few dimes into his pocket. It seems incredible that a man could feel this way toward the craft of

which he was once a member, knowing how the O. R. T. feels about this kind of business. It is a hundred chances to one that none of his students will ever see the inside of a railroad telegraph office as an employee, as they can not get the practical experience until they serve an apprenticeship in a railroad telegraph office, and the student is a thing of the past on the Q. & C. No doubt this pseudo professor has worked upon the imagination of his gullible neighbor boys until they can see visions of themselves sitting back in a telegraph office with a pair of low cut patent leathers cocked up on the table, billed shirt and collar on, brilliant necktie, the table and floor strewn with cigarette butts and himself looking into a vest pocket mirror toying with an embryo mustache.

These would-be telegraphers have begun to infest the bay window of the telegraph office calling out an occasional letter or syllable that they may happen to catch. Mr. Student you will wake up some day with a start to find that you have been "considerably" duped. You had better sell your instruments for what the brass is worth, and take your pro rata of the wire and patch up the fence with it, you will never derive any other material benefit from it.

Perchance His Excellency (the Prof.) has communicated to the student a lurking idea that some day there will be a strike, and then "we can all walk right into the jobs of these Order 'fellers' that has been raised from \$10.00 to \$22.50 per month since I used to shake my writ on the road."

Don't be deluded boy, you will never see a strike on this old pike, the employer and employee have become too intelligent for any such foolishness as that, arbitration has taken place of war, in the financial world as well as in the martial world, and both have learned that one is as essential to the other as the negative and positive in the cells of your little batteries that you are wasting your time and money over.

As a certain humorist said, "advise is like castor oil, easy to give but durned hard to take," and it does very little good to give the former; therefore, Mr. Student, I will tell you something you will realize some day—that you have wasted a whole lot of valuable time, \$4.00 or \$5.00 for an outlay, besides what you have thrown away in tuition to the professor. CERT. 451.

Great Northern Ry.

Spokane Division—

Grand Organizer Mayhood has been working for the past two weeks on this division, with good results.

A third man has been put on at several of the stations, making them continuously operated.

Split tricks are disappearing rapidly. If any member is now working such a trick, he should comply with Mr. Abbott's request in his circular of May 20th.

The additional passenger trains and a liberal use of the intermediate orders keep the boys "sticking around" nowadays.

A local board of adjustment will be formed in the near future, which we hope will be able to do some good work. A circular-letter will be issued, showing how it is composed. This letter will, also, contain a list of all members and eligible non-members. Every member will be expected to exert himself, making the division as strong as is possible. There is a reason for this.

We are pleased to hear Bro. Saunders back, gathering in the "X29's" again.

Nature oftentimes reveals to us a useful plant which at one time was strong and prosperous, but which is slowly dying, due to the attack of some parasite penetrating its living cells, and subsisting at its expense.

This same condition obtains in labor circles. We find the workers and the parasites. Among the telegraphers we have the workers struggling to secure an honest living, to ameliorate working conditions for themselves and their successors, to secure something that has the resemblance of a fair reward for their efforts, and to support and strengthen their organization, which is their only effective means of accomplishing these ends: on the other hand, we find those who are content with being parasites, who are subsisting on the efforts of the workers, sapping their strength, weakening their defenses of the ground already gained and blasting their hopes of further progress.

None but he whose eyes are blinded with prejudice, can fail to see that the advancement made by the telegraphers during recent years is due to the efforts of the O. R. T. How can any one partake of the fruits thereof without doing something to support it, and still class himself with the workers?

Today, a new menace to our future livelihood looms up in the East. We need ranks well filled with men to meet it.

Let our watch-word for the next few weeks be "Get Busy."

CARL JOHNSON, L. C.

Marcus Division—

Bro. E. A. Melander is the new agent at Clayton, taking the place of J. T. Snyder.

J. T. Snyder has third trick at Deer Park, vice Mr. Peters, who has left the service.

Mr. J. O. Cline, of Springdale, is taking in the A. Y. P. fair this month. Do not know who is relieving him.

Bro. E. L. Johnson, of Marcus, is relieving Mr. Mills at Northport for a few weeks.

C. M. Bennett is the relief telegrapher at Marcus.

Have been unable to obtain any news from either the north or west ends. We can not understand why some brother don't get busy and send us a list.

Bro. Hoskin, at Valley, is a bachelor these days, while his wife is visiting in Iowa. Understand he and Trummel have some big feeds, but that They balk on washing the dishes.

Have you all paid up? If not, why? It takes money to keep things going, and we can not expect to have an effective organization unless we pay promptly. A strenuous effort is being made all over the system to get lined up. Can not we do something to help along out here? It seems like we ought to be able to secure a member apiece.

COR.

Butte Division—

Relief Agent Warner gets the new agency at the freight office in Billings.

Bro. B. C. McGowan transferred from Broadview to Gerber.

Mr. J. P. Crusier relieved Mr. S. J. Morgan, at Hedges. Understand Mr. Morgan took a few hundred of the company's money with him.

Telegrapher Morrison was transferred from Rimrock to Woodville, and later to Great Falls freight office.

A new office is being opened at Buffalo. We are unable to learn who the lucky man is.

Bro. A. F. Bassett, of Division No. 34, has located on a homestead near Cushman, and will, no doubt, go to work on this division in a short time.

Since the fones have been put in on the Shelby line the telegraphers have had their salaries cut to \$55.00 per month. None of the telegraph men remained, and their places were filled with foners.

We understand that there is a telegrapher at Fowler, but can not learn his name. Telephones have been installed Great Falls to Billings, and will soon be put in operation on these districts.

It seems to me that it is about time that all telegraphers and agents on this division were waking up to the fact that now they are more in need of thorough organization than ever. Nuff sed, it's up to you. We will help you if you will give us a chance. Get busy and do it quick.

E. C. S.

Cascade Division—

A new depot is being built at Scenic.

Bro. B. F. Bush, of "GN" dock, Seattle, is on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Eden.

Double track between Metum and Mosher was put in operation May 23d, and Mosher and Everett Junction were opened the same date.

Bro. L. D. Phelps is now working first trick at Mosher.

Telegrapher Earl James, formerly of Mukilteo, is now working second trick at Meadowdale, while Bro. E. L. Frye has his old third trick back again.

Strawberries are moving at Richmond Beach, this means lots of work for Bro. R. E. Moore.

Mr. E. W. Bromley, a recent arrival from the S. P. & S., is now located on third trick at Merritt.

Bro. A. W. Barton, for the past year and a half second trick at Merritt, who recently went on a ten-day vacation, has apparently found more suitable employment elsewhere, as we understand from reliable sources that he will not return. We wish Bro. Barton well wherever he may go.

Mr. J. W. Burke, second trick at Wellington, has been taking a lay-off of several days; relieved by a Mr. Morgan. Upon the return of Bro. Burke, Mr. Morgan relieved Mr. Harris, third trick at Wellington, whom we understand has left the service.

A new office has been established at Tonga. Can not say who, and what the force is there at the present writing.

We would like to see considerable less back-biting and knocking among the membership, and an increase in fraternity.

I hope every member has sent his dues in promptly this time, as it makes a lot of trouble for those handling accounts. Keep up-to-date and do not drop out by getting behind with dues, it is much better to not join at all than to join and then drop out, as a man who once drops out can not be depended upon, at a critical period, as much as a man who has "stuck" all the time; so if you have neglected to send in dues, send them in at once.

Com.

B. & O. S.-W. Ry.

Ohio Division—

The joint meeting of Ohio and Indiana Divisions held at Dennison Hotel, Cincinnati, on June 17th, proved to be quite a success, both as to attendance and enthusiasm. The morning session was called to order at ten o'clock a. m., the general chairman presiding. The report from Bro. J. M. Peck, our representative to the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga., was received by mail during the meeting, and while regretting that Bro. Peck was not present it certainly was with pleasure his able report was received by the members present, and his loyal support to our grand officers for their great efforts in our behalf was certainly gratifying. Vice-President Dermody was present at the meeting, and after the affairs of the division had been discussed the morning session closed with a very instructive address made us by Bro. Dermody, and judging from the strict attention with which his easy flow of words and splendid advice were listened to by all present we certainly appreciated his presence with us, and hope to have the pleasure of having Bro. Dermody with us at all future meetings possible.

I wish to call your attention to the efforts we should make to render the company good and efficient service, let there be a friendly rivalry among us to answer calls promptly, and give the dispatcher all the information necessary to assist him in moving trains whenever required, and those who are enjoying the benefits of working an eight-hour trick should not be guilty of being reprimanded for sleeping on duty. We should all remember the "nine-hour law" was passed in order that we could secure sufficient rest to enable us to be attentive to business while on duty. All who are in a position to solicit business for the company should make every effort to secure any business arising in their territory. Do not allow a prospective interline passenger

go to some junction point to purchase his ticket, but try to secure him for the B. & O. S.-W. If you are not supplied with coupon tickets, same can be procured from the general passenger agent on short notice, and you can ticket such passengers direct from your station, and thereby prevent them from patronizing some competing line at a junction point. Let us make every effort to show the officials we are endeavoring to work for the best interests of the company, and when our general committee goes to them to better our working conditions I feel assured our improved services will be recognized.

The night session was called to order by the general chairman at 10 p. m., with a large number of brothers present, including all members of the general committee. Bro. Maddigan came in on No. 6. After reading the report of Bro. J. M. Peck of the proceedings of the Grand Division meeting at Atlanta, Ga., our worthy Fourth Vice-President, Bro. Dermody, gave us a very interesting and instructive talk along the many different lines pertaining to the benefit of the organization. Everyone felt that he had been more than repaid for the time and sleep lost to attend the meetings.

We should make an effort to attend the meetings. It brings us together to acquaint ourselves with the benefits of the organizations and also encourage our general committee to know they have the support of the members of the division.

Bro. F. A. Grape, the third trick man at Pleasant Plain, visited his parents at Zelaski, for several days about the middle of June.

The third trick at Greenfield was bid in by Bro. C. D. Morrison. This leaves the third trick at Mt. Sterling open and on bulletin.

Bro. T. E. Fitch, Ohio Division local chairman, is taking a vacation of ten days or two weeks, spending the time with his family on his farm at Coolville, Ohio. After the wheat and hay is harvested we hope to see our worthy farmer return to the key.

Bro. T. P. Costello, a former B. & O. S.-W. boy (but for the past three years with the Mo. Pac. at Ottawa, Kan.) with his wife has been taking an extensive eastern trip and visiting his parents and friends here for a couple of weeks.

Bro. S. S. Winters, who was agent at Coolville for a number of years, has moved his family to Athens and has charge of the agency at Grosvenor, the new transfer freight office.

Bro. W. R. Baker, formerly night man at Little Hocking, bid in the agency at Coolville.

Mr. C. M. Conley, of W. V. & P. Jct., Clarksburg, was the guest of Bro. P. Costello, Saturday evening.

Bro. J. A. Malone, second trick telegrapher at Athens, attended a lecture at Nelsonville, Sunday evening, May 30th; relieved by Telegrapher J. E. Curry, of Chillicothe.

Bro. T. K. Maloney, who has been working nights at Highland, bid in and secured the night office at Little Hocking.

Bro. C. V. Hester, agent at Mineral, attended the Knights Templars convention at Parkersburg; relieved by R. K. Hall, of Zaleski.

W. H. Joyce attended the Knights of Columbus initiation and banquet at Marietta, Saturday night and Sunday, June 5th and 6th. We are unable to learn who relieved him.

Mr. John R. Ray, who recently died at Cincinnati, was for many years employed as telegrapher on this line and may be remembered by some of the old-timers. He began with the old M. & C. about 1870 or '71 and worked for some time at Vincent, Ohio, which was then on the main line. He also worked at Blanchester and other important offices, and after several years with the railroad he went to the W. U. at Cincinnati, where he was recognized for many years as one of the best men in the office. He worked "press" wires for years, and before the days of typewriters was noted for making about the finest "pen copy" that was handled in the country.

Div. Cor.

Indiana Division—

Bro. C. E. Blackmore, third trick telegrapher at Storrs, who was absent four days the first part of the month to attend a house party and visited friends at Hamilton. H. A. Wedding manipulated the keys in his absence.

Bro. E. A. Watkins, second trick man at the end of double track at Milan, recently spent a few days with relatives at Bedford and Mitchell. He was accompanied by his estimable young wife. P. R. Bishop, of Sellersburg, relieved him.

Bro. Bert Seimental, who holds down "XN" tower at Lawrenceburg (Cooks), "nocturnally," has just returned from a two weeks' vacation spent visiting friends at Asheville, N. C. A. A. Donovan, of Dabney, relieved him.

Mr. A. B. Chapman is the "lich no bitic" manipulator of the keys at "AC," a block office one mile west of Cold Springs.

A. A. Donovan, an extra telegrapher from Dabney, relieved Bro. C. B. Rawlins at Cold Springs, one day recently. Bro. Rawlins is the busiest man on the line. He is manager of the Elm Spring farm. He is one of the most successful fruit growers in Dearborn County. He has a large orchard of all kinds of choice fruit. He is the efficient secretary of the Tri-State Milkmen's Association.

Bro. Harry W. Brant, of Carthage, Ohio, is working third trick at North Vernon while the regular man is at Seymour.

Bro. A. E. Richardson, who is holding the third trick at Cochran at east end double track, is off for a two weeks' vacation beginning June 16th.

Bro. W. H. Flanagan, third trick telegrapher at Culloms, relieves Bro. Richardson, of Cochran, during his absence.

All the employees in the transportation department of the Indiana Division were examined on the book of rules during June.

J. H. DeMann, one of the efficient train dispatchers at headquarters made his parents of Cold Springs a short visit recently.

Ray Busic, of Washington, Ind., is relieving A. B. Chapman, who is off for a few weeks' vacation. Mr. Chapman will spend his vacation at his home in Jeffersonville.

C. E. Miller, of Osgood, is working nights at Oakdale. Bro. William Nixon is enjoying a ten days' sojourn at North Vernon.

Bro. Roy K. Sheets, of Culloms, visited his parents at Dabney, one day recently.

Several of the boys of the Cincinnati District attended the O. R. T. meeting at the Dennison Hotel on the 17th of June and report an interesting session.

While R. J. McNeely, a former conductor for the B. & O. S.-W., was hunting in company with a doctor near Pueblo, Colo., on January 5th, both men broke through the ice on a small lake and were drowned. McNeely's body was recovered just five months after, on May 5th. That of the doctor has never been found. The remains of R. J. McNeely were brought to Blotcher for burial. He had been a prominent freight conductor on this line and his many friends mourn his tragic death.

S. F. BRATTY.

Mr. G. C. Hadley, night telegrapher at Fummon, is off a few days, visiting relatives in Collinsville, Ill. Relieved by Mr. J. C. Fincher.

Boys, when you see how hard our chairman is working to get the nons lined up why not lend a helping hand by doing a little missionary work ourselves.

Mr. J. F. Fincher, one of our extra telegraphers, has left the B. & O., and is now working for the Wabash Ry' at Granite City, Ill., third trick.

Bro. W. S. Pritchett has returned from New Mexico and resumed duty at his old position--first trick at Flora.

Bro. M. R. Taylor, agent at Xenia, has been off duty several days, taking care of his wife's father, who was injured while working in the yards at East St. Louis. He was relieved by Bro. W. F. Deabler.

Bro. R. A. Chickadantz, the agent at Iuka, was called to Washington, Ind., by the sudden death of a relative. Relieved by Bro. Deabler.

Bro. B. F. Holmes, who for the past few months has been employed in the B. & O. ticket office at Springfield, Ill., has returned to his old position as agent at Sandoval. Bro. E. G. Kile goes to Cone, first trick.

Bro. C. A. Wright, night leverman at Sandoval, has just returned from Mason, Ill., where he was visiting his mother. He was relieved by Mr. G. G. Moore.

Bro. F. E. C. Trent, of Shattuc second trick, is just back from a thirty days' vacation, spent at Hot Springs, Ark. Relieved by Bro. C. O. Spitzer. Spitzer was relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

Mr. A. F. Summers has been holding down Carlyle third trick since Bro. Kelley's departure. He was relieved by Bro. C. A. Wright, who had the position in on bulletin.

Understand that Bro. Kelley is now working for the C. & E. I. Ry.

Bro. F. W. Reinhardt, the telegrapher at Lebanon, is off duty a few days visiting his wife's parents at Odin, Ill. He was relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

Bro. C. W. Drummond, first trick man at O'Fallon, is off on thirty days vacation with his mother and friends at Dayton, Ohio. He is being relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

Div. Cor.

Illinois Division—

One of the most enjoyable and profitable meetings ever held at Flora occurred Friday evening, June 18th, when about twenty loyal members from off the main line and Springfield Division collected at that point. Owing to the absence of Bro. J. M. Peck, who was unable to be present, the report of his trip to Atlanta was read by our general chairman, Bro. V. B. Turner. This report was given close attention by all present and was quite interesting and instructive. Bro. Turner, then gave the floor to our Fourth Vice-President, Bro. J. J. Dermody. To say that those present enjoyed the excellent address of Bro. Dermody is putting it mildly. The address of Bro. Dermody was one of those stirring talks full of interest and good, sound advice. To the brothers who made no effort to attend the meeting I want to say that they are the losers. While the trip was no doubt rather trying to some of those present who had to lose a full night's rest and be hard at it next day, I am sure there was not a brother there who did not feel that he was repaid many times over for the effort. I am sure every brother present left the meeting with a determination to be more faithful and to work harder than ever toward the success of our grand order. Bro. Dermody's address contained much food for thought, and it is to be hoped that this meeting is only the forerunner of others, and that Bro. Dermody can be with us again and talk to forty instead of twenty brothers.

Why can not we have more out at these meetings, when we only ask of you that you come out two or three times a year? Will you not make the effort next time? It is so beneficial for us to get together occasionally and get better acquainted with one another. Some of you seem to think that if you carry a card and pay your dues nothing more is necessary or expected of you. That is only the first step and if you can't do something for the Order that has done so much for you then you don't count for much as an Order man.

Let us all get together and let each and every member of Division No. 74 assist in regaining our normal strength. If your neighbor is a non-member don't let him have any rest until he gets that up-to-date card in his pocket. Don't

let him forget that we have one of the best schedules in the country, and that he is certainly lacking in something that constitutes a man if he will not do his duty toward himself and his fellow workers and get in line.

Illinois Div., Springfield District—

J. M. Galt, who has been agent at Omaha, Ill., for seventeen years, has been appointed agent at Shawneetown, Ill.

Bro. R. M. Allen, formerly second trick at Pana, Ill., relieved J. M. Galt as agent at Omaha.

Mr. F. E. Greenwood has returned to the transportation department after serving several months in "DF" office, Springfield, and is relieving Bro. R. A. Sidwell, at Beardstown. Bro. Sidwell is off on sick leave. Mr. Greenwood promises to remit for a new card very shortly.

A. G. Friend, of Bridgeport, Ill., is appointed agent at Norris City, Ill., relieving Bro. V. A. Tate, who has taken the position as assistant at Taylorville.

The telegraph service at Springer, Ill., has been discontinued. Mr. B. Cunningham, the former telegrapher, remains as agent.

We understand the ticket business between Flora and Shawneetown shows a nice increase since the addition of a new passenger train each way daily between these points.

A. C. McDonald, formerly Taylorville days, relieved Bro. R. M. Allen, second trick at Pana.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting Bro. F. "Effe" Mann, at Springfield, recently. Effe is holding down one of the hot tricks for the R. G. W. at Salt Lake City, Utah. Bro. Mann did the owl act at Pana, Ill., while with the B. & O. S-W.

It is a deplorable fact that we have so many non-members on our division at the present time. Boys, don't you appreciate what has been done for you? Can't you arouse yourself and take a little more interest in the Order instead of leaving everything for a few faithful members who are deriving no more benefits than yourselves?

Div. Cor.

CARD OF THANKS.

On behalf of my family and myself I most sincerely thank you for the beautiful floral tribute and your sympathy to us in our sad bereavement.

Mrs. J. W. Tate.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler has deemed it wise to remove from our midst the beloved father of our worthy Brothers T. P. Cavanaugh and D. F. Cavanaugh; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the B. & O. S-W. Division No. 74, extend to Brothers T. P. and D. F. Cavanaugh and family their heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy forwarded to T. P. Cavanaugh and family, and one to the TELEGRAPHER for publication.

B. F. HOLMES.

JOHN M. TURRELL.

E. M. FITZGIBBON.

Committee.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Madison Division—

We had a very pleasant meeting in "Labor Hall," at Madison, Wis., Saturday evening, June 12th. There was a good turn-out and many more would have been with us, but could not get off as there were to be a number of gravel trains between Dousman and the sink hole located between Lake Mills and London.

It is said that a stretch of track near this place is to be raised this year.

At our meeting, Bro. L. F. Schneider gave us an interesting talk on the dolings at the convention at Atlanta, Ga. He attended this as our delegate. He also informed us that he had been notified to join the other members of our general committee in Chicago, July 12th, for the purpose of meeting the general management for a revision of our schedule.

The local secretary and treasurer reported that there were two members who, although they have been notified many times, have never paid one cent of their local dues. This certainly is not fair to the rest of the members who pay. We want a square deal for all.

Local dues are supposed to be paid the same as the general dues, that is within two calendar months from the beginning of the semi-annual period.

North of Madison Mr. L. C. Ryan, the road-master, has a large force of men laying the new 100-pound steel. On the north track it is laid from the cross-over at tower "MY" to a couple of miles north of Mendota. New 100-pound steel is also being put in around the curves, on both tracks near Ablemans.

On the east the gravel trains are hauling gravel from Dousman pit for track elevation in Milwaukee.

An office has been opened at Dousman Pit, tower "DU." Bro. A. C. Matzek, who was in charge of it for awhile, has gone back to Caledonia, and W. S. Barnhart, third trick at Afton, is now in charge.

Bro. J. M. Miller is relieving White, second trick at Waukesha, and N. A. Browne is relieving Miller, second trick at Jefferson Jct.

Bro. Edw. Welch is acting agent at Deerfield, until Bro. J. E. Keane returns from his trip to Idaho.

Telegrapher Bannon worked the second trick at Waukesha a few days.

Bro. M. H. Keefe, second trick at Evansville, is off on his vacation; he also attended the wedding of his brother, P. M. Keefe, at Oconomowoc,

Wis., June 9th. He is visiting relatives at Trempealeau. Bro. C. W. Wahlquist is relieving him.

Bro. F. S. Cain is working third trick at Afton, while Barnhart is at tower "DU," and C. S. Hanger is working second trick at Oregon.

R. H. Mourning was at Afton for a while, returning to his home at Cochrane, Wis., on account of sickness. We "13" that Mourning has left the service and gone to work for C. B. & Q. Ry.

Bro. R. W. Wood, the agent at Merrimac has not been feeling well, and was off for awhile. He visited friends at Mazomanie while absent. He was relieved by Bro. Clark, of Lodi.

N. A. Browne put in a few nights on the third trick at Monona yard, "M." He was relieved by E. D. Wilson, who after a couple of weeks went to Klevenville to relieve Bro. C. Josi the agent. R. E. Wildt, a new man from Dane, relieved Wilson. Wildt also worked a short time on one of the 'phone tricks at North Freedom.

It has been necessary to take men from their regular positions and send them around to do extra work on account of not having extra men to do the work. Why are there no capable men on the extra list to do the extra work? For the simple reason that the company is not paying wages that will attract men and cause them to spend the time and money to fit themselves for this kind of work. A chief dispatcher is certainly up against a hard proposition.

Just figure out what a telegrapher has left to put in the bank after paying \$1.75 for a sack of flour, 25 cents per dozen for eggs, 25 to 30 cents a pound for butter, 15 to 20 cents a pound for meat, \$10.00 and upward for house rent, potatoes at \$1.00 a bushel, etc., out of his little \$52.50 check.

Yes, there is a reason why good men are scarce, and it is all in the matter of dollars and cents.

Bro. Degan is holding down the third or split trick at Caledonia. Telegrapher Starry held it for awhile and was then sent to do the wire work made necessary by work-train between West Salem and Winona Junction. Bro. Degnan also worked a few days at Waukesha, third trick.

Bro. S. C. Potter relieved H. L. Hammell, third trick at Beloit, a few days. He was off on account of sickness in his family.

Bro. A. Anderson, second trick at Monona yard, "M," is working third trick at Jefferson Junction, relieving N. A. Browne. Bro. A. L. Clark is relieving Anderson, at Monona yard.

The last bulletin was as follows: Caledonia, first trick, Bro. F. S. Cain; Caledonia, third trick, Bro. T. Corcoran.

Mr. C. G. Porter bid in first trick at Chase, and has taken charge.

Mr. M. Riney, superintendent of B. & B., has a crew of men out, in charge of Mr. Mike Quigley, and they are painting some of the town red—that is C. & N. W. standard red. Caledonia is the last place they struck and the town certainly has improved in looks.

We are beginning to look for a new timetable, regular every Sunday at least, that is about

what we have been getting lately. Business is fine for this time of the year. That is what we like to see. The more the merrier.

Mr. E. D. Wilson relieved Mr. F. A. Hewitt, telephone operator at North Freedom, who went to La Crosse to see the sights and visit friends.

H. L. Sparling has been relieving agents and telegraphers at Trempealeau, Ridgeway and Tower "BS" for some days.

Mr. M. Biwersi, the telephone man at Dane, got himself, Engineer Metcher, Conductor Pollock and a brakeman discharged by getting bulled up with an order. It was very fortunate that no bad accident occurred. Yet it does not seem fair that men have given this company the best part of their lives should lose their jobs through the company hiring these inexperienced telephone men to fill the responsible position of taking train orders and blocking trains.

The C. & N. W. advertises the "best of everything," and that should include the men who do the blocking either by key or 'phone.

Mr. J. H. Hull, dispatcher on the third trick, south end, is on his annual vacation, and Mr. R. W. Risley, who is back from his medical studies at Los Angeles, Cal., is doing the extra work in the dispatcher's office during the absence of Hull and Glen A. Cole, who is also off duty.

Mr. M. E. Patterson, first trick dispatcher on the south end, was off on his annual vacation the first part of June, in time to take in the grand convention of the I. O. O. F., at Janesville, Wis.

Mr. J. I. DeSautelle, the second trick dispatcher worked the first, and Mr. P. E. Wright the second trick on the south end, while Mr. Patterson was away.

Bro. G. H. Doering is now working the third trick at Mendota.

Mr. Harry Hammill, third trick at Beloit, is now depot master at Madison, vice Mr. W. A. Blood, who has been promoted to a like position at Chicago.

Div. Coa.

NOTICE.

All O. R. T. Members, Madison Division:

Local dues of \$1.00 for period of June 30, 1909, to December 31, 1909, is now due and payable. Also those who are in arrears up to June 30, 1909, should remit as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

C. E. L. HANSEN,

*Local Secretary and Treasurer, Madison, Wis.
R. F. D. No. 1.*

Northern Iowa Division—

Business is much better this season than during former years.

Bro. E. H. Clarke gets Garwin on bulletin.

Bro. Thatcher is relieving Bro. Davis, at Rolfe.

Bro. Joe Kohl has returned to Goldfish after several months sight-seeing in the West and North.

Bro. Bishop gets Gladbrook agency.

The Texas cattle are moving westward very rapidly.

Conductor Bonner has been appointed trainmaster of this division.

Bro. E. E. Carder is again agent at Gifford, after several months' spent handling private affairs.

C. B. Hadenfield, formerly of the dispatcher's office, is working third trick at Jewell Junction.

Bro. Doherty, of the relay office, has gone to Deer Lodge, Mont., as wire chief for the C. M. & St. P.

Mr. E. B. McClure transferred to the Sioux City Division as trainmaster.

Mr. Stranhan, first trick at Howardin, is in the West on a pleasure trip.

Mr. C. Bertness is the new agent at Alden.

The claim has been made that telephones will naturally lower salaries. Fifteen years ago the railroads were installing automatic couplers, and now have practically all cars equipped with air. Are the trainmen working any cheaper as a result?

Div. Coa.

Nebraska and Wyoming Division, Eastern District—

Bro. Ralph Hales is relieving at Tilden, nights.

Mr. Belling drew east end on bid.

Bro. Sharp drew Plainview, days, but withdrew his bid and will remain at Oakdale.

Bro. J. J. Krska is relieving at Ewing, while Bro. Smith is away on a much needed rest.

Bro. T. L. Ryan drew O'Neill, nights, and seems to like the place.

Bro. J. H. Recroft is back at his old stand at Neligh, after having enjoyed four months' off.

Bro. J. F. Kenney is able to resume his duties as night telegrapher at Battle Creek, after a month's illness from pneumonia.

Bro. B. B. DeFrance, of Leigh, has been off about three weeks on account of sickness.

Members on this division should notify the local chairman when they hear of a brother being sick. We might be of some assistance to brothers in time of sickness.

Bro. Popelar had quite a time with sickness this spring, but is coming along all right now.

Get after the nons and keep after them. You can easily find out who still insists on keeping out or behind and reaping the benefits at our expense.

In bidding for positions kindly send copy of bid to local chairman.

Mr. Cushman, of Hooper, is off on leave of absence; Mr. Sauers is relieving him.

Bro. Todd, of Scribner, nearly lost a couple of fingers on his right hand, by being bit by the marshall's bull-dog. Last reports getting along all right.

We have a few delinquents but not many. Do not put off paying dues so long. This is but a small part of keeping up this good work, and we should all be able to do this much promptly.

Bro. Forney is relieving at Tilden, while Bro. Wurzbacher is on committee work and attending convention.

Mr. E. C. Haup, second trick at Bassett, drew the day telegraph position at Geneva on bid, but did not take it for unknown reasons. He was relieved by David Goldware.

Bro. Snyder, at Atkinson, relieved Bro. Cook, at Stanton, for a few days. Bro. Cook being called away by the death of his father. The sympathy of the brothers on this division is extended to Bro. Cook.

Bro. Goodell is doing the agents stunt as well as telegrapher, during Bro. Snyder's absence.

Bro. Forney relieved Bro. Vestal, at Burke, for ten days, on account of Bro. Vestal's wife being quite ill.

Bro. W. J. Thomas, the agent at Inman, has resigned. He now owns a stock of hardware at Atkinson.

Bro. Frank Fowler drew the agency at Inman on bulletin.

Our general committee convenes in Chicago, July 12th, and will be doing things before this reaches you. Here's wishing them success.

CERT. 310.

Wisconsin Division—

Dispatcher R. H. Koepp, recently returned from a vacation, and took up his duties, second trick at Milwaukee Division.

Our night chief, L. M. Davis, starts on his vacation the middle of June, and will make an extended visit to Kansas City and also to the home of his parents in Wisconsin. He will be relieved by Dispatcher B. O. Wedge.

Dispatcher D. B. McIntyre was absent from duty a few days owing to an attack of rheumatism. Mr. Swartz worked during his absence.

I was much pleased to go over the division a short time ago, and notice how well the boys were getting along. We observe, however, that a few are still outside the fold, but hope to see them all wearing the button soon.

During the recent heavy rains part of the track bed near Rockford on the "KD" was washed out and traffic was routed via Galveston Division for a short period. Gravel trains have been very busy for the past few weeks hauling gravel on the Kd. Division from Cary pit.

The ice business at Twin Lakes and Salem is booming. They are turning out 75 and 100 cars daily at that point.

The second trick positions have been opened at Fox River and Bristol for the summer season.

Bro. C. C. King, extra agent at Woodworth, has quit railroading and gone farming.

Bro. Hartsook is working second trick at Fox River, and Bro. Rinehare is at Bristol, second trick.

Bro. Thomas Yates is now holding forth at Pleasant Prairie.

J. M. Dugan, third trick man at Harvard, is now working second trick in the dispatcher's office, while Dispatcher Kramer is taking a vaca-

tion. Telegrapher Graves is working third trick at Harvard at present.

Bro. C. H. Frey, a new man on this road, is working third trick at Clinton Junction.

Telegrapher Wagner secured Winnetka day job on bulletin.

Bro. C. H. Brown secured first trick at Lake Forest, and Bro. Brownlee day job at Highwood on bulletin.

Bro. Kasper, of Wood St., has left the service to accept a better position with another company.

Telegrapher Edwards at "SO," Janesville, took a three weeks' vacation to visit his parents at Deerfield, Ky. Bro. A. Jacobs relieved him.

Dispatcher McIntyre, of "FD" office, called on his parents at Capron recently.

Bro. E. H. Cameron, from the Canadian Pacific, is holding down third trick at Waukegan.

Glad to see Bro. E. C. Pennington, of the Dakota Division, with us.

Telegrapher J. M. Baker, of Clinton Junction, has resigned and gone into the feather business; we understand that the third trick there will soon be on bulletin.

Bro. J. Montgomery, second trick man at Sharon, is taking a few days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Shields.

Bro. Flannery of Rockford, "KD," was off duty recently, and was relieved by Bro. Frank Johnson.

Bro. Black, third trick at Harvard resigned, and that job has been assigned to Telegrapher Graves until same is bulletined.

The funeral of the wife of Bro. Johnson, of Argyle, was well attended by the brothers of Wisconsin Division, also the Madison Division. Bro. Johnson has the sympathy of the brothers.

Bro. C. A. Stevenson, third trick at Capron, is off on a thirty-day vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher Dempsey.

Telegrapher T. J. McAvoy, from Nor. Wisconsin Division, and former agent at Plymouth, Wis., is now holding second trick at Racine.

Tower "WS" at Racine has been discontinued as a gauntlet signal since the completion of the double track bridge across Root River.

During the absence of Chairman, Bro. Bitz, delegate to Atlanta, Ga., he was relieved by Telegrapher McAvoy. Mr. McAvoy was relieved at Racine by Telegrapher Flora, a new man off the Illinois Central.

The telegraph office at Ives was recently opened after having been closed for the past three months. This job was assigned to Telegrapher Levi.

Geo. Nelson, ticket clerk at Racine Junction, has resigned and accepted a position with the Goodrich Steamboat Co., of that city.

Telegrapher Dunham, second trick at Chemung, was off a week recently on account of a death in his family; relieved by Telegrapher Dempsey.

Thos. Nolan, agent at Capron, has moved his family from Woodstock to Capron. Coa.

CARD OF THANKS.

In this silent way my heartfelt thanks go out to the brothers of Wisconsin Division, No. 76, for the beautiful floral offering given in memorial, and the very kind attendance of the brothers at the funeral of my beloved wife, on May 23d, at Argyle, Ill.

Your brother,
F. JOHNSON.

Minnesota Division—

The meetings held at Mankato, June 12 and 13, were not as well attended as could be wished for, but, nevertheless, a few of the old standbys were there and what we lacked in numbers we made up in enthusiasm. Bro. Troy was present at both meetings, and if the boys could remember half what he told us and put his ideas into practice we would be better off in the end. What the company wants is service, and the sooner we make up our minds to give first-class service the sooner will we be bettering ourselves. It's true we have to ask for what we get and sometimes have to fight for our rights, but if we do our duty the rest comes easy.

It does seem strange that more can not attend the meetings. When you take in consideration that our worthy brother from Pine Island attends in order to do so drives ten miles to make the connection, it seems that at least a few others could manage it some way.

The nine-hour law makes it very bad, as we can not violate the law and it is almost impossible at some stations to arrange it so that the men can get back in time; nevertheless, there should be a larger turnout.

T. Lowery, who has been doing extra work on this division for the past few months, has resigned and departed for the West.

W. F. Schlicht spent a few days on a fishing trip this month.

W. W. Zeige drew Janesville on bulletin; relieved at Judson, second trick, by J. A. Jaunke until bulletin expired.

J. C. Rice, third trick at Winona, had a few days' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Sofka.

F. W. Miller, St. Charles days, laying off at this writing; relieved by M. M. Zeches.

Graveling track near Kasson makes the east end a pretty hot place to work on just now, having five extra work trains. A new office has been opened at Fifields Pit, where the gravel is obtained, office being held down by our old friend L. V. Strieff, who couldn't stay away from it any longer.

The following assignments have been handed to me since last report: W. W. Ziege, Janesville, Minn., third; J. J. Schlekau, agent and telegrapher Wabasso; H. J. Johnson, third trick at Lambert; W. J. A. Maxfield, third trick at Mankato; A. J. Walz, second trick at Judson; A. C. Boomer, agent and telegrapher at Meriden.

A. F. Schmeltz holding Springfield, second, while Bro. Goodmanson is doing extra work at Minnesota.

F. C. Evans is working at Redwood Falls during the absence of J. L. Keegan. Div. Cor.

Dakota Division—

Bro. A. E. Shreffler is relieving Agent Moes at Elrod for a few weeks, while Mr. Moes is spending his surplus.

Bro. W. J. Whaley relieved Bro. Garrabrاندt at Highmore a few days, while the latter attended a trial in Huron. Whaley was sent to Manchester days, as agent after finishing at Highmore.

Bro. O. Harris is acting as agent at Groton during the absence of Mr. Vick.

Three new members and three transfers to this division for this month boosts our membership a little. On account of the committee going to Chicago a number of the members are working hard to get new members, and we should have five or six more before July 1st.

Levi Sedgwick, of Brookings freight office, has resigned and is to be married, says the Brookings Press. Levi intends to go on a big farm near Alcester. After three years over the ink well he has decided there is nothing to it.

Bro. Nelson, of Crandon, received Balaton, on bulletin, and has taken that position, relieving Bro. Miller. Bro. Miller worked the slide wire in Huron a few nights, then relieved Bro. Screiter at Cavour, who took the Huron night job, and Miller later went to Tyler, third trick, which he secured on bulletin. Bro. House, of Tyler third trick, has taken up the work at Verdi as agent, as he secured that position on the last bulletin.

Bro. H. Griffith, of Gettysburg, is taking a short vacation, being relieved by Mr. J. W. Morris, of that place.

Zell is now a telegraph office, the wires having been cut in recently.

Mr. O. P. Walters, of Aurora, has left the service, Mr. L. K. Warren relieving until the station is bulletined.

This is a very poor excuse for a division write-up for a whole month, but it is due to the fact that there is very little going on and also because no notes were sent in, which is partly my fault. When you notice any changes or other items of interest drop me a card; one note will do if you can't send more.

We are to have a meeting this week and everything points to a good crowd and an interesting and beneficial time. The committee meets the railroad officials July 12th, and they have plenty of work to do. By the time this reaches the membership the committee will be in the midst of its work, and it will also be time for semi-annual dues, which we should pay promptly in order to show our leaders that we are right behind them all the time. A few of the members are a little tardy sending in dues, but the fact that they do send them shows that it is simply procrastination which is easily remedied. The prospects are good for a satisfactory schedule, but we must watch ourselves closely.

A little work on the part of each member will soon make us as strong as we can wish for. We have an excellent list of members now, but there

are a few left that we need. I would like the names of a few members who will attempt to get one new member this month. Send me your name and I will give you the name of the nearest non and will assist you to get his application. Try it.

Bro. H. L. Engle, of Bruce, is taking a vacation and visiting relatives in Plainview, Minn. Mr. F. Smith, a new man from the Sioux City Division, is relieving him.

Bro. R. J. Holmes is working the horn wire as dispatcher. At his present rate of advancement Bob will soon have a regular trick.

Huron office is changed around quite a little. Ed Wilson is acting as chief during Mr. Laab's absence, and Mr. Braden is working third trick East, relieving Dick Stapleton, who has resigned to accept work in the East.

Mr. J. L. Rock, of Dempster, is taking two or three weeks off, being relieved by a Mr. Hazen, who is buying grain at that place. Mr. Hazen is an ex-Great Northern agent, with ten years' experience. I understand that Mr. Rock intends to come home with a housekeeper. Coa.

Sioux City Division—

Bro. E. L. Riddell, the agent at River Sioux, made a trip to Lewiston, Mont., located a claim and expects to prove up on it next spring.

Bro. E. B. Long, the ticket clerk at depot, the ticket office at Sioux City, is taking a few weeks off, and enjoying an extensive trip through the West. He will stop at Denver and then go on to Portland, Seattle and Spokane; relieved by Mr. Wimple.

Bro. L. M. Ryman, the first trick man at Onawa, Iowa, has resigned and has been relieved by Bro. L. T. Fuller, who has been working second trick. Bro. L. T. Fuller was relieved by Bro. F. E. Haasch, who was relieved on third trick by a Mr. Barefoot.

Mr. J. L. Dick, agent at Galva, Iowa, laid off a few days to get married. We have not heard particulars. Bro. A. G. Christopherson relieved Mr. Dick while away.

Bro. M. M. Trumer, agent at Carnarvon, Iowa, secured California Junction on bulletin. Bro. E. E. Baskin receiving agency at Carnarvon on bulletin.

Mr. G. F. Taylor, formerly "foner" at Farnhamville, Iowa, has been checked in as agent at Whiting. Bro. H. L. Sharp, the former agent, leaving the service to engage in the ice cream business at Whiting.

Mr. W. W. Webb, agent at Salix, has left the service. He was relieved by Bro. M. Christopherson, who holds second trick at Sloan regularly.

We understand that Mr. E. Yule is going to Danbury, Iowa, as agent; have not heard where Bro. F. Smith is going.

Boyer telegrapher office was closed a few days on account of inability to secure telegraphers.

Coa.

C., St. P. M. & O. Ry.

Eastern District, Wisconsin Division—

For the first time in several moons the Eastern District was missing from the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER last month. The overworked correspondent, in his mad search for news, did not notice the time flying, and when he got the write-up prepared found that it was too late. The correspondent's job on this division is one requiring some detective work each month to ferret out the news. No one seems to be willing to donate anything in the way of items and it is rather hard for the correspondent to pry them loose sometimes. We have alluded to the backwardness of the boys in furnishing news before and we expect that after this reminder we will be deluged with items next month. We hope so, anyway.

Dispatchers Livesey and Prentice are enjoying a vacation, being relieved by Messrs. Knott and Clarke, who are in turn relieved on the side wires by Bro. Hoffman and Mr. Rosencranz.

General Chairman Liddane has returned from the convention at Atlanta and reports a very pleasant, profitable and harmonious session, in which the delegates from Division 76 took an active part.

The C. & N. W. general committee meets in Chicago July 12th for the purpose of preparing a revision of the schedule, which will cover telephoners and also to arrange the hours of service for agents, telegraphers and telephoners and to rearrange salaries at points where there seems to be an inequality; also to straighten out some other matters which have developed since the committee last met the management. The Omaha committee will as usual convene shortly after the C. & N. W.

It is the intention to call a meeting at Eau Claire before the committee goes in, for the purpose of discussing the proposed revision. A meeting will be held in the afternoon and another in the evening of the same day in order to give both day and night men a chance to attend. The man who has some suggestions to offer the committee and does not attend those meetings had better hold his peace afterward. Those meetings are arranged for the convenience of everyone and a large crowd should turn out.

The gravel pit at Wedges Creek was opened in May for a couple of weeks with Bro. Roy Biggar first trick and Bro. H. H. Adams second trick. When the pit was closed Bro. Adams went to Millston to relieve Bro. Hoffman, who is relieving in Eau Claire.

Bro. Adams' regular trick at Sheppard, is being held down by Bro. Brookshire.

The depot at Black River Falls has been painted and equipped with electric lights and everything at that point is now up to date, except the agent.

The following are the assignments on the April bulletin: Marshfield, third trick, H. J. Halverson. Humbird, agent telegrapher, W. J. Mills. Hudson, first trick, T. F. Hurst.

The following are the assignments on the May bulletin: Valley Junction, third trick, no applications. Merrillan, third trick, G. E. Anderson.

Clear Lake, agent telegrapher, C. M. Olson. Barrosett, agent telegrapher, L. R. Strasburg. Bayfield, agent telegrapher, R. D. Morton. Ashland, first trick, H. Gaarden. Div. Con.

Nebraska Division—

Owing to my not getting notes to the editor in time last month, my write-up did not appear in last month's journal. It was a pretty full number just the same, however. Some of the old familiar faces appeared between its covers, as delegates and alternates to the convention.

Our genial general chairman, Bro. Liddane, advises that they had a rousing old time at the convention, but that he prefers the icebergs and snowdrifts of the old Northwest to the balmy breezes of Georgia. Understand he was under the weather part of the time while at the convention, but of course it would not be from over-indulgence at the table for we all know that Bill is a very light eater (?) at times.

So many changes have taken place that I have not been able to keep track of them all. Bro. Jones, of Wayne, has been kind enough to supply quite a grist of news, for which we are very thankful.

Bro. Jones graduated from telegrapher job at Tekamah, some time since, much to his satisfaction, and is now stationed regularly at Wayne, having bid in that position. He was relieved at "MH" by Bro. Dean, who has since resigned and gone with the N. P. at St. Paul. Hear the old familiar fiat of "Kip" Hamblin at Tekamah these days. He seems to drift back to the key occasionally when on vacation.

Bro. Dover has resigned the day position at Lyons and returned to his family in Missouri. Relieved by Bro. Julian, who has been working the night trick at Oakland. A new man, Bro. Dangaard, from Division No. 130, relieves at Oakland nights.

Our old friend Agent McDonald at Randolph has just returned from a much-needed vacation in Colorado. Was gone about sixty days and reports a fine time. Relieved by Bro. Foutts, who then went to Crofton to relieve Mr. Gibson, who we understand has left the service.

Mr. Bubb, who was a brother on this division, but who left the service to accept work with the W. U. in Denver, about a year and a half ago, has returned and is now working the morning trick at Wakefield.

A new man, Mr. L. E. Foster, is now telegrapher at Bloomfield, relieving Bro. Kragasow while the latter is visiting friends at Lyons, Neb.

Bro. Marr, agent at Florence, was off a few days visiting friends at Calhoun, and in Iowa. Relieved by Bro. Foster.

Agent Crinklaw at Magnet will celebrate the glorious Fourth at Craig with his family. He will also transact business at Omaha and Tekamah. Will be relieved by Mr. Foster.

Bro. Sands, third trick man, at Blair, has resigned; did not learn where he went or who relieved him.

Bro. R. R. Larson, agent at Nacora, is off on a six weeks' leave of absence. It is understood that he with his bride has taken a trip to the exposition at Seattle.

Bro. Larson bid in the agency at New Castle and will take charge upon his return.

Bro. C. A. Whitaker bid in the agency at Winside when Ex-Bro. Anderson left, and is now nicely installed there. Mr. Anderson went to Sweden for a visit, I understand, and when he returns will take up his duties as agent at Crofton.

Bro. G. W. Smith, agent at Jackson, is doing the relief act at Newcastle until Bro. Larson gets there, and Mr. Carl Lindstrom, formerly cashier at Norfolk, is relieving at Jackson.

Understand that a telegrapher has been put on at Crofton in addition to the agent. That is good news; glad to see business pick up to that extent.

Bro. Mathews, regular day man at Tekamah, has been doing the farmer act up on his claim at Underwood, S. D., for some time. He reports things in fine shape up there. Don't know when he expects to return.

Bro. Thompson, second trick at Blair, has resigned and entered the photograph business we hear.

Bro. Barge, formerly agent at Hoskins, has been working as second telegrapher at Emerson for some time, but has now taken a steady run as brakeman on the Crofton line. Glad to see him work into a good place. He will move his family to Crofton in a short time.

Bro. Wood, who has the third trick at Emerson regular, is working temporarily in the dispatcher's office, while the dispatchers are taking their annual vacations. Bro. Wilson is working the third trick at Emerson now.

I will try and come again next month. Please send me anything you know of in the line of news and it will appear in due form.

Div. Con.

Minnesota and Iowa Divisions—

On account of the numerous gravel trains on the division the boys are being changed around to such an extent that it is out of the question for me to keep proper tab on them. Those who do not receive mention should not feel offended, for it is up to the members to inform me when making changes.

The very few of the brothers who have allowed themselves to become delinquent have either paid up or intend doing so this coming payday. Our membership continues to loom up grandly, which is proper, for the general committee is making plans to shortly take up the work where they left off. Before you read this, unless something unforeseen happens, the C. & N.-W. general committee will be holding daily conferences with the management.

Our old friend Stucke is holding down the fort at Pipestone, but as yet has not seen fit to come across with that long-promised application.

Mr. R. L. Hart, who has been relieving for a month or so at Lake Crystal, has been temporarily placed in the side wire position at St. James, and we are pleased to note that he is making good.

Our attention has been called to the fact that some of the younger members of our Order have a tendency to be impudent, talking back to the dispatchers on the wires. To those we wish to say that the Order will not countenance any such work, and if you are called to task or dismissed from the service for such conduct, you need not turn to us, for we will not intercede in your behalf. Our desire and aim is to uplift the profession, and it goes without saying that such conduct is neither uplifting nor gentlemanly.

We are pained to report the death of Mrs. C. E. Leonard, wife of Mr. Slaker's chief clerk at St. James. The telegraphers extend to the bereaved families their sympathy.

Bro. Jamieson, of Lake Crystal, is working the third trick on the side wire at St. James.

Bro. Richmond, of Vernon Center, has taken up his new duties at Lake Crystal. This puts Bro. Brooks on as second and Bro. Haggerty as third.

Our old friend N. S. Costello has been doing a little relief work the past month. He was first pressed into service as relief agent at Bingham Lake on account of Agent Smith's sickness; later he relieved Bro. "Dad" Beyer at Lime Creek, who was called to Rochester, where Mrs. Beyer had to undergo an operation. Bro. and Mrs. Beyer, with their daughter, returned home the 21st inst., and Mr. Costello returned to his former position as freight clerk at Lake Crystal, greatly relieving the strain on Bro. Bowen, who tried to perform the work of two men during Mr. Costello's absence.

Bro. Brady, of Blakeley, is acting relief agent at Vernon Center until Bro. Robt. Jamieson takes up his assigned position.

The assignments for the June bulletin are as follows: Vernon Center, Robt. Jamieson; Lake Wilson, C. T. Shier; St. Peter nights, R. J. Stelter; LeSueur third, C. A. Hendricks; Brewster nights, O. J. Smith; Woodstock Pit, no assignments.

We are indeed greatly pleased to learn of the improved condition of Telegrapher Fairfield. He tells us that he will be able to take up his duties at St. James about July 15th. He certainly has had a hard pull.

We learn that Bro. A. M. Kehrer is now working the side wire position in the Milwaukee dispatcher's office at Minneapolis.

It should not be overlooked that the constitution of the Order has been revised, so that now it is necessary for you to remit your assessments to the M. B. D. semi-annually, the same time as you remit your dues to the Order.

The meeting at Mankato, Sunday, June 13th, was not as well attended as on some occasions, but those who were present thoroughly enjoyed themselves and returned home building great

anticipations on the next meeting, which is to be held some time in the near future, and to which the ladies will receive a special invitation. It will be our aim to make this coming meeting an event long to be remembered, and will afford the brothers an opportunity to enjoy the day with the wives, sisters and sweethearts of the telegraphers. The meeting will probably be at Mankato, and there is a talk of chartering the steamboat and taking a trip up or down the river, and also an auto trip out to the most beautiful lakes in the State. You can not afford to miss this, so watch for the dates.

There were fifteen members present at the Omaha meeting, and about the same number present at the C. & N.-W. meetings on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

It is to be regretted that Bro. Mann, of Mankato, could not be present at the meeting.

Bro. Lundberg, a telephoner from the Wisconsin Division, is visiting friends at Mankato.

Although we are very sorry to lose him from our division, we are more than pleased to know that Bro. W. C. Feyder has set himself up in business. He has purchased a store at Hartford, S. D., his old home, and has severed his connection with the old Omaha for all time. He certainly has the good wishes of the brothers.

Bro. Haggerty, of Lake Crystal, spent a few hours in Mankato one evening last week.

A little bird tells us that the wedding bells will be ringing around where Bro. E. E. Stolt hangs out in the near future. We understand at present Bro. Stolt is sojourning in the State of Nevada, but we are unable to find out whether he is traveling alone.

CERT. 251.

Northern District—

TO ALL MEMBERS.

Having assumed the responsibility of division correspondent at a salary of \$5,000 per annum, with the promise of a raise if I make good (the making good part depends entirely on the co-operation of the members), I trust that each one can spare a moment's time sometime during the month to send me any news of interest to the members.

No doubt every member reading our journal turns at first to his home division to see what the correspondent has been doing to earn his salary for the past month, and is very much disappointed if it is not interesting.

Hoping you will all give me your heartiest co-operation, I am

Yours fraternally,

W. A. BLAKE,
Dir. Cor.

Local Chairman L. D. Marquette reports a fine convention; the largest in the history of the Grand Division, with 327 delegates present, which shows a steady increase in our membership. It was educating to see the manner in which the business was conducted and the spirit of unionism displayed by the delegates. We certainly are blessed with a fine set of officers, and the

Order should feel proud that we will have them for the next two years to conduct our affairs. By the time this appears in print we should have our new cards for the last half of 1909, and this period should be another stepping stone to advance working conditions of telegraphers and telephoners. It is essential that the telephoners be lined up as it is a business proposition, and if they are not scheduled it will be because they are not solid, and if telegraphers do not have better working conditions by the last of this year or before, it will be because they are not paying their dues and organizing.

If any of you know of a non advise the local chairman and assist him in every way possible to line him up.

As far as your correspondent knows there are but two nons between here and Spooner, and yours truly has one man's promise to join.

A few months ago the east end called our attention in the journal to the fact that Mr. Fletcher, of Stanton, was "saying things" and refused to make good. For a time we were inclined to discredit the statement and have attempted to prove it by trying to obtain the necessary papers from him and furnish him with a card, but in vain.

Bro. Marquette was relieved by Bro. Christie while at convention. Bro. Goodwin, of Spooner, is home on an extended vacation; relieved by Mr. P. M. Olson.

Bro. Brodt was appointed agent at Rice Lake; relieved by Bro. Brandt. We are glad to hear of Bro. Brodt's promotion and wish him success in his new position.

Bro. C. M. Olson, of Couderay, is visiting the paystreak at Seattle Fair. Did not learn who relieved him. Also understand Bro. Olson drew the Clear Lake agency.

Roxby gravel pit has opened and gravel trains are running the usual sixty-mile schedule.

Bro. W. E. Neitzel has charge of the pit.

Clayton has opened up second trick with Bro. Odegarde in charge, account of gravel train, which is a blessing for Bro. Hansche, who was continually buried with work.

Bro. Means, of Shell Lake, is visiting relatives in Seattle. We understand Harry visited Superior first, in company with Mrs. Means.

The result of May bulletin, is as follows:

* Merrillan third trick, D. E. Anderson.

Clear Lake Agency, C. M. Olson.

Barronnett agency, L. R. Strausberg.

Bayfield agency, R. D. Morton.

Ashland first trick, H. Gaarden.

Bro. Anderson, of Duluth, received word of the serious illness of his father and left immediately for his home at Mankato. His father passed away shortly after his arrival. Bro. Anderson has the sympathy of his many friends.

Div. Cor.

Western Maryland Ry.

In running over my last month's TELEGRAPHER I noticed that the Western Maryland was not on the list, and, working for that road as I am, it is only natural that the Western Maryland write-up should first claim my attention.

I expect, by this time, that all the boys are aware of the change that has taken place at Gettysburg. The personnel of that change will appear further down in this column, so read on, boys, read on. But, "lest we forget," I will just mention that we have a new division correspondent. Bro. Gardner had to give this up when he accepted his new position as relief telegrapher. General Chairman Smith, of Smithsburg, has appointed Bro. Berger, of Gettysburg, as correspondent. Any brother who has a news item or two should kindly send same to him. We all like to see a good write-up; it helps to keep in touch with the things that are going on around us.

Now, fellows, there has been quite a lot of talk about a new schedule. Being practically a newcomer, I am unable to hark back to the time the telegraphers had a schedule here, if they ever had one. This talk has been afloat quite a while, and the long wait seems insufferable. But I know this: there is a copy of a mighty good schedule in waiting, which is to be forwarded immediately upon the receipt of a definite date, which will materialize, I have every assurance, in the very near future.

Our general secretary and treasurer has received several letters from brothers which show their general temperament. Lack of patience is, sometimes, a blessing, but in this case the brothers ought to write more conservatively. The G. S. and T. is always glad, very glad to hear from the boys, to get their opinions and to keep in touch with them, so reflect, when you write, that he is only human like the rest of us. 'Tis like a baseball game in my opinion. Work together and you win.

Mr. Claggett, the efficient chief clerk to Train Master Brendel, has accepted the agency at Williamsport, Md., and Mr. Landwaithe has jumped into the breach made by Mr. Claggett's move, and is now filling that position. Mr. Landwaithe was formerly chief clerk to Chief Dispatcher Berry, he being ousted by Mr. Alberts.

Bro. P. C. Gardner, first trick at Gettysburg, was appointed relief telegrapher and agent with headquarters at Hagerstown.

Bro. C. T. Rose, second trick at Gettysburg, changed to first trick, filling the position vacated by Bro. Gardner.

Bro. W. R. Berger, third trick at Gettysburg, changed to second trick.

Bro. H. F. Breighner, who was working third trick at Bayles, fills the gap at third trick at Gettysburg.

Bro. I. B. Clark, recently from Division No. 33, B. & O., has been assigned third trick at Beard, W. Va. The vacancy was caused by Bro. Vandyke leaving the service.

Telegrapher Spillman relieved Bro. Smith, second trick at Edgemont for two nights. Bro. Smith is visiting Bro. Richards of Hancock.

Bro. Clark relieved Bro. Law, second trick at Clear Spring, for one night.

Bro. Clark worked third trick at Edgemont, relieving Bro. C. E. Merker while he attended the convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Tuck has been assigned to second trick at Emory Grove.

Telegrapher Beard relieved Bro. Breighner at Beard, second trick, Bro. Breighner being sent to Bayles to work second trick, where he was afterward relieved in order to take the third trick at Gettysburg.

Bro. Neuman relieved Bro. Krichton at Bayles for a few nights.

Telegrapher Ruth, third trick at Highfield, has taken the agency at Buena Vista for the summer. Mr. Ruth was relieved at Highfield by Bro. Arnsberger, who was formerly working second trick at Walbrook.

Telegrapher Sterner relieved Bro. Arnsberger at Walbrook.

The summer offices at Pen Mar, Blue Mountain and Buena Vista are now open, and all reports show that the season will be a good heavy one. We are all looking for good traffic, that spells "prosperity" for the road. Agency at Pen Mar is filled by Bro. Barnes.

Next month I hope the brothers will make a note every time they hear of a good piece of news, and send it to

SUORTV.

Illinois Central Ry.

Louisiana Division—

One of the most enthusiastic and the best attended meetings of the season was held at McComb Sunday night, June 13th. Bro. Youngblood occupied the chair in true parliamentary style, Bro. Miller acted as secretary and read some real live communications and waded through a lot of other business in lively fashion. Bro. Hiram Allen filled the station of Past Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Moon First Vice-Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Serret Second Vice-Chief, Bro. Sam Turner, Marshal, Bro. R. W. Wilson (not C. C.), Inner Guard and Bro. Cram Outer Guard. Several applications were balloted upon and the victims will be present at next meeting and will ride the goat if they don't fall off en route. Under the head of "the good of the Order" several of the boys displayed their oratorical powers, especially Bros. Allen and Chambers, who are studying law as a side line. A joint meeting will be held at Jackson, Miss., July 4th.

Taking vacations is the order of the day; everybody and his brother wants to get off for a month or more, and take an extended trip, consequently extra men are in good demand; in fact, good extra men are a scarce commodity; very few competent men are out of employment; only lids and students available.

Effective June 17th the Texas & Pacific passenger trains are using the Illinois Central Union Station, crossing the Mississippi River at Avon

dale via the Southern Pacific incline. This arrangement gives general satisfaction to the traveling public, also to the telegraphers, who disliked to walk so far to the old T. & P. depot. On this account the telegraph office at Incline has been reopened with two men nine hours each. Bros. M. Carroll and Bill Gowlard are the lucky men.

Mr. Chas. Dudenhefer, better known as "Klep," is kicking because the General Committee don't get busy and get more money. "KR" says the O. R. T. trough is getting as dry as a prohibition State.

Bro. W. S. Gant, telegrapher at Canton, Miss., is on sick leave, recuperating at Allison's Wells.

Bros. Pete Cummings and Geo. Verges, at "FD," New Orleans, are carrying the hod for sure these strenuous times; the banana business is coming in bunches and "FD's" banana signal 13 takes the circuit over everything except 33.

The telegraph office at "JD," Jackson, Miss., has been moved upstairs in order to make more room for the ticket office, on account of the N. O. & G. N. passenger trains using the I. C. Union Depot. Bros. Chas Head, chief; Eddie Moon, assistant chief, and Cig. Serrett, night chief, are all busy men.

Edward Dunning, chief operator (?) at Harahan Junction, La., says no O. R. T. men wanted at "HN" office. George Adish is Mr. Dunning's able (?) assistant. Oh, you kids! I think it's real mean in them.

Bro. W. P. Jordan has given up the agency at Bentonla, Miss., and has been assigned to second trick at Yazoo City. The vacancy at Bentonla has been assigned to Bro. Chambers, of Kentwood.

Bro. Floyd Williams, agent at Gulletts, La., has returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been spending his vacation.

Bros. S. G. Hungate, agent at Tickfaw, La., and H. P. Hungate, agent at Summit, Miss., have been summoned to the bedside of their father, who is very low at his home in Tennessee.

Sister M. R. Addison, day telegrapher at Magnolia, has returned from her vacation much improved in health. She was relieved by Joe Fitzgerald, a non.

Henry Fitzgerald, third trick at Asylum, Miss., is a financier of no mean ability. He recently organized a dairy, cornered the ox market and is now trying to promote a telegraph college at Jackson, Miss., provided he can find enough suckers. Hy says there are too many crooks in the O. R. T. for him.

The latest to sign up is W. B. West, third trick at Madison, Miss. Billy will attend our meeting at Jackson, Miss., on July 4th to get in touch with the O. R. T. goat.

One of the late comers is Bro. Yost, who is extra at Crystal Springs second trick, relieving Sister Jessie Tatomb, who is still sick.

Drv. Coa.

Omaha and Cherokee Divisions—

Bro. Mulhall attended our last meeting at Fort Dodge and gave us some good pointers. Come again, always glad to have you with us.

Bro. G. W. Hannon, of the C. M. & St. P. at Fonda, attended the telegraphers' meeting at Fort Dodge, May 17th.

Bro. N. C. Libby, of Rowena, is taking a six weeks' leave of absence and is relieved by the helper from Pomeroy.

Bro. Frank Hobbs, of Su City yard office, is taking a vacation.

Bro. Wm. Dodds passed away at Cherokee June 14th after an illness of six months with dropsy.

Bro. C. E. Brace, at Rockwell City, has been removed from the service and his case will be investigated.

Business has been very good on this division and with the good crop outlook we will do all kinds of business this fall.

Bro. Zeigler is visiting at Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. J. B. Shinnars, agent at Parkersburg, has been granted a two months' leave of absence, Bro. E. W. Cooper, first trick at Parkersburg, relieving. Unable to learn who will relieve Bro. Cooper.

Bro. E. A. Laipple, nights at Ackley, has resigned. Bro. C. W. Krell, formerly agent at Aplington, is at Ackley until regular appointment is made.

Mr. E. J. Wiggs, third trick at Gypsum, is relieving Bro. Fear, who has been given a few weeks' leave of absence.

W. R. Foster, the agent at Webster City, is taking in the sights in the West; relieved by Bro. Empie, who was relieved by Bro. F. J. Smith.

Bro. W. I. Locke, the second trick man at Gypsum, is working the second trick at Webster City, relieving Bro. Smith, who is working first, while Bro. Emple is acting as agent.

A man from the Iowa Central and a helper from the Omaha District are working second and third tricks at Gypsum, while Bro. Litchkey is acting as agent during Bro. Harker's absence.

I think the way things stand in the dispatcher's office at Fort Dodge are something like this: Bro. Siep waiting for Bro. Conway and Bro. Conway waiting for Bro. Siep to say something to Mr. Morton. Morton should be a member.

Bro. Roy Cronk, third trick at Tara, has gone to the Portland Exposition; relieved by Bro. Richter, who came here from the Rock Island.

Bro. L. James, third trick at Council Bluffs, was taken suddenly ill a few days ago, making it necessary for Bro. O'Donnell and Mr. Hart to double a night. Understand a man from Wabash is now working third at "CS," Council Bluffs. Might be if he is a good one; he can show Harty the error of his way.

CERT. 144.

Freeport Division—

It has been some time since I have given you any news from the Freeport Division, and as no one has taken the job from my hands as of yet, I will try to give you a little dope this month.

As usual changes are numerous, but as I have not received notice of very many of them, I will more than likely miss quite a number. If you brothers would call me up on the wire and let me know when there is a change at your station, I might be able to give you a much better write-up.

The changes in the vicinity of Freeport have been very numerous.

Bro. B. C. Barber relieved Bro. R. C. Eiser while he attended the convention at Atlanta. Upon Bro. Eiser's return Bro. Barber went to Freeport yard office to work second trick a few days in place of Bro. Jno. Hayes.

Bro. Jim Davis, regular at Hart nights, was called to Freeport to relieve Bro. Hayes for a few days on second trick Freeport yard office, on account of shortage of men capable of holding down this job. A telegrapher by the name of Beaby filled Davis' place at Hart nights. "13" he got in a mix-up and got his walking papers.

Bro. Jno. Funk is at present doing the extra stunt at La Salle on second trick, in place of Bro. Sam Davis.

Bro. Sam Davis has certainly had his share of trouble, his wife for the past three months has been very sick and has had to have several operations performed upon her. From last reports I understand that she is somewhat better.

Bro. Boldts worked a few weeks at Parkway on third trick in place of Roy Evans.

A telegrapher by the name of Morton relieved Bro. Boldts at Alworth nights.

Bro. M. J. Madden relieved C. S. Pack, second trick dispatcher south end, for a few weeks on account of sickness.

Bro. Harry Granger relieved Bro. Madden as day telegrapher in "DR" office, Freeport.

Telegrapher Beebe relieved Bro. Granger at Freeport yard office for a few days, but was unable to handle the business, Bro. Davis, from Hart, relieving him.

Our General Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. R. L. Shannon, and W. Kelly, our Local Chairman, passed over the division getting after the few nons we now have on the division. They succeeded in making the Freeport Division 97 per cent strong.

Bro. Wm. Powers is at present filling a thirty-day position at La Salle on first trick.

Bro. M. J. Madden, day telegrapher in dispatcher's office, Freeport, is at present working as extra dispatcher on the south end, filling second trick dispatcher Pack's place, Pack filling Schillinger's place as third trick dispatcher, south end. Schillinger enjoying a thirty-day vacation.

Bro. Sam Davis is filling Bro. Madden's place as day telegrapher, "DR" office, Freeport.

Bro. R. R. Toombs worked several weeks at West Junction, on first trick, in place of Bro. Hunsicker.

Bro. Geo. Cox is filling Bro. Toombs' place as night telegrapher in "DR" office, Freeport.

L. J. Hill worked as chief dispatcher for a few days, in place of C. O. Richards, Bro. Madden filling Hill's place as first trick dispatcher, south end.

Telegrapher Lapin is at present working the third trick at Freeport yard office, in place of Bro. Geo. Cox.

R. S. Devaney relieved Bro. Kelly while he was out on the road.

Devaney relieved Bro. Jim Davis at Hart nights, while Bro. Davis was getting married.

One of the finest meetings that we have had for some time was held at Freeport June 18th. First Vice-President J. A. Newman, Bro. G. E. Soyster, General S. & T. C. M. & St. P. System, and C. A. Mulhall, our General Chairman, being in attendance. The crowd from off the district was not what it should have been, and they certainly missed some very good addresses given by the above brothers. There were quite a number of brothers from the C. & N. W. and C. M. & St. P. there, too, who we were very glad to see and hope they will continue to attend our meetings. Bro. R. C. Eiser read his convention report and afterwards several very important questions came before the meeting for settlement, one being the question as to whether the changing of the Freeport yard office from its present place to a new location in the freight house would be a new position created or just a transfer. It was thoroughly discussed and then turned over to Bro. W. Kelly for him to handle as he sees fit.

At the next meeting to be held in Freeport, the business of organizing and electing officers for the Pretzel City Telegraphers' Club will be taken up, and a large crowd will be expected from all the roads entering the city of Freeport.

The company is making quite a number of changes at Freeport. They are at present moving the freight office from upstairs in the freight house and putting it down where the engineer's office used to be. The old freight office is to be used as a dispatcher's office and yard office. Two new telegraphers are to be put on in this office in addition to the telegraphers that are at present working in "DR" office. This is going to give the dispatchers room to take a breath when this work is completed.

Bro. H. J. Jones has left the service since the death of his wife. Telegrapher Morton relieved him. We are all sorry to see Bro. Jones leave the ranks and hope that everything he undertakes will be a success.

Alworth agency and Monroe days are on the recent bulletins.

Bro. McClosky is doing the extra stunt at Rockford, third trick.

Telegrapher R. B. Devaney is at present working second trick at Amboy, in place of Bro. Sherbert.

Bro. Kuhlmeier was the successful applicant for Wapella agency. Bro. Knapp relieved Bro. Kuhlmeier at Monroe days.

Bro. Henion, of Wapella, received Kappa on bulletin.

Bro. Shepherd and family, of Rutland, have just returned from a two weeks' visit in Southern Indiana. Bro. Knapp filled Bro. Shepherd's place during his absence.

Bro. Schlaf, of Minonk, spent a week in the dells of Wisconsin being relieved by a Mr. Bradley, a new man on this line.

Mr. Bradley relieved Kelly while he was attending the meeting held in Freeport the 18th.

Bro. Wm. Powers certainly showed his loyalty to the Order, coming all the way from La Salle to attend our last meeting. It seems as though others

could have attended who were but a short distance from Freeport.

Bro. McGowan got La Salle, third trick, on bulletin.

Bro. B. C. Barber relieved Bro. McGowan at Coleman on third trick.

KNOCKERS AND NONS.

Should any one ask you

What had been done in "o8"

Would you be among the knockers,

And say "nothing great."

If this is the length of your memory,

You had better close your joint,

And go to selling hammers,

To knockers at another point.

For in this year of panic,

Which we successfully passed

We received no salary reductions

And a nine-hour day at last.

Have you ever stopped to figure

What this has meant to you,

Or have you simply grumbled

Around like a lonely Jew.

We work three hours less,

Each and every day,

The same as five days' vacation

Every month with the same pay.

Even though the railroads,

With their flimsy excuse

That they couldn't get the operators

To shoot the Morse juice.

But yet the simple agent,

At the one-horse joint alone

Says the operators have the chicken

While we take the bone.

Don't say this, for remember

The schedule it doth quote,

Seniority it shall govern

To all that cast a vote.

"SHORTY."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler has deemed it wise to remove from our midst the beloved wife of our worthy Bro. H. J. Jones; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the membership of the Freeport Division of the I. C. System Division, No. 93, extend to Bro. Jones and son our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Bro. Jones and son and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. C. EISER,

H. E. KRISTER,

W. KELLY,

Committee.

To Members of the Freeport Division—

I wish to kindly thank you all for the very beautiful floral offering sent us in memory of my deceased wife.

H. JONES.

Chicago Division—

Mr. J. R. Billingsby is working third trick at Monet, Ill., and Mr. R. Newman has accepted second trick at Tolono, Ill.

Bro. C. O. Stone, of Paxton, has taken a ninety days' vacation. Unable to state where he is going.

Bro. J. A. Gerbel is acting as relief dispatcher at Kankakee during the absence of Mr. Carl Davis.

Bro. F. C. Boucher has accepted the agency at Mena.

Mr. E. Axin is working as second owl at Otto. Bro. Wells has returned to work at Manteno.

Mr. Gardner is relieving Bro. Powers at Irwin for a few days.

On account of the tower at Matteson being moved to allow electric line to cross at junction, three men are working in ticket office; Bro. C. E. Bangs is working second trick.

Bro. Wolf is working second trick at Paxton.

Don't forget that we meet in Gilman and Kankakee alternately—Gilman second Saturday night of one month and Kankakee second Friday night of next month.

Excuse me, but have you paid your dues? Get busy, thaw out and hand the "Masuma" to the secretary and get a nice up-to-date card. Very nice thing to have with you when you get on your glad rags. Good thing if you should get lost, for you will always find friends when you have the card with you.

We understand Roy Fitzpatrick has bid in the second trick at Paxton.

Gilman line was not very strong at the meeting at Kankakee the 11th. You know, boys, we hold the belt for the best attendance and we should try to keep it.

Bro. Finnigan was recently called to Chicago to attend staff meeting of the Chicago Division.

Telegrapher Ikerd relieved Bro. McGauley a few nights at Paxton on account of sickness. Bro. Spangler is working third trick, which is on bulletin. Bro. Wolf working second trick, as Bro. Stone is off for ninety days. Bro. McGauley has first trick regularly.

Bro. Cally, of Thawville, is off for a week or ten days, being relieved by R. J. McCann.

Mr. Roy Fitzpatrick having gotten second trick at Paxton on bulletin, gave it up, preferring to work as extra agent.

ACTING COR.

Tennessee Division—

We are glad to say that at this writing business on this division seems to be about normal for this season of the year.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held at Fulton, Ky., June 19th, which was called to order at 8 p. m. There were nineteen members present, including our secretary and treasurer, Bro. R. L. Shannon, from Anna, who gave us a very interesting talk. We were also entertained a few min-

utes by Bro. E. L. Mathis, from Greenfield, Tenn., who spoke relative to the convention, which he attended in Atlanta, Ga., in May. Our next convention will be held in Toronto, Canada, in 1911.

Bro. C. A. Mulhall, our General Chairman, was detained in Chicago on business; did not arrive in Fulton until the following morning.

These meetings are a great help to us. I favor a meeting at least every other month, and if placed on a position where I can attend I assure you I will be present, and bring every one I can with me.

I suppose quite a number have watched reports and in different ways tried to ascertain just what progress the telephone has made where it has been installed. It is just about completed on this system (in fact, several districts have been entirely completed), and is reported that it will be in operation in the course of the next few days. Up to the present time the telegraphers have not been done away with, and we do not anticipate that they will be.

The following are some of the changes that have taken place since the last write-up:

Bro. Pearl, of Cairo, Ill., first trick, is off on ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Snyder.

Bro. Sowrey, of Illinois Junction, third trick, is doing the agency act at Winkle; relieved by Bro. Reagin, who has been attending college at Nashville, Tenn., for several months.

Bro. Dye, second trick at Ballard Junction, has just returned to work after a few days' illness; relieved by Bro. Reagin.

Bro. Cameron and wife, of Cairo Junction, attended the Hustlers' meeting at Centralia, and reported a fine time.

Bro. S. R. Michael, first trick at Winford, has been off over a month with a broken collar bone, caused by his speeder jumping the track; relieved by Mr. J. F. Brewer, extra man from Sharon, who has since taken sick, which called for Bro. A. E. Pace, another extra man from "U" City.

Bro. M. Mitchell, of Arlington, Ky., is off a few days; relieved by Mrs. Neal, extra. Bro. Mitchell is attending court.

Bro. D. T. McAdoo, of Lawrence nights, off on leave of absence; relieved by Morgan Williams, extra man from Krebs.

Bro. R. M. Ethrige, of Diversion, off a few days; relieved by Bro. W. D. Midgett, from Rives freight house.

Bro. M. M. Penticost, third trick at Rives, is off a few days on account of sickness. The company was obliged to double the first and second trick men, on account of no extra man for relief.

Bro. J. L. Godfrey, Martin, Tenn., is off on a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. W. D. Scott, an extra man from Fulton, Ky.

Bro. H. L. Turner has reported for duty after thirty days' absence.

Bro. J. W. Stockdale, of Frogmoor, has reported for duty after fifteen days' absence.

Bro. Baird, Hickory Valley, wants off for thirty days, and Bro. Graves, of Oxford, wants off thirty days, and there is no one to relieve them.

Bro. E. M. Matthews, extra man from Jackson District, has resigned and gone to parts unknown, being relieved by regular man, Bro. Graves.

There are a few nons left on this division. Let each of us put forth every effort to land every one of these men, who are desirable, so that we may be called the "banner."

CERT. 1099.

Mississippi Division—

I have received no notes from the brothers advising me as to what is occurring on the Pike, but I suppose the boys think it is up to the local chairman or correspondent to keep informed and tell them everything that happens.

The regular meeting was held at Grenada Sunday night, the 13th inst., and while there was room for more of the members there was a good crowd, although not so many as we would have liked to have seen.

Bro. Bull, with a few others, is lining things up for good meetings and full houses. We are intending to initiate two or three of the brothers at the next meeting. No doubt a great many will avail themselves of the opportunity to be on hand. Bro. Bull advises that Chief Taylor will not grant permits to attend these meetings hereafter unless they are asked for at least two or three days before the meeting in order that he can send regular passes.

Bro. Mulhall was at Grenada Sunday night and favored us with some good advice and information.

Bro. McMahon, formerly of Batesville, was also present.

Bro. A. W. Mitchell is visiting his father at Sharon, Tenn., for a few days, being relieved by Bro. Calhoun.

There are several new men on the division, among them Bro. Huffmaster, who is working at Davis at present.

Bro. J. H. Coleman bid in third trick at Davis regular. Ex-Bro. Polson is working extra at Sardis on third trick.

Mr. Tom Cooper is acting agent at Enid this month on account of Bro. Durley's resting up.

The extra men are all busy. A Mr. Passialague is working at Ackerman.

Will see the brothers at Grenada the next meeting, as we want to be on hand to enjoy the Initiations.

CERT. 1658.

Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Ry.

Memphis Division—

Several changes have occurred on the division since the last write-up.

Bro. J. C. Henry has been transferred from Moorhead agency to Ruleville. Mr. R. Z. Sullins, an extra telegrapher and agent, is doing the relief act at Moorhead until the position can be filled on bulletin.

Bro. F. E. Carter has been transferred from the agency at Vance to Lambert. Mr. W. B. Simpson, formerly of the L. & N. Ry., is filling the vacancy at Vance.

It is rumored that Bro. E. Schmullen, the second trick telegrapher at Coahoma, has bid in the agency at Banks.

We understand that the first trick at West Junction will soon be open for bids. Telegraphers Mitchell, Charles and Bro. Holliday are now at West Junction.

Telegrapher Powell is holding down the third trick at Clayton. We understand that Mr. Powell is a disabled baseball player, and only intends being with us until he is able for the game again.

Bro. Furlong is off duty enjoying a thirty days' vacation visiting relatives and friends in and around Chicago.

Bro. W. H. Graves, of the New Orleans Division, is relieving Bro. Shellman, on third trick at Clarksdale. Bro. Shellman is relieving Bro. Furlong.

We had quite a rush of passenger business during the Confederate Reunion at Memphis, and a number of special passenger trains and second sections of regular trains were run. At the close of the reunion at Memphis, quite a number of persons went to Vicksburg to attend the unveiling of the Steven D. Lee monument in the Military Park.

CERT. 1988.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

Northwest Division—

Telegrapher Allen secured third trick at Hayfield on bulletin.

Bro. Segur got second trick at Dodge Center on May bulletin.

After working a short time at Hampton, Telegrapher Adams is back on third trick at Coates. Mr. L. J. Green, from Stanton, relieved Mr. Adams, at Hampton.

Bro. J. B. Duvall, second trick at Rich Valley, is enjoying a thirty-day vacation, being relieved by a new man from the C. M. & St. Paul, Bro. E. H. Krugmire.

Telegrapher Johnson is working the second trick at Dodge Center, and Telegrapher T. H. Connelly, a new man in the service, is holding third trick until bulletined.

Chief dispatcher, Mr. G. H. Page, is taking his annual vacation, and third trick dispatcher, Mr. Ayes, is filling the chief's chair.

Bro. Plath, first trick at Dodge Center, is off for ninety days to look after his claim, and Bro. Segur, second trick at that place is holding first trick until Bro. Plath's return.

Bro. Holmes, who has been working second trick at Renova for some time, has left the service, and a new man, a Mr. Woods, is relieving him.

We understand that Agent Werner, of Dodge Center is trying to make a "Ham Factory" of that station, by entertaining and instructing a student. We are glad to know, however, that none of the brothers there will allow "his royal highness" to use the wires.

Agent Hammerstrom, of West Concord, has left that place, and Agent Hines, formerly of Elkton, secured the station on bid.

Bro. Pete Stenstrom, first trick at Randolph, held the agency at West Concord for a few days pending the decision and the outcome of the bids. He returned to Randolph to work first trick there.

"Yours Truly," the "Chief Scribe," has just returned from a two weeks' vacation, and got back barely in time to arrange this write-up, so if it should fail to reach the press in time, please make "allowances."

A new man, Mr. Hugh Johnson, did the third trick stunt while the "scribe" was away.

Div. Coa.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Third Division—

As I have failed to see a write-up from this division since I have been with the road (eight months), I will endeavor to show the boys that we are not entirely dead, but have been in winter quarters.

Now as we are to shine for a few months, let each and every one work hard and do everything possible to secure applications from what few nons we have left. We will certainly have to work at these, for they are hard "Nuts," one visit will never do, nor being stood off a few times will not do, do not get discouraged because you run up against a proposition like this. Get after them constantly and show them where they are walking in the dark. Let us get together and start the wheel turning.

Bro. McDaniel and the writer made a flying trip to Winder, "WR," a few days since, with the intention of securing the applications of four sons, but we were unfortunate, in that we secured but one.

I was unable to attend the convention recently held in Atlanta; have heard but very little from those who were lucky enough to attend. Understand it was grand, and enjoyed very much by every one.

While the firemen of the Georgia road were on strike, we had about all the business we could possibly handle.

Mr. Sheely, second trick at Athens, "XN," has been relieved by Mr. Freeman. Mr. Conway, third trick at "XN," has been relieved by Mr. Moore. We understand that Messrs. Sheely and Conway returned to their homes.

Bro. O. V. Connelly, third trick at Abbeville, "FD," relieved by Mr. C. R. Groover, who has been working second trick, but desired third trick on account of having more time for enjoyment.

I will do my best to have this division represented every month, if some of the members will assist me.

"F. K."

Atlanta and Birmingham Line—

A meeting was held at Rockmart, June 5th, with a good attendance, including visiting brothers from the Southern Railway. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Bro. Hodges, chief telegrapher; Bro. M. M. Dowling, secretary

and treasurer; Bro. H. H. Brown, division correspondent; Bro. Haeder, sergeant-at-arms; Bro. Beasley, Bro. Berry and Bro. Barlow on sick and out of employment committee.

The next meeting was called for Sunday afternoon, July 27th, at Piedmont, Ala.

Mrs. E. B. Smith, of the Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club, was with us and gave us a good talk which was interesting to every one.

Bro. Courson, the telegrapher at Rockwood, was initiated.

Very much interest and enthusiasm was shown at our meeting at Rockmart, therefore, let us continue to attend meetings, and get better acquainted.

Mr. Cross, at Rockmart, has returned to work, but is still on crutches. He has been suffering from rheumatism.

Mr. S. H. Lewis, agent at Fish, Ga., has returned to work after spending a few days' vacation at his father's home; relieved by Mr. C. W. Tay, relief agent.

Bro. A. P. Shackelford, from Wellington, has been installed as agent at Alton Ave., vice Mr. M. Parsons.

Mr. Will Bennett, an old-timer from the Southern Railway, relieved Bro. Shackelford, at Wellington.

Div. Coa.

D. S. S. & A. Ry.

Houghton Division—

Up to the present writing have not received a single item of news from anyone along the line. Let us all work together and see if we can not make a better showing in the future.

Business is very brisk on this division, especially around the iron cities.

Bro. L. R. Brown, of Republic, has resumed work after a twenty days' vacation.

Notice is now being mailed to all brothers, notifying them that dues for the last half of the year are payable. Hope everyone will make prompt payment, thus keeping the membership up to the present standard.

We still have too many nons along the line, on all the divisions, and now that we are entering on the last half of the year, let every member do his utmost to bring one or more nons into the Order, and see if we can not get a percentage large enough to insure a new schedule soon.

Mr. L. B. Dygart, relief agent, relieved Bro. L. R. Brown, at Republic, while the latter was away on a vacation. Mr. Dygart goes to Wellsberg to relieve Bro. Guck for a week.

Div. Coa.

Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.

Bro. White, Yard E, Toledo, made a flying trip to Prairie Depot, Sunday, June 13th.

Bro. Cox, first trick at Whitmore, has purchased a small farm at Fairfax, O.

Bro. Forrest, third trick at Thurston, is off a few days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Hurd, who is a C. T. U. of A. man.

Bro. Bightler transferred from agency at Dunbridge to Columbus dispatcher's office; relieved at Dunbridge by Extra Telegrapher at Lomm.

Agent Holstein, at Arnold, off a few days; relieved by Relief Agent Westall.

Agent Hanks, at Ridgeway, resumed duty after two months' sickness.

Bro. Simon, at Findlay, nights, off ten days enjoying the fishing around New Straitsville, O. Relieved by Extra Telegrapher Clemont.

Agent Gruss, at New Riegel, laying off for a few months on account of poor health; relieved by Mr. C. J. Tom, formerly agent at Climax.

Agent W. A. Parrish, at Thurston, off on a sixty-day vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Westall.

Telegrapher Rinehart resigned to accept a position with C. A. & C. Ry., at Condit, O.

Bro. McDowell, third trick at Hickox, took sick while on duty, and was under the doctor's care for two days. Bro. Holder, second trick man, doubling while Mack was off.

Bro. Chandler, third trick at Whitmore, visiting friends at Merrill, one day.

Bro. Wiseman, second trick at Whitmore, spent one day fishing at Point Place, O. No fish caught.

Bro. Wheeler, agent at Pleasantville, off duty a few days; relieved by Bro. Hurd.

Extra Telegrapher Clemont was transferred to H. V. Ry., on account dull business on T. & O. C.

Bro. Sheldon is convalescing and expects to resume duty at Dunbridge in a few days.

CERT 64.

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Ry.

As this division has not been in the fraternal items for some time, I feel it my duty to the members to offer an explanation. I have been suffering from rheumatism for the past two months, which caused me to lose considerable time, and this, in connection with the fact that I attended the grand convention in Atlanta, Ga., made it impossible for me to find time to perform the duties of correspondent.

Am very glad to be able to report that the division is more alive today than for several years. If you have any misgivings as to the correctness of this statement, attend the next meeting, Friday July 9th at 8 p. m., Eastern time, Fredericksburg, Va. If you are a stranger wear an O. R. T. emblem on your person in a conspicuous place and you will be taken care of.

N. B. It is also very essential that you have an up-to-date card on your person, or other proof of membership, as there is a law in the State of Virginia that will take care of you for flying false colors in this particular line.

To further demonstrate to you that our division is on the firing line I will say that at our May meeting the secretary was able to report nine applications for membership. Quite a nice little lunch for the little 114-mile road.

That Western brother who, at the convention was so anxious to learn what and where the R. F. & P. W. S. was might be able to also enlighten himself in both organization and up-to-date railroading, as we know how to do both, from the executive officers down to the messenger boys.

Our June meeting was quite a success, the attendance being very good. President Perham, with his cheery smile, gave us the benefit of his experience and knowledge of the works. Those who were not present missed something of material importance to them. His visit was unexpected, which was responsible for the entire membership not being informed. Bro. W. J. Southworth, of Division No. 60, was with us also, but owing to the fact that our time was limited his remarks were brief.

Bro. T. A. Bowles, of "BN" block, has been ill for some time, but is reported as improving. Thus, we hope, is true and that the good brother will be back with us soon.

We understand that Bro. W. G. Cox, who is now in Colorado for his health, is being benefited by his stay there and we hear that he is very much impressed with that section of the country. We are unable to say just what line of work he is engaged in, but his many friends wish him a speedy return of good health and success in his new-found home.

The line-up is about the same. Business is now at its best. The perishable season this year bids fair to exceed the record of last year; this is encouraging and every member should do his utmost to prove that he has no peer, although the employes of this road at this time need no exhortations in that line. They are all that could be expected of flesh and blood and we are satisfied that the management will agree with us on that.

Don't forget the next meeting on July 9th at Fredericksburg, Va., and last but not least use your persuasive powers on that non.

CERT. 56.

C. R. I. & P. Ry.

Chicago Terminal and Illinois Divisions—

A joint meeting of the Iowa and Illinois Divisions was held in Maccabeg Hall, Rock Island, June 19th. The attendance was not as large as was expected. Bros. Brown and Schooler were with us.

A special meeting of the Illinois Division was held in Chicago, Monday evening, June 21st. Bros. Newman, Brown, Schooler, Jones, McDonald and Thomas were with us. The meeting was turned into a social affair and was much enjoyed by those present.

Bro. Smith, who has been agent at Toulon for some time, has resigned, and the job put up for bid. Bro. Nolle, who has been day telegrapher at Galva since his position at Alta was changed to a non-telegraphic station, was the successful bidder, took up his new duties at once. We wish him success. Bro. Vernon is holding down the position at Galva until the position is bulletined.

It's Bro. N. A. Jackson at DePue and Bro. A. Stage at Bureau. Both sent in their applications

since the 15th. We hope the good work keeps up and that before another month there will be few nons along the line. Of course there are exceptions, for some have been on the non list so long they seem to think it would be a shame to take their name off and join something that has been a benefit to them and will be better in the future. Come on boys, and get in the boat. Wear the button and help the good cause along. It costs you only \$11.00, which pays you up to Dec. 31st, 1909.

Bro. L. C. Harrison, night telegrapher at Rock Island, has been off duty for the past week or so, but has returned to work. We understand that the brother was in the hospital and we are glad to know that he is able to be with us again.

Bro. A. E. McGrann, who has been working second trick at West Davenport, has accepted the position of relief agent for the Northern District.

John Lorenzen has accepted the position as second trick telegrapher at West Davenport.

Bro. Alford and Bro. Gird attended the meeting held at Rock Island June 19th.

Business seems to be improving, judging by the trains that have been running lately.

Mrs. Amelia Sayles, from Elroy, Wis., is visiting at the home of Bro. Alford. Mr. Sayles is a brother on the C. & N.-W. Ry.

Bro. Will Bangs has accepted the position of relief telegrapher on the Missouri Division. Bro. Bangs lives in Davenport, and was formerly with the Milwaukee Ry.

Frank Kososki, who has been holding down second trick here, has gone to Silvis as second trick in place of Bro. Kay.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Minnesota Division—

The Minnesota Division has been thriving during the past month. Quite a number of delinquents have paid up, five or six new members filed applications, and several nons left the division, their places being filled by men with up-to-dates. Let the good work go on.

Mr. E. J. Campbell, from the Union Pacific, is holding down the third trick at Northwood. Mr. J. E. Waite held this trick for thirty days.

Bro. A. Tjaden landed second trick at Grundy Center.

Mr. E. L. Phelps bid in the second trick at Curtis and is waiting for relief.

Bro. R. M. Aldrich, of Bode, has bid in the Northwood agency. Bode is on bulletin.

Bro. G. R. Hendrickson is holding down the second trick at Gordonsville. Mr. P. R. Frost is now with the Iowa Central at Albia.

Mr. Gerhart, the second trick man at Palo, was off duty a couple of weeks in May. He was relieved by Mr. Glen Elson, a new man. Gerhart has asked for a relay job.

Bro. J. L. Berschens, formerly third trick man at Cedar Falls, has accepted a position in the city ticket office of the G. T. in Chicago. Mr. Glen Elson is filling in at Cedar Falls until the company can secure an "older head."

Mr. B. E. Ives, the agent at Cedar Falls leaves for Idaho, June 1st, to prove up on his claim. Upon his return he will accept the agency at Iowa Falls.

Bro. Erbine, from the Iowa Central, is relieving on second trick at Waterloo.

If this should be seen by Bro. M. T. Auxer, former agent at Palo, he will take notice that there is mail for him at St. Louis.

Drv. Coa.

Kansas Division—

There are still a few nons on this division. Some of their excuses are getting pretty stale. Get in line and help the cause along.

Bros. Bonecutter and Phares, the agent and the telegrapher at Maple Hill, spent two weeks fishing this month. They were camped on Mill Creek near Maple Hill, and report plenty of fish and a royal good time.

Mr. W. E. Stewart, agent at Wabunsee, is taking a short vacation. Can not say who is relieving him.

Mr. C. E. Dougherty relieved Bro. Bonecutter at Maple Hill for two weeks this month. Mr. Dougherty has been out of the service for the past year.

Mr. W. J. Berger relieved Bro. Phares at Maple Hill for two weeks this month.

Bro. Dunahugh, agent at Clyde, made a couple of trips to Mayetta this month to see his wife, who was taken sick while visiting there.

Bro. C. E. McClelland is now working nights at Clyde. This is his first work for about two years, having been engaged in the restaurant and barber business at Maple Hill during that time.

Bro. G. L. Johnson is holding down Keats Quarry at present. This place has been bulletined, but have not learned who the lucky man is.

W. P. Grimes has been appointed agent at Woodbine, vice H. M. Zirkle transferred.

P. K. Skaggs has been appointed agent at Solomon, vice C. D. Dovol transferred.

J. M. Hollis, third trick telegrapher at Volland, was shot and killed Tuesday morning, June 22d, at Volland by William Feshe at the house of John Cromer, where they were boarding. It seems that Feshe had been drinking quite heavily and had asked Bro. Paxton, second trick telegrapher, to drink with him. This he refused to do, which angered Feshe and he procured a shotgun and entered the dining room, where Hollis and Paxton were seated and threatened to shoot Paxton. Paxton ran out at the back door and Hollis tried to take the gun away from Feshe and he shot him in the neck, killing him instantly. Mr. Hollis leaves a wife to mourn his loss. We extend to her the heartfelt sympathy of the telegraphers on this division. The murderer was soon captured and will suffer the full penalty of the law for his crime.

The local chairman is organizing a team of ten men on this division for the purpose of working on some of these nons. They had better beware as we are going after them. We expect to single

them out one at a time and pour the truth into them from all sides. You non had better line up and thereby escape some of this hot shot.

The meeting of the telegraphers held at the Chesterfield Hotel in Topeka, June 12th was not very well attended. This can be accounted for from the fact that the hours the boys are now working makes it hard for them to get away. The few that were there enjoyed a pleasant visit with Bros. Brown and Schooler. Bro. Brown reports Division No. 126 in fine shape and cited us several cases where he had been of great service to the telegraphers in the way of reinstatement and better working hours.

It is hard for the local chairman to secure much news without the assistance of the assistant local chairmen. They can be of great service to him if they will. Send him what news items you have, even if it is only two or three. By putting them together we will be able to give something like a write-up in the journal. The local chairman is a pretty busy man where he is located and will appreciate any assistance you can render him.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Oklahoma Division—

The following personal items come to our notice:

Bro. Dusch, of Renfrow went to Ft. Worth on a Western Union case during the first of the month. He is now taking a sixty-day layoff. He has made short visits to Oklahoma City and El Reno in his newly-purchased automobile, and puts in most of his time now shaving fence posts along the country roads. Bro. Meador, formerly first trick at Anadarko, is relieving Bro. Dusch.

Bro. Hamilton is doing relief work at "F.T.," El Reno yard. He was bumped from the day job at Anadarko, account of the night job at that point being abolished, allowing Mr. Williams to take the day position by virtue of his seniority.

The telegraph position at Temple has been discontinued. Junction City station has been closed.

Bro. Hill, formerly agent at Jefferson, has quit the road and gone traveling for a cigar firm.

Bro. Lowry, who hails from Louisiana, has accepted the position of traveling agent for the Oklahoma Division, Mr. Chas. Simonds, who formerly held the position, having accepted a position in Manager Tinsman's office. We are glad to have Bro. Lowry among us.

Mr. M. R. Gibson is relieving Bro. Hadley at Union City. We say "Mr." because we are not sure. We think it is "Brother," but unable to get a line on him yet.

Mr. W. C. Lievaay, of "NO" relay office, has accepted a position with Swift & Company at Ft. Worth. This is a nice promotion for him.

Mr. G. G. Porter is working first trick at Chickasha.

The new wheat is beginning to move from this section, and should make business a little more brisk for a time, after which there will be a good corn crop, and altogether the prospects are good for a busy summer for the Oklahoma Division.

Carr. 428.

Des Moines Valley Division—

Owing to the scarcity of competent relief on this division, Bro. Moore, Sigourney, has not yet assumed his new position, that of agent at Monroe. J. A. Mock is doing the stunt at Monroe until the transfer of that station can be arranged for.

Rumor has it that Bro. Manning will be the new agent at Sigourney.

Bro. Gibson secured a brief vacation recently, which he spent with relatives and friends at Sherrard, Ill. Sister Hanley ran first trick at Oskaloosa passenger station in a most satisfactory manner, during his absence.

Ogden G. Mars, traveling inspector for the Illinois and Iowa Car Service Association, paid official visits to numerous agents recently, on this division. At nearly all points he found the car service and storage rules being strictly enforced.

Superintendent Given, who has practically grown up on the Des Moines Valley Division, has been appointed superintendent of the Minnesota Division, with headquarters at Cedar Rapids. The general feeling among all employees on this division is that he goes to his new position with the best wishes of all. A. W. Kelso, assistant superintendent of the Iowa Division, comes to us as superintendent.

O. B. McNamee, the popular and efficient division agent, made calls at various stations recently. His particular attention at present is being directed to the filing of tariffs at all stations, in a uniform manner as directed by the general offices. As might be supposed, Mac goes after the proposition in a manner indicating thorough familiarity with the work.

Div. Coa.

L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Western Division—

A rousing meeting was held in the B. of R. T. hall, Elkhart, Ind., Thursday evening, May 27th. The meeting was opened promptly at 8:30 p. m., with Local Chairman, Bro. E. D. Graham, in the chair. A goodly number of the old-reliables were present, and various matters of importance were discussed. Bros. Walker, of the Michigan Division, and General Chairman G. E. Kipp, were present. The latter, on being called to the chair, gave us a brief outline of the situation in general on the system, also of some of the more important deliberations of the Grand Convention. They having just returned from Atlanta.

Among the visiting brothers present were: Bro. Barnes and Bro. Wright, of the C. I. & S. Ry., members of Division No. 91. They gave us a short history of the Order, and conditions on their line, and the matter of having the members on this line go into Division No. 129, with the probable possibilities for legislation in their behalf as one of the N. Y. C. System lines, was gone into at some length; no decision being reached the matter was let stand as it is for the present, until we are more fully acquainted with the action taken by the Grand Division, at Atlanta, on the question of general system legislation.

Several old members of the Order were present, but we will have to take our bonnets off to Bro. Barnes, of No. 91, who showed up as a member since 1886; that's "going some" for the old "stand-bys."

Bro. Reid bid in Mishawaka gravel pit for the summer.

Bro. E. D. Graham has been promoted from "HF," South Bend, days, to the ticket agency at Mishawaka, vice Bro. Dick Huff, who was promoted to the dispatcher's office at "SC," Chicago, to learn the mysteries of train dispatching.

Bro. Steele, from third trick to second trick at Mishawaka. Bro. Ocker taking third trick.

Bro. Lowe from "CD," Pinola, first trick, to South Bend, "HF," days. Bro. Farmer assigned to third trick, permanently, at "NX," South Bend tower.

Michigan Central crossing at "CK," Lydick, is to be eliminated, work now progressing to put them over-head. We are unable to say, as yet, where this will land Bro. F. Plumbeck and the other two brothers there.

Terre Coupee agency is abolished, and the office closed, days, putting Bro. Tyler on the long trick, nights, and Bro. Bolster appointed agent at Pinola, a new reporting station. Bro. Tyler, we think, is at present relieving Agent Miles, at New Carlisle, for several weeks.

Mr. J. W. Darby has been transferred to third trick at Rolling Prairie, vice one M. W. Brock. Understand Brock has a job back on the farm, cultivating cabbages.

Bro. E. A. Pillman, from third trick at Otis to second trick at Laporte, L. E. & W. tower.

Bro. Scroggins has gone from "BR" to Pinola, third trick. Durham station has been closed, and Bro. Anderson to third trick at Otis, after relieving Bro. Bolster, the agent at Pinola, who took a couple of weeks' rest.

Bro. Beck transferred from third trick at Dune Park to second trick; Telegrapher Ensign on third trick. Telegrapher McKinley is doing relief work, third trick, at So. Chicago, while Telegrapher Manders is doing the relief stunt in "SC," Chicago.

Bro. Wood, agent at Dune Park, took one whole day off June 4th; relieved by Telegrapher Preston.

Bro. Outlaw is working third trick at 101st street for a few weeks.

Bro. J. C. Frazier, of Division No. 138, has been assigned to third trick at Ind. Harbor. We would like to have a few more like him come to the old Lake Shore.

Bro. Sabin has been appointed ticket agent at Indiana Harbor, vice Bro. Myers. Bro. Martin Moo, from "GB," Laporte, to "SC," Chicago.

First Trick Dispatcher G. H. Bonesteel is off on his annual vacation for fifteen days; relieved by Second Trick Dispatcher Smiley. Dispatcher Frederick working second, and Extra Dispatcher C. J. Cole doing his first stunt on third trick.

Our Chief Dispatcher, J. A. Muldowney, and Night Chief, E. S. Brink, will no doubt have to wait until the trick men have theirs before they can take to the woods.

Dispatcher "Bob" Frederick is now on his annual tour, taking in the sights in New York City.

Dispatcher Smiley will go on a moose hunt up Hudson Bay, via The Thousand Islands, St. Lawrence River and New Foundland, returning via G. R. & I. Ry. and Rome City, Ind.

This road is about to realize one of the greatest events of its career, viz.: changing the current of traffic from left to right hand track, stretches of third track are being built from Lydick to Rolling Prairie, and at several other points. Great lengthening of side tracks all over the division until we are practically a three and in some places a four-track system. Our officials have had a strenuous time getting in shape for the change, which they expect to make about July 1st.

Everything in general is in good shape on the Western Division. The boys are practically up-to-date, and new men locating with us, are coming into the Order at the first financial opportunity. We have one man at Laporte, and one at Chester-ton, old-timers, both working short tricks, secured by the O. R. T., who are not members. While I am loth to believe that their fraternal gratitude to the good brothers who are paying in their hard-earned dollars to keep such conditions possible, is entirely broken, it is certainly badly bent and has been for an inexcusable length of time.

While I am not mentioning names, for the present, I shall have something to say later on, and there will be no splitting of straws. All members are entitled to know who's paying the freight, and who's the dead-head. We are quite positive there is no reasonable financial excuse applicable to either of the above mentioned cases. JACK.

Eastern Division—

The general chairman reports having received three applications for membership since returning from the convention. This makes a gain of (8) eight applicants on the Eastern Division in ninety days, which is very encouraging.

We desire to hear more from our Western Division.

Bro. Greene, formerly of State Line, is now bending "Armstrongs" at Dock Junction.

Bro. Johnson is now working second trick at State Line, leaving Bro. Eddie Kane on third trick.

Bro. Chadwick and wife, of Lake View, recently made a short visit to his former home.

I am in receipt of a letter from our former correspondent, Bro. C. P. Kane, who is now dispatching for the "Balston" Traction Co., at Schenectady, N. Y. We're all glad to hear of Bro. Kane's success, and wish him further advancement.

How absurd it appears that competent men should be obliged to leave the Lake Shore in order that their ability be recognized.

Don't forget that the Ladies' Auxiliary was launched at Atlanta, with over one hundred charter members. Boys, encourage your mothers, wives, sisters and daughters to affiliate and become

thoroughly acquainted through this channel. The June TELEGRAPHER should mention the particulars.

Don't neglect paying dues, and remember insurance assessments must be paid semi-annually. We have but sixty days to pay both, and are liable to suspension if not paid within the time limit.

CERT. 472.

C. B. & Q. Ry.

Evidently all the boys are now in possession of the new schedule, effective April 1st, and, no doubt, each one has found time before this to familiarize himself with the information therein contained.

The more I study this little book the more proud I become of our grand old Order, for it shows in very few words that our organization is made up of more than average bright material.

Few of the boys have ever had the opportunity of attending a meeting of a local; to say nothing of work on a committee to revise a schedule, and do not fully comprehend the difficulties under which these agreements are brought up. The next time you get to picking flaws in their work, just try and consider what means you would have taken to have brought around a more satisfactory article which would have met the approval of the railroad officials.

Perhaps many of the boys, like myself, were surprised at the fact that no mention was made in the schedule with regards to the telephone positions. However, it will be remembered that this is only an experiment, and the officials were not entirely willing for it to go in the schedule. They were exceptionally kind to us, according to my views, making a side agreement which was distributed by Bro. Lamb, in his circular of April 2d. Just read it carefully and you will have no difficulty in figuring out the fact that it is their desire to allow a telephoner every right and advantage now enjoyed by the telegraphers. Should they install 'phones over the entire system without reduction of salary or extension of hours, haven't we gained when we take into consideration that talking over a telephone is not a profession.

Taking the entire proposition into consideration, I am utterly unable to find words expressive of praise and satisfaction that do justice to the committee that faced the powers that be, and so ably performed the work, and it is my one regret that I am not empowered to thank them in behalf of System Division No. 130 as a whole, yet I feel as though every one who has studied the schedule can not help but be more than satisfied with the entire work.

CERT. 1074.

Sheridan Division—

Quite a number of changes have taken place in the past month, and I have failed to get a line on all of them. Below is a few of the most important:

Sister Shaughnessy is on a thirty-day vacation visiting in the East, and on the division; relieved at Wyola by Bro. Schroeder.

Bro. Essex, agent at Dewey, is on a thirty-day leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Henderson, from third trick, at Wyola.

Bro. Kesinger is on a few days' lay-off; relieved by Sister Shaughnessy.

Bro. Henderson is being relieved at Wyola, third trick, by Bro. McLean.

Bro. Harry Kling, second trick at Clearmont, has taken the wool house job; relieved by Bro. Jacobs, second trick at Clearmont. Bro. Cates relieved Jacobs.

Telegrapher Rhiener relieved Bro. Cates, third trick at Clearmont. Bro. Cates has accepted a position on the N. P.

Bro. Bolla, third trick at Toluca, has gone to Arvada, third trick, relieving Telegrapher Wilson, who takes third trick at Toluca.

Telegrapher Pollard, the second trick man at Gillette, resigned to accept a position with the Remington Co.; relieved by Bro. Butler, from Cody.

Bro. Richardson, the cashier at Newcastle, is on a thirty-day vacation; relieved by Bro. C. A. Hinman, third trick at Newcastle, who was relieved by Mr. Furguson, second trick at Upton.

Bro. Powers, second trick at Clifton, relieved Furguson at Upton, and Bro. Powers was relieved at Clinton by Cliff Thomas, temporarily.

Bro. Kesinger bid for second trick at Gillette, and expects to go there in a few days.

There were eight good positions on the last bulletin.

Mr. Burnhard, the second trick man at Moorcroft, is laying off a few days; relieved by Sister Shaughnessy, who seems to be moving around considerable since her return from a thirty-day vacation trip.

Quite a number of new telegraphers in the Sheridan relay office lately, and all the old heads are quitting. Telegraphers Bartling, Brown and Rider have their resignations in, and we understand that several others going to "bunch it." This is a chance for some of the brothers desiring a relay job. Make applications for them and let us fill the office with good O. R. T. men.

Bro. Schroeder, from second trick at Wyola to Osage, relieving Mrs. G. B. Federick, who goes to Wyola. Bro. McLean has gone from third trick at Wyola to Moorcroft, third trick, relieving Bro. Frederick, who goes to Wyola.

Bro. Bert Hazlett, second trick at Newcastle, has his resignation in for July 25th. Sorry to lose brothers like him, as he is a staunch member and good worker. He expects to go into business in his home town in Nebraska, and we wish him success.

We hope there won't be a single delinquent this term. We had two last term, and they haven't yet straightened out. They are Mr. Burnhard, the second trick man at Moorcroft, and L. Snyder, the agent at Powell.

L. C.

Ottumwa Division—

Mr. V. M. Smith, from Mr. Shield's office in Chicago, is now permanent cashier at the Burlington freight office.

Bro. L. S. Grabow, second trick at Biggsville, has been off a few days; relieved by a Mr. H. R. Doodey.

Mr. W. C. Jeffrey, the former agent at Monmouth, has been promoted to freight agent at Burlington; relieved by Mr. E. E. Lyman, from the Chariton agency. He in turn was relieved by Bro. Shields, our local chairman, from Indianola. Bro. Shields relieved by Bro. E. F. Jones, of Murray, and Murray bid in by Bro. S. P. Mott, of Batavia. Bro. H. T. Robb is at Batavia.

Mr. M. J. Graham, day towerman at Monmouth, is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. D. Barry. We understand that Mr. Graham was recently married, and is now enjoying a honeymoon trip in the East.

Mr. J. Barry, night towerman at Monmouth, has accepted a position as telegrapher on the Lincoln Division, at Havelock, Neb.; relieved by Telegrapher Parker.

H. W. Barnes, agent at Kirkwood, is taking a few weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. Brazelton, second trick telegrapher, and Charley Saling is holding down second trick. Understand Barnes is contemplating a trip North before resuming work.

Considerable construction work is going on around Biggsville, Fairfield and Batavia, and it keeps the boys in those localities busy to keep things moving smoothly.

Mr. C. M. Pumphrys is working third trick at Batavia. A new man here from the L. E. & W. Think he intends filling out application blanks July pay-day.

Sorry to say that A. T. Swanson and F. L. Stover have dropped their membership.

Bro. R. W. Lee, the second trick man at West Burlington, is on a vacation; relieved by Bro. R. A. Sanberg, of Lockridge, third trick, he in turn was relieved by Mr. E. R. Kaywood, a new man here.

Beckwith, nights, 10 p. m. to 7 a. m., opened again with Bro. Mat Hayes, of Lockridge, second trick. Bro. Hayes relieved by E. R. Ketchum.

Bro. C. E. Johnson, now working "UK" yard office, Ottumwa, third trick, relieved by C. S. Beidler.

Bro. I. G. Miller goes to Mr. Cherrier's office (city ticket office), Chicago, about the 1st of July.

Bro. W. C. Critchfield, who has been on a vacation for three or four months is back at the old stand, second trick at Albia.

Bro. Mowry, of Division No. 31, is holding down Cleveland, nights.

Bro. L. E. Downey, of Division No. 23, is doing the third trick stunt at Dudley.

Bro. H. E. Conine relieved Bro. E. A. Gustavson, of Thayer, while the latter was taking a short vacation. Bro. Conine was later relieved by a non, and went to Dudley to take second trick.

Bro. L. A. White, extra agent, is now at Truro. Understand he has it permanently.

Bro. W. C. Lowrey, of Jamison, bid in the agency at Prole, relieving Bro. H. E. Conine, extra agent. Understand helper from St. Charles relieved Bro. Lowrey.

Bro. G. A. Shields attended the convention at Atlanta as our delegate, and Bro. C. A. Walter attended as a visitor. You should have seen the delegation from the Burlington Route, it would have done your soul good. Every delegate elected was there. The Burlington had one of the largest delegations present.

Men are coming and going, and it is very hard to keep track of the many changes.

The Ottumwa Division is the banner division on the system. It has taken work to put it there, and it is going to take more work to keep it there. If we all lay down for sixty days, and make no effort toward keeping organized, the division will soon be filled up with nona. There are already quite a number who recently commenced work, but the most of them have good intentions.

In January we wrote up an application, and we were promised the cash March pay-day. March, April, May and June pay-days are gone, and it has failed to materialize yet. I wonder just how much more patience we are expected to have? Come, get in the wagon and join the crowd.

In order to have a good write-up it is necessary to receive a little help, and each one will please take it upon himself to render assistance, sending items either to Bro. G. A. Shields, at Chariton, or Bro. C. A. Walter, at Fairfield.

Bro. C. L. Lamb, general chairman, was in Fairfield, during the latter part of the month, calling upon Bro. W. A. Henry. CERT. 283.

Brookfield Division—

J. D. Shepherd is working the split trick at Birmingham, while business is heavy there.

The general manager's special passed over the division recently, on a tour of inspection.

J. E. Dun spent Decoration Day in Liberty. H. R. Starrett and E. Leaton have resigned and gone to the U. P., at Omaha.

Bro. W. I. Ritter secured the agency at Lathrop.

C. Sprague is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. T. D. Freeman.

Bro. Teich resumed duty about the 10th, and reports having spent pleasant vacation in K. S.

E. C. Peters has resigned and gone to the Santa Fe.

Bro. L. E. Skinner, of Stewartville, purchased an interest in a store at Clarence, and intended quitting, but sold out a few days after buying, and will resume duty about the 21st.

Bro. J. H. Peck secured the second trick at So. Park.

J. D. Shepherd has gone to Cameron Junction, first trick.

Mr. L. Wiegler and family are visiting in Canada.

Bro. Walser is on split trick at Birmingham tower.

Telegrapher McClaugham did not like the third trick at Easton, so he will remain on second trick.

It looks as though the company was reducing the force at Brookfield.

Bro. T. R. Crandall is spending his vacation on a ranch in South Dakota; relieved by Bro. Welch, regular second trick man, who in turn was relieved by Bro. J. W. Yaunt.

C. Cramer has been working extra at Meadville.

The third tricks at Breckenridge and Easton are open for application.

Bro. Sturges was awarded second trick at Kidder.

CERT. 1503.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, has deemed it wise to remove from our midst Bro. E. K. Watson. In memory of our brother, who has been taken away from us, and in sympathy with his bereaved family, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division No. 130, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the members of the family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Watson, C. B. & Q. System, Division No. 130, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, loses a true and faithful member; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family of the deceased brother, and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. F. RITTER,
O. L. ALSPACH,
H. B. NEWLAND,
H. SMITH,

Committee.

Sterling Division—

Before this is in print the members will have copies of the new schedule taking effect April 1st. The delay was unavoidable. No one in particular being to blame for the delay.

Can not some one near Minatare drop a line to Mr. Elliott, and tell how it looks to accept that raise and not even thank the committee. Surely Mr. Elliott will come out and at least share the expense, and line-up with the union that does things.

Bro. O. E. Hunter, from the Union Pacific, has checked in as cashier at Scotts Bluff. We are glad to welcome him to our division.

Harry Schroeder resigned the position of cashier, at Scotts Bluff, on June 3d, being succeeded by Bro. O. E. Hunter, from the Union Pacific.

Agent Delahoyde, at Scotts Bluff, spent a few days in Denver, and three weeks on his "Kin-kaidier," near Morrill; being relieved by Bro. A. M. Smith, extra agent.

Bro. G. B. Hire, at Madrid, has been "bach-ing" a few weeks, while Mrs. Hire was visiting relatives in Denver.

Bro. H. L. Colver, at Holyoke, has been allowed a much needed "helper." Ex-Bro. Patman takes the job for the present, and will soon be up-to-date again.

Bro. J. L. Reynolds, after a few weeks rest, is on duty again at Moorefield. O. Enlow going from Moorefield to Carpenter as agent.

Mrs. J. T. Maddox, the wife of your correspondent, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. D. Garber, at Dellvale, Kan. Bro. R. D. Garber is local chairman of the Colorado Division, C. R. L. & P. Ry.

Bro. A. B. Delahoyde has resigned at Sterling and gone to a better position on the C. & N. W. Sorry to lose him from among us.

Every workman has the right to join the Order of his craft and thus improve conditions for himself and family. This is an age of progress, and any petty official who would deprive you of this right is behind the times and doing more harm than good in his ignorance. There is no room or time for argument, join your order. Do the best you can for your employer and for the welfare of yourself and family.

Every time I see a telegrapher trying to deliver a load of United States mail I find myself wondering how much longer, Oh Lord, are we going to scab on the drayman's job.

These heavy loads are fit only to be carried by beasts of burden, and is really no more in our line of work than delivering freight or express. I believe in doing the work we are paid for and doing it right. Perhaps some day Uncle Sam will see our predicament and come to our relief.

J. T. MADDOX.

St. Joe Division—

Bro. Rosling, third trick at Napier, is enjoying a ten days' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher H. E. Millen.

Bro. Lamb, General Chairman, recently passed over the line, going to Wymore on grievance work.

Telegrapher Renfrow, the night man at Watson, bid in Parkville, second trick. We understand that he stayed at Parkville long enough to catch a train for Kansas City, and hasn't been heard from since.

Bro. W. Warnstaff, who works third trick at Hamburg, has returned from the West.

Telegrapher J. D. Hayes is working nights at Watson. We don't know who will get it on bulletin.

Copies of the new schedule are now distributed. I think we got almost everything the men asked for. This is the best schedule we have ever had and no doubt the men are satisfied, as I have heard no complaints.

Bro. G. F. Rumerfield, at Block 31, was off a week visiting home folks at Rockport, Mo.; relieved by L. E. Snyder.

R. T. Pilger, at Block 31, was off a few days on account of sickness in his family. Rumerfield and Solider were working twelve-hour tricks.

R. A. Solider is off duty a few days visiting at Bigelow; relieved by L. E. Snyder. Coa.

Hannibal Division—

Ormond Crews, a new man on this division, has the agency at West Alton. This job was on bulletin, but it seemed as though no one wanted it.

Mr. A. B. Pace is in Colorado with his mother, in the interest of the latter's health.

Mr. E. W. Cooper has resumed work at Old Monroe after taking his vacation. He was relieved by Mr. A. W. Ogilvie, regular man at Seeburger. Mr. Ogilvie was relieved by a Mr. W. L. Miller.

Mr. T. R. Lindsey has accepted a position with the Western Union at Chicago.

Mr. W. R. Votaw, agent at Fort Madison, is taking a two months' vacation. Relief Agent Bender is working there temporarily.

Phone Operator Stephens, at Hannibal block office, was off a few days last month on account of sickness. He was relieved by "Big Bill" Dent.

Mr. A. W. Ogilvie has the third trick at Ashburn, made vacant by Hr. Harry Kider, who took second trick when Telegrapher Cullen resigned.

Mr. C. W. Simpson, the night telegrapher at Hawk Point, was off a few days, commencing June 1st; relieved by extra man, C. A. Allen.

Mr. C. A. Shippey, the agent at Mooar, Ia., was off three days on account of the death of his father; relieved by his assistant, John Leu.

Mr. O. J. Klusmier, the agent at Gregory, laid off on June 10th, on account of a death in the family. Mr. Cornell Allen, extra man, relieved him.

Mr. Wm. Blackshaw, a phoner at Hannibal block office, was off a week during the early part of this month, being relieved by a student from West Quincy.

Bro. W. T. Meyers, third trick at La Grange, is taking his vacation, being relieved by Mr. M. R. Dupont, extra man.

Harry Kider, second trick man at Ashburn, is taking his vacation, being relieved by extra man, R. C. Reynolds.

Bro. S. G. Brother, second trick telegrapher at Moody, has resumed work after taking a trip to Denver. Mr. Dupont worked there during his absence.

Wm. Looker, second trick telegrapher at Elsberry, is off for thirty days, during which time he will visit New York and other points in the East. Mr. Cornell Allen relieved him.

CENT. 436.

Wymore Division—

Have you succeeded in securing the application of that non? If not, keep after him; remember it is sticking to a project that brings success and it is the same with the nons; they will surprise you some day by filling out the blanks.

Mr. Cole, agent at Vesta, is off for a three months' leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Bert Borland.

Bro. R. M. Seibert, of Div. No. 77, is holding down Liberty nights; Bro. Cunningham transferred to days Syracuse.

Mr. Korner has been transferred from nights at Firth to second trick at Rulo. Mr. Sheeley, a new man, is holding down Firth nights.

Bro. R. E. Jones has been transferred as agent from Smyrna to Verdon; relieved temporarily by a new man from the L. & N. R. R.

Bro. L. Hockett, of the Falls City trio, is enjoying a vacation with relatives in Salt Lake City; relieved by G. D. Bales.

R. C. Reid, a new man, is holding down Fortescue nights. He promises to make good when his ship comes in.

General Chairman C. L. Lamb made a trip over part of this division recently.

Dispatcher Jno. Lang has been taking his annual vacation; Dispatcher Fisher holding down east end during his absence.

The boys between Wymore and Red Cloud are now wearing corns on their ears with telephone receivers, the telephone having been substituted for the telegraph for all except W. U. business.

Ballast trains on the high line are keeping the boys at DeWeese and east busy. Rumor has it that some main line traffic is to be turned over this branch.

Bro. W. B. Davis, from the D. & R. G., has transferred to our division, and has been holding down a trick at Rulo temporarily.

Mr. Pope, the agent at Rulo, was called away recently by the death of his mother; Bro. Ford did the heavy stunt during his absence.

Mr. Singleton, from Cuba, attempted to take a fall out of the agency at Nelson, but got cold feet and returned to Cuba. Mr. R. Paddock, from Shickley, is now "it" at Nelson.

Bro. Cox, the agent at Bennett, recently suffered a severe attack of tonsillitis and was relieved by ex-Agent Poe, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Zettle.

Bro. L. B. Murdock is holding down third trick at Superior.

Bro. Ockerman, the agent at Ong, recently enjoyed a vacation; relieved by Bro. Butler.

Bro. Walt Martin has resigned as agent at Angus to take a position with a bank. We are sorry to lose him.

Bro. L. M. Craig transferred from a trick at Superior to agent at Angus.

Bro. A. C. Graves has been transferred to a position in Wymore relay office. This is the result of the agreement between the committee and officials at Chicago, and we are glad to see the boys from off the road breaking in these relay positions, as they have been shut out from them for the past two years.

Bro. J. E. Hart, the agent at Hardy, has been away on account of sickness in his family; relieved by Bro. Hartzell.

Bro. Mitchell, agent at Elk Creek, was recently on vacation; relieved by Bro. Zettle.

Mr. R. G. Knowles has been installed as wire chief at "SN," Wymore, in place of Mr. Williams.

Bro. Harvey Grimes, of the Pawnee force, recently enjoyed a three months' vacation in Colorado and Utah.

Bro. Will Saunders transferred from agent at Verdon to agency at Nemaha, his home town, while Bro. Samsall landed Bladen on bulletin.

Agent Boyd, Hollis, Kan., lost all his household effects in the cyclone which wiped out that station in May.

Mr. Messmore was recently transferred from a position in the Wymore relay office to the agency at Shickley.

We wish to thank the boys who handed us this fine bunch of items and ask them to come every month with the same sized bunch. This is the only way we can secure a good write-up for our division.

Do not forget that it is now time to remit for dues and also remember to send the amount of six months M. B. D. dues to L. W. Quick at the same time.

No card, no favors.

Div. Cor.

La Crosse Division—

The boys have been slow in sending notes this month, so they will have to put up with a small write-up.

Bro. J. P. Howard, agent at Maiden Rock, is off on a few days' vacation. Bro. G. R. Howard is relieving him.

Bro. Tuttle, of Merino, took a three-day vacation the first of the month; Telegrapher Guthrie relieved him.

Most of the boys on the north end are looking for a vacation on the Fourth, but I think, from the scarcity of extra men, some of them will be disappointed. We have a new man at Fountain City.

Bro. Brown, of Potosi, was a visitor at Dubuque last week.

Bro. Cummings and Bro. Booth, of Glen Haven, were at Dubuque, the last of the month.

Bro. Stroche, of Bay City, is taking a few days' vacation, which he is spending in Chicago.

Bro. Bertsch is working nights at Galena, relieving Bro. Closy, who is spending a few days at St. Paul.

Bro. C. J. Burns, of the C. R. I. & P. at Victory, Iowa, is spending a few days with his father, M. J. Burns, agent at Galena.

Telegrapher Rogers, third trick at Savanna, was a visitor at Dubuque this week.

Telegrapher Sullivan, third trick at Rutledge, was off a few days last week. He was relieved by a Mr. Fuller.

Bro. J. C. Wittenberger, agent at East Dubuque, took a trip to Chicago, last week.

Now, brothers, try to help me out a little next month and see if we can't get all the news. There is certainly "lots doing" along the line, and it will take but a few minutes of your time to let us know about it. CRR. 1371.

Burlington Division—

We now have a new schedule and we should press forward and get all of the stray sheep rounded up as soon as possible, and then we can expect more the next time.

Bro. Wade, at Swan, Iowa, was laid up with the mumps some time ago, and Mr. L. Leeper relieved him. Mr. Leeper worked a few days at

Flagler before going to Swan. Mr. R. McNeely relieved him at Flagler.

Bro. Lowman is at Hot Springs, Ark., taking baths. He has been having the rheumatism. Bro. Dale Ellis is relieving him at Tracey, Iowa.

Bro. Dale Ellis relieved Bro. Datin at Bumsey, Iowa, while he was laid up with the la grippe, and then Bro. Datin went to visit his wife's folks and had the pinkeye.

Bro. Frain was recently called home on account of his father's illness. Mr. L. Leeper relieved him. Mr. Leeper had to come home on account of sickness at home and Bro. E. G. Oller relieved him at Wyman.

Bro. Frain's father died May 21st. Bro. Frain returned to work June 2d and Bro. Oller went to Hillsboro, Iowa, to relieve Bro. Ellis.

Bros. Edw. and R. H. Stout were called home to Thayer, Mo., on account of the death of their father. Mr. R. McNeely did the relief work at Martinsburg and Bro. M. E. Stout had to do a double-header stunt at Birmingham in order to allow Bro. R. H. to get away. M. E. Stout worked at the bank at night and at the depot in the daytime.

Bro. Oliver, at Hamilton, is laid up with the mumps, Bro. Oller is doing the stunt there.

We are glad to see our traveling auditor, Mr. H. D. Hammond, with us again, after three weeks of sickness.

Bro. Theitten is again at Winfield. He was doing relief work at Carthage, Ill., a station that takes a man with some experience at larger places.

We are to have telephones pretty soon. They are installing them on the east end.

I do not see what the railroad companies are to do for good station men in a year or so if they keep dropping into other lines of work like they have been doing. I believe that after a while if one of us should die that they would not be able to relieve us.

Bro. C. E. Buttler is now working at Woolson.

There are a few who are back with dues and will be dropped soon if they don't pay up. Don't backslide that way after having made such a good start. For the sake of mankind stand up and be men, but if impossible on account of pure unionism being absent, then get off the earth and give a good man a chance.

Div. Cor.

Aurora Division—

There have been many changes on the Aurora and Chicago Division during the last month.

Mr. E. Cope, formerly of Earlville Depot, bid in first trick at Earlville tower.

Bro. Stoneberg, of Somonauk Cabin, was sent to Galva tower to work for thirty days while the regular telegrapher is taking his vacation. Bro. Stoneberg was relieved by Mr. C. F. Stein, of Sandwich, who will work his trick until his return.

Mr. A. R. Swanson, of Altona, Ill., is working first trick at Sandwich.

Chief Dispatcher Winsor has been very prompt and fair in bulletining jobs, for which we thank him very much.

Mr. Husk, formerly phoner at Big Cut, is working one of the phone tricks at Shabbona.

When going over the C. & I. the other day I saw ladies working the third tricks at the following stations: Big Rock, Sugar Grove, Hinckley and Waterman. I am sorry I didn't get time to talk O. R. T. with any of them. It wasn't because I was bashful or anything like that, but it was because the train didn't stop long enough. Will visit them later on.

Bro. E. F. O'Brien, of Polo, has been taking a thirty-day vacation. He has just returned to work at that station. Bro. O'Brien has been appointed assistant local chairman in his territory. The brother is a telephone operator.

Bro. Hadlock, who has been working the first trick phone job at Plano, has bid in the third trick phone job at that station. Mr. Bollie is working the first trick at present.

Bro. Russell, of Downers Grove tower, visited Leland, June 17th, and stopped off a few minutes at Sandwich.

Mr. Roy Swab, cashier at Sandwich, visited his brother at Rock Falls over Sunday, June 20th.

Mr. A. W. Ladd, agent at Sandwich, was calling in Aurora, June 19th.

Bro. Ranger, of Somonauk Cabin has been a Sandwich caller the last few days.

Miss Martha Bolte, of Hinsdale, Ill., is working first trick at Chadwick.

Stradford station was opened nights recently, with Geo. Lamberson in charge.

Wm. Eyster is working third trick at Polo.

Willis Barden is working first trick at Big Cut.

Mr. Sherrick, of Princeton, is working third trick at Milledgeville, relieving F. G. Spalding, who was recently married. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Spalding.

Bro. J. F. Duck, of Oregon, has been transferred from third trick to first trick. Bro. Vaage, an extra telegrapher, is taking care of the third trick at present.

Mr. W. E. Grant is the new phoner at Milledgeville. There have been many changes in the past month on this part of the division in the phoners.

CERT. 1246

Galesburg Division—

Bro. Novak, formerly of Yates City, is with the Western Union in Chicago, and working our local wire 105, where he can be with his brother O. R. T.'s on the Quincy Branch.

Mr. G. C. Maxwell, who has been acting as tariff inspector on this division and doing duty in Chicago general freight office, has been transferred to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he goes to accept a permanent position as chief clerk to our general agent there.

Effective with the late change in train schedules, Bro. Smith, agent at Bardolph, commences work at 6 a. m. instead of 4 a. m., and is relieved by Bro. Miner at 3 p. m., who pounds the brass until

12 midnight. The change was necessitated on account of No. 4 and No. 55 meeting at this point, making more desirable shifts for both telegraphers.

Mr. O. J. Erickson, of Galesburg, did the day stunt at Barstow for two weeks, during the early part of the month, going from there to Abingdon, where he relieved Bro. Harris, third trick, who is stamping the pasteboards at Macomb while Bro. Peterson sees Seattle.

Mr. E. V. Kinsey, the agent at Colchester, is off duty a few days on account of the death of his mother; relieved by Bro. Martin, day telegrapher, who was in turn relieved by Bro. Flack, of same office. Bro. Flack's shift was filled by Mr. C. H. Mullen, of Lewistown.

Bro. B. F. Bittle and wife, of Fowler (Opr. Ewbanks), visited with Bro. E. G. Armstrong and wife between trains Sunday, May 30th.

Mr. V. H. Austin, now working at Elmwood, visited between trains at Camp Point with his folks Sunday, June 13th.

Mr. G. S. Herron and wife, of Augusta, visited friends at La Prairie between trains Sunday, June 13th.

Agent Bredette, of Augusta, is as proud as a newly-enlisted benedict since there has been added to his office force a day telegrapher and a helper. Bro. Bowers, first trick at Camp Point, bid in the new position.

"Boyles," a non-union telegrapher at "S" office, Quincy, has been standing us off from one six month period to another with his many excuses, but has finally come out frankly and confessed that he does not wish to join our ranks.

Bro. Colville, formerly of Rio, bid in the extra agent's position a non-union operator from Lewistown, is relieving him at Rio.

We understand that Bro. F. A. Mase is to be the permanent man at Rio, going there from Le Long.

Telegrapher Herron, of Augusta, is off duty a few weeks enjoying a siege of "rheumatics"; relieved by Telegrapher Nelson, who has been doing extra work at Colmar during the past month. Nelson is a new man from Camp Point.

We have the promise of a great many new members on June pay day, and I am in hopes by the time this appears in the journal our division will be almost solid.

Some of the older men try to give the excuse, "I expect to quit telegraphing and go into the train service," but this is all talk in most cases and they had better look for another one. Even if they quit the key tomorrow they surely must feel somewhat indebted to the Order for what it has done for them in the past.

Since the committee has arranged with the officials so that there is no objection to the relay man belonging to our organization, we hope to be able to have a good many of them with us in the near future.

Mr. Ed. Vancil, of St. Augustine, is off for a few days on account of the death of a near relative. Mr. C. H. Mullen is working his trick for the time, he having been released at Colchester by return of Mr. E. V. Kinsey.

Mr. A. J. Peterson returned from his vacation June 20th, and reports the trip worth any man's time and money, besides being a great help in ticketing others and giving information as to the routes to take to the Seattle Exposition.

Bro. Botkins, of Abingdon, visited between trains at Macomb with Bro. Harris, and took in the sights out near the Western State Normal School, and other parts of the city.

Bro. H. G. Slade, formerly of Plum River tower, has been working extra at St. David for awhile, but was released a few days ago, on account of a hot cinder flying in his eye. While his eye is getting well he is taking a trip through Nebraska and other Western States. Can not say as to whether he will return to the Burlington Route or not.

Mr. T. K. Bailey and wife, of Canton, Ill., visited at Macomb Sunday, June 20th, with his wife's folks.

We don't hear much from the north end any more, but a letter gets this far once in a while. The following items were received from a brother, who says: "They may be few, but they are the truth."

Everything slow on "Stormy Route." Not very many changes. Everyone wants a vacation, but it seems no one can get away.

Bro. T. P. Ogle, of Paloma, is doing second trick at Terminal Junction, for a week or so. Bro. Murrel Ogle is holding his father's position at Paloma while he is away.

Mr. Hazard, at Terminal Junction, claims he is "broke." I sometimes wonder if he was broke when he was working for \$45.00 per.

Mr. Kirkland, "X" office, Rock Island, does not seem to think the Order is much good, but I wonder where he would be if there wasn't such a thing as the O. R. T.? He would be cleaning switch lights, etc., when not busy selling tickets. Some people can't see very far ahead, you know. H. W. Kost, first trick at Barstow, is of the same opinion.

In fact, about three-fourths of the fellows on the "Stormy Route" have a motto, and this is how it reads, "Get something for nothing" (and the O. R. T. will keep us up).

The phones have put a few telegraphers out of business, but not over one or two agents have had their salaries cut on account of them.

Div. Cor.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

Richmond District, South—

The meeting at Rocky Mount on the night of the 12th was not very well attended, but was marked by enthusiasm, and if the plans laid at this meeting mature, we may expect to see some large gatherings in the future.

Two committees were appointed, one to make arrangements for a hall for monthly meetings at a lower rate than what we have been paying, and another committee appointed to provide refreshments for the next meeting, which will be held on July 10th. Bros. R. H. Merchant, Chas. T. Bolicz and A. D. Douglas were on the latter com-

mittee, and we may expect something worth going after.

We also desire as many of the ladies to come out as possible and get interested in the Auxiliary. Application for a charter for the Auxiliary for this system has been filed and we want to make Division No. 3 one of the largest in the Order. We propose making Rocky Mount meeting headquarters, elect permanent officers to conduct the meetings just as is done in any local division, and keep a live organization on this end of the road.

Bro. Williams was at Rocky Mount early in the month and went back with three applications. He expects two or three more on the 8th of July. He says he did not call on the scab, as he already knows more of that stripe than he cares to. We think that a number of others who have been standing up for this scab are beginning to find him out also. What could they expect from a man of this character? We are well rid of the one at Wilson, Smithers. Got too warm for him there.

The first trick at Wilson was made vacant when the scab left, and is being filled temporarily by Mr. Barfield, who was formerly on the Second Division, but who is a new man on this end of the system. If the place has been bulletined it has been bid in by no one so far as I can learn. It is a desirable place, and we would think that any of the members would like to go there.

Bro. W. B. Rector has been sent to Richmond, "K," for a few days as relief.

Mr. H. E. Grasty, of "X," Rocky Mount, has resigned and left the road on account of some misunderstanding between he and the manager, Mr. Mason. The place made vacant being filled by Mr. L. A. Wilson, formerly in "D," Wilmington, but latter for the Charleston Medical College, where he is studying to be a saw-bones.

Am sure there have been many changes that have escaped me, but must ask the indulgence of the membership this month, as the thermometer in my office is about 98 degrees at present. The ball game starts in thirty minutes, and you know it's too hot to write, anyway.

D. C.

Norfolk District—

Just three changes have reached my note book this month, and some of them were made in other months, so will have to cut this short and make a promise that if I know any more next month will tell it, and if I know any less I won't know anything.

The second trick at South Tunis was bulletined upon the dismissal of Bro. C. S. Smith for refusing to act as relief agent without being paid the relief agent's salary. Bro. B. G. Cowan, formerly third trick at South Tunis, was assigned second trick, and upon third trick being bulletined it was assigned to Mr. F. T. Haynes, who was working there extra while the place was on bulletin.

Why can't we have a meeting in Norfolk or on one of the beaches there some Sunday this summer? We would all enjoy a trip down there, and by holding it in daytime, we could get a number of our lady friends who are eligible to the Auxiliary and hold two meetings at once. It seems to

me this would be an excellent idea. Would like for any who thinks well of the idea to write to Bro. Parker, local chairman, and make some suggestions, so it can be arranged. There is nothing that will promote fraternal feeling among the membership like a meeting where all can talk over their differences, compare notes and get acquainted with each other, and then last but not least, all gather around the festal board and enjoy a spread with only our own people present. Let's have the meeting.
G. S. & T.

Richmond District, North—

I am glad to be able to report that we have added several new members since last month's journal was published.

Agency at Manchester was vacant during the month, and Bro. T. G. Smoak, who has been clerk-telegrapher for some time, has been appointed agent. We are very glad to see Bro. Smoak receive this promotion.

Bro. S. B. Binford, of Dunlop, has transferred from the Grand, and is now an up-to-date member of Div. No. 132.

Quite a number of changes were made in May, which were not reported on account of the notes reaching me too late. Among them are the following:

Drewrys Bluff assigned to Bro. C. A. Sanford, who held membership in Div. No. 59, but who is now a member of 132. Bro. J. W. Gardner assigned to third trick at Halifax on bulletin.

All three tricks at Weldon have been on bulletin during the month, E. G. Cheatham, the first trick man, accepting position with S. A. L. at Portsmouth, while the other two men lost out.

I find the three new men at Weldon are J. M. Young, R. E. Purdon and C. W. Guthrie; unable to say if any of them carry the right kind of credentials. Will the brothers on that end kindly "look" after them.

Since writing the above I find there has been two more changes at Weldon. H. N. Hansell now second and T. C. Nettles third. Six changes at one station in a month is changing some.

I note a new man at Enfield, E. Shelton; don't know when he dropped in, or where from, but will find out.

Bro. Williams expects to come over this district next month, and we hope to hear that he has received a number of applications before he reaches Richmond.
D. C.

NOTICE.

To all Members Division No. 132:

Notice of dues for term ending December 31st was mailed you at your last known address, but some of them have come back to me, undelivered. If you have not received notice of dues it was not my fault, but either yours or the Postoffice department for not notifying me of the change in your address.

The semi-annual dues in this division are \$4.50, and whether you have received notice or not, you

should remit this amount to me at once. Consider this sufficient notice in the absence of any other and let me have your dues at once so you can have your new card sent.

Yours fraternally,
J. H. WILLIAMS,
G. S. & T.

WANTED—One application from every non on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

WANTED—500 members of this division to pledge themselves to secure an application during the month of August, 1909, the rate being \$7.50 for initiation and dues to December 31st.

J. H. WILLIAMS,
G. S. & T.

Jacksonville District—

Bulletins are issued regularly covering every vacancy on this district, and we note the following have been issued since last report:

The night ticket agency at Sanford, second trick at Port Tampa, agency at Astor and Mascotte agency. The bulletining of the last-named agency has been cancelled, which leaves the first three to be heard from.

I notice that the agency at Winter Garden has been bulletined, the time being out today, but it is too late to get report of the assignment in this month. This is quite a desirable place, and will be a nice job for the right man.

Bro. J. C. Vick, formerly at Altamont Springs, is now working as bill clerk at Port Tampa.

We are very glad to welcome into the Order Mr. R. D. Stephens, agent at Port Tampa. It is the good men that makes any organization strong. They have something at stake and can be counted upon to do the right thing all the time.

Bro. T. J. Tedder, local chairman, is holding down the agency at Haines City, this month, in the absence of Bro. Young, who is away on his honeymoon trip.

Have you noticed the large number of marriages during the month of June? There has not been such a large number for years. Some fellows certainly have nerve to ask a sweet young girl to live on the measly salaries paid to telegraphers in the South. And the girl certainly needs a guardian who is willing to take such responsibility upon herself and to make both ends meet on the average wage paid down here. There is one thing in her favor, however, she won't need many clothes during the summer, nor have to buy any coal during the winter. We old fellows should not try to discourage the younger ones, however, as we were once young, and only saw the bright side of things. That reminds us that youth can't be expected to have the judgment of old age, nor the pessimism, either, and it is much better so. Go right ahead, boys, enjoy life when you are young; live right and you will have no regrets when you have turned the shady side of life.

FLORIDA GATE.

Waycross District—

Here we come again, all of us, and as usual we have some new members to report. If it was not for the nons that keep on coming to our line we would be solid in a short time, at least there would only be three or four of those with long noses who are first at the trough, and who stay until it is licked clean. I won't call the kind of animal they are, but you often see them under the trees eating what falls, but never looking up to see where it is coming from, or caring, so long as they get the biggest share.

Bro. R. F. Ashmore has been transferred from Haylow to Poulan and Bro. L. T. Wasdin sent to Haylow, neither position having been bulletined in accordance with the rules.

There is a new man at Waynesville. We don't know his name.

Have just learned that Bro. H. L. Davis, formerly with this district at Live Oak, is now with the F. E. C. in Jacksonville. Bro. F. M. Smith, a new member with us is holding down one of the tricks at Live Oak.

Bro. F. L. Austin, second at Thomasville, has resigned, and was relieved by Bro. F. B. Powell, of Pelham, the clerk-telegrapher position at Pelham being filled by our former brother, C. A. Bowen, who has been out of the service for a year or two. Understand neither of these positions was bulletined. Bro. Sasser will have to hustle around and find out what the trouble is, or there will be something doing. It is said that so few positions bulletined are bid in that it is hardly worth while. This is worse than no excuse, as the very position that is not bulletined is the one that is wanted by some member for a special reason known only to himself. Even if it is not wanted by anyone it is the rule to bulletin it and if an official disobeys a rule how can he expect anything else from an employee.

Brother Sasser is not content with working on the nons on his own district, but when he sees a "prospect" on another district he goes after him, and often gets his man. This was the case with his latest, who lives in Savannah. For certain reasons I will not give his name.

Look out for us every month; we will be right on the spot. CRACKER.

Montgomery District—

It is now time to pay dues, and, I am sorry to say, there are two members on this division who have not yet paid dues for the present term. We must not permit them to drop out of the Order. If we keep an eye on the delinquents I believe we can keep them in the fold. If anyone is interested drop the local chairman a card and ask for a list of delinquent members and endeavor to induce them to pay up.

Bro. S. E. Jones, second trick at Montgomery, is on a few days' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Johnson.

Bro. M. A. McFadden, telegrapher at Alaga, who has been on the sick list and off duty, has returned to work well and hearty.

Bro. Whitehurst, night telegrapher at Newton, enjoyed a well-earned vacation, Telegrapher Johnson relieving him.

Second trick Telegrapher J. D. McFadden, of Troy, is trying his luck fishing for a few days, Bro. Evans relieving.

On Bro. Whitehurst's return, Telegrapher Johnson relieved Bro. Evans at Troy, Bro. Evans relieving third Telegrapher Black at Montgomery yard.

Telegrapher Evans is relieving Bro. Garlington at Ansley. Mr. Evans is a brother to our Bro. B. H. Evans. He will be carrying the necessary piece of pasteboard as soon as he gets the required experience to become a member.

Bro. J. H. Black, third trick dispatcher at Dothan, is taking a few days off; relieved by Telegrapher Dykes.

Telegrapher Knowles, of Ashford agency, has been taking a few days off, relieved by Telegrapher Mullins. CENT. 491.

Wilmington District—

Wilmington District items are rather scarce this month. There have been practically no changes, and what few have been made have escaped me.

Bro. H. C. Treadwell has been transferred from Dixon on the Newbern branch to Parkersburg, on the A. & Y., succeeding Bro. J. L. Reeves, who has resigned and left the service.

Brother A. S. Vinson, from the extra list, is working as agent at Dixon.

Bro. W. A. Benton, from Mount Tabor, is now with S. A. L. at Monroe, N. C.

It was reported that Fremont would be on bulletin, but so far have heard nothing from the bulletin. I think Bro. Morris is still there.

With the arrival of summer weather everything seems to be standing still on the district.

It has come to us indirectly that the committee will soon hold a meeting, and we sincerely hope this is true, as this district needs looking after.

TAR HEEL.

Savannah District—

I fear that should Cracker Joe see this article he will write down here and insist that the name of the writer be changed, as he will not care to own any such successor.

Bro. E. R. Fuller has been transferred from Callahan to Ludowici, succeeding Mr. W. L. Showalter. Did not learn where Mr. Showalter goes, but think he quits the service.

Mr. A. C. Burnett returns to work, second trick at Ludowici, after a few days vacation.

Am advised that when you go in the Ludowici office you are not there long before you find out that they are O. R. T., and strictly union, and that if you search around among the "clothes" you will find all kinds of labels. Is it this way at your office? Can you say to the man who asks, that there is a label on every article you wear? I can do that practically all the time. They wear just as well, cost no more and you feel much

more comfortable, especially when a strictly union man comes nosing around. Try it for yourself.

We admire the persistency of one of our brothers in preaching O. R. T. doctrine, but his style of "delivery" could be improved upon when he tries to make it too "forceful." The writer has often felt like making his arguments just as "forceful," and perhaps it would have had more "effect" if he had. This brother is on the right side as shown by the improvement on the district.

Bro. Perry has been reinstated at Jesup, we are glad to say, and hope he will have no more trouble.

Nothing more of importance on my list, so will cut this and try to "cool" off.

CRACKER JOE'S SUCCESSOR.

Lakeland District —

I will not attempt to write a long article this month, but will give a few of the changes of interest to the members on the system. The summer has reached us in earnest now, and with the thermometer hovering dangerously near the 100 mark all during the day, it takes all the enthusiasm, and about everything else out of we fellows down here. There is something doing all the time, however, as you can see by the list of changes that have been made.

Kathleen agency now in charge of Mr. O. P. Tucker; Bro. W. E. Tucker off on a vacation.

Bro. C. D. Goodwin appointed acting agent at Dunnellon, vice Mr. F. A. Black, appointed acting agent at High Springs, Mr. J. B. Neil there taking a vacation. The Dunnellon agency was on bulletin, but only one applicant for same. If the place is all it's reputed to be, I am not surprised that there were no applicants.

Bro. A. D. McKinney appointed clerk-telegrapher at Fort Meade. Bro. McKinney left the service sometime ago, but like all old railroad employes, he found the attraction too strong. He is filling the position made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Brooks, who leaves the service.

Bro. J. D. Doty appointed second trick at Dunnellon, succeeding Bro. A. E. Bristow who has resigned.

Mr. W. E. Houdlett assigned clerk-telegrapher position of Floral City, Bro. Stewart going from there to Dunnellon, third trick.

Bro. R. R. Jones, of Division No. 56, goes to Inverness as clerk-telegrapher, succeeding Mr. J. H. Lundy, who goes to Dunnellon as check clerk.

Clerk-telegrapher position at Croom bulletined, but so far no assignment has been made.

We are very sorry to note that Martel has been abandoned as a telegraph station. The only motive for the abandonment of same must have been to discontinue paying overtime, as the new schedule putting on two more passenger trains, it would seem, would require more service. Have not heard whether the salary will be cut, but can not see how that can be done, as it is almost at the bottom limit now.

In looking over my notes I find I did not get in an article for June TELEGRAPHER, so will give a few of them here.

I do not find where any report has been made on the Bartow freight agency, which is a very desirable position.

Inverness agency was also bulletined, possibly upon the request of the agent there, as he seems to have bitten off a larger chunk than he could properly masticate (guess I did also.) There were no applicants for the "job," so others must know what it is.

Bro. G. H. Bailey assigned the first trick at "CD," Lakeland on bulletin.

It has been reported that Mr. C. V. McIntire, at Lakeland, has turned "professor." Surely this can not be true, would like for some of the brothers down there to investigate.

The local chairman told me, a few days ago, that he knew he had one of the best chief dispatchers on the system, and that he was endeavoring to live right up to the schedule in every particular. This was very gratifying and am sure the members on the Lakeland District should show their appreciation by giving Mr. Mulquin the best they have in the shop. It would not be right to finish this without referring to the present acting chief, Bro. O'Donald, as he is carrying out the same rules that Mr. Mulquin so rigidly adheres to, but how could anything else be expected of Bro. O'Donald, he knows what is right and how to do it.

Now for a solid district, and a large number of members added to the Auxiliary. D. C.

Charleston District—

Strange as it may seem to some of the other districts, there has been only one vacancy on the Charleston District for nearly a month. When I look over the pages of THE TELEGRAPHER and see the various changes each month, it makes me wonder what is the trouble on those districts. Is it the service or is it the officials. Both perhaps. Any way we feel that we are blessed with the very best district officials on the system, and no man goes to them that does not get a respectful hearing and in most cases what he knows is just even if it is not satisfactory to him.

Johns Island was bulletined in May, but there were no applicants for the place, as it is not a very desirable one.

Some of the new men noted on the district are the following:

L. O. Browning and C. A. Young, second and third tricks at Monteith. This was one of the offices closed in March, 1908, keeping only one man there until the rush season this spring.

Mr. W. C. Hart, another new man at Ashepoo, and H. D. Smith, at Ravenel. Messrs A. P. Pate and L. G. Scavitz are doing the stunts at Johns Island between skeeter bites.

Bennett, a new office, is being filled by Bro. L. E. Carn, formerly at Mount Molly.

This is about all there is of interest to report this month. Some brother on the C. & S. will kindly look up all these new men and learn the color of their credentials. SANDY.

Northwestern Railway of S. C.—

It is with much regret that I write of the death of little Margaret, the daughter of Bro. and Mrs. S. C. Bannister, of Summerton, S. C., after an illness of over two weeks. Her sufferings were most painful, and all that could be was done for her, but nothing brought the desired relief. The entire membership on this line deeply sympathize with the bereaved parents in their loss.

Bro. Bannister has been quite sick himself, as well as his entire family, but glad to say they are now improving.

This little pike is almost solid O. R. T. now, and with a little effort on the part of the present membership it can be made solid from Camden to Wilsons Mills. Who will be the first member to send Bro. Williams an application?

"SANTAL."

A. C. L. Division, No. 3, Ladies' Auxiliary—

Application for a charter for the Auxiliary on the A. C. L. has been filed, and notice received that Charter No. 3 would be granted to this line. We wanted Charter No. 1, but found it had gone to New England, and that number two had also been taken. Any way we claim the first member of the Auxiliary, and will make this a strong division as soon as the proper printed matter can be gotten so we can commence a campaign of organizing. It is rather hard to get the ladies interested until we can get the right kind of printed matter for them to see what they are joining.

So far we have only tried the wives, etc., of the local chairmen and the ex-local chairmen, as they would be in a position to appreciate our efforts. There was only one of the ladies from the A. C. L. in Atlanta, who did not join the Auxiliary, and we hope to have her with us ere long.

As soon as we can get everything in working order we will show the men how to organize. If it was the men we had to work with, we know we could soon get the line solid from Richmond on the north to Fort Myers on the south. It is harder to get the ladies' interest thoroughly aroused, but once we get them interested, we will make things lively for awhile. Look out for Division No. 3. A. C. L.

C. C. C. & St. L. Ry.

Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—

The regular meeting was held in Springfield, May 18th. Bro. Bright being absent at the convention, Bro. Lytle occupied the chair. Business for the good of the Order was transacted and some profitable discussion opened. The attendance was fair, but not what it should have been. There are

members of the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division who never attend, others seldom. Boys, take an interest, wake up and come to these meetings and help the hard-working chairman. The meetings are the very life of our organization.

Get after the non working with you or near you and show him the error of his way, the littleness of allowing some one else to pay the freight while he enjoys the benefits of the organization.

Telegrapher Small, formerly with the C. H. & D., at Franklin, relieved Bro. Freeman, at Simms, for a couple of weeks.

Bro. Hildebrand, of Franklin Junction, was relieved by Telegrapher Snapp, of Columbus.

The ball game at Dayton, June 4th, between the Dayton Fire Department and the Big Four telegraphers, resulted in a score of 12 to 0 in favor of the latter. The brass pounders were all to the good, Craig, of Franklin Junction, being in the box (I am sorry it can not be written Bro., but circumstances are holding him out). The "feature" of the game was the batting of Welsh, of "H," Sharonville. "UG," got in fifteen strikes in five times at bat. Guess the answer.

Dispatcher Burch, of Springfield, attended the game and did valiant service chasing fouls for his fat friend, the catcher for the key men.

"BU," Springfield, closed now from 7:20 p. m. until 7:20 a. m. We understand that no one lost out by the change. Orders will be issued direct from "J" during the closed period.

There is a twelve-hour man, a former brother, on this division, who will not pay up, complaining that he is not benefited by the nine-hour law as others are. Remember, friend, we tower men and some others stood a cut of \$7.50 a month to get these three trick jobs. You are getting the same pay as before the change, overtime and your meal hour money. Cut out the talk and come on with the coin like a man.

Bro. Bright, of west end, is off duty attending the convention; relieved by Bro. Barrett.

Bro. Barrett off a few days; relieved by Mr. Squirrels.

R. W. Lippincott, agent at Plattsburg, was off a few days visiting relatives at Catawba; relieved by R. E. Harrison.

Telegrapher Dalton, the second trick man at Myers, bid in third trick at Monroe.

Bro. W. F. Scully, the second trick man at London, has been off several weeks on account of the death of his father. He is being relieved by Bro. Lyons, the third trick telegrapher. Bro. Barrett worked third trick during the absence of Bro. Scully.

Mr. Schwartz bid in second trick and Mr. Barnhart third trick at Meyers.

Telegrapher Harrison, formerly at Avenue, has been transferred to third trick at Urbana.

Mr. Vern Stewart, second trick, Miami Crossing, off for a few days on account of the death of his mother.

By the looks of the items from the Columbus end the brothers must be rather scarce and the facts are they are not any too plenty. These nons need a severe shaking; also the brothers in

their neighborhood, for allowing such conditions to exist. As it is only by a special united effort that we may expect to succeed in attaining our hopes we should all put our shoulders to the wheel and push together and not sit down and wait for the other fellow to do all the work.

Mr. Sautter, of Ivorydale, is absent for a few days on account of sickness. Mr. Neff is working second trick while Mr. Lodge worked third trick.

Bro. Lange, of Lockland, reports attending the April meeting and was well pleased with the workings and banquet.

Stevens, of Sandusky, is off on a vacation. Wyles is working first and a student second trick.

The hours at Belle Center are now from 6 a. m. until 12 midnight. "C. R."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Almighty God to remove from earth the father of our brother and fellow worker, Bro. E. E. Weber; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division, O. R. T. System Division, No. 128, extend to the bereaved brother and family its heartfelt sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy sent to the brother and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. A. STEWART,
C. F. ALLEN,
C. R. BILLINGSLEA,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Providence to call to the great beyond the beloved wife of our Bro. E. E. Weber, and while we bow in submission to the will of the Most High, who doeth all things well; be it

Resolved, That in her death the brother has lost a faithful and devoted wife; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing husband, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division, a copy be published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy be sent to the bereaved brother.

L. F. ARMSTRONG,
J. H. LYTLE,
A. A. BRIGHT,
Committee.

Chicago Division—

Have you that new card? If not, it is time to be getting it.

Did you ever stop to think that it costs no more to pay your dues in May or June than it does in July or August, and do not forget that you are placing your protection in jeopardy when you let your dues lag and we know not the day nor the hour, so it is best to be always prepared.

Some of the brothers got cold feet the first of the year when the phone system was mere talk,

but I trust that those who did are the full quota and there will be no more of you following in their footsteps since the phones have gotten to be a reality.

Is there any excuse for your dropping your card since the phones have been installed? If there is I wish you would kindly write me, giving your reasons for so doing.

Why should we as phone operators not be organized as well as when we were telegraphers?

I have heard some of the brothers state that it is easy to get men to operate the phones.

Let me ask you something, brothers, which would have to be the most intelligent class of men, section men or phone operators, teamsters or phone operators? I quote these simply because they came in mind, but the point I want to make is this: These men are organized and if you will kindly take the trouble to set that brain of yours to thinking you will find that all classes of labor, section men, carpenters, painters, masons, trainmen, engineers, printers, city phone operators, hat makers, shoemakers, in fact, name me one class of labor that is not organized if you please, and then tell me there is no use for the phone men to try to organize.

Why the statement is ridiculous. Any man that puts up that kind of an argument is simply playing mouse and simply trying to trump up another excuse to shoulder the support of his family on to the rest of us, as they have been doing in the past, but thank the Lord, there is a brighter day dawning for the operators when we shall cease to bear another's burden, when we will only help to bear each other's burdens and not shoulder the whole load for some of the grafters, as we have in the past.

When it comes to hiring a lot of green men to operate the phones I think there would be some strenuous kicking done by the management, as there is enough trouble and aggravation now with some men that have been working for some time let alone getting men that are entirely unfamiliar with the work, as some of the boys certainly display a great deal of ignorance at certain times in the handling of trains especially.

I have heard the remark that a man could be taught to handle the phones in a week. Let me ask you what a man would do with a week's experience. When a man in learning telegraphy is around an office at least a year and then when he gets to work displays ignorance of railroad work, that is simply ridiculous.

Brothers, please ponder over these matters before making a hasty decision. Every man is innocent until proven guilty, and the phone is all right until proven otherwise, so do not condemn before the trial.

Give the service and I think the management will make returns, but do not get the idea in your noodle that you are to be the Savior of the telegrapher, and think that you have the right idea when you go to bucking the phone system and trying to do all the dirt you can.

We understand that complaint is being made that the telegraphers claim they can not hear the

dispatcher when, in fact, they can, but do not want to. Cut it out, and again I say give the best that's in you.

A great many of the boys are inclined to be antagonistic to the phones, but I think if they would stop and think a minute they would soon see the error of their ways.

May be you will get a reduction, but let me ask, do you expect a bountiful increase by giving rotten service?

Again you should have more respect for the dispatcher than to try and do bum work when you spite no one but yourself and him when he can not help it that phones were put in, as it's not his fault.

I think you will find that we will profit every time by giving the best service we can; so do what is right and then though the worst may happen, we can conscientiously say we did our part.

Am unable to give any items this month, as I know of none and the boys have given me none, and I will tell you again as I have done previously, if you desire items in the journal it is up to you to furnish them to me.

I trust that you will all give this matter due consideration and that you may be able to see where you are doing the wise act by retaining that up-to-date card.

W. O. BRINKMAN,
Local Chairman.

Peoria & Eastern Division, West—

Bro. O. L. Ocker has resigned the third trick at "CF" tower, to accept a position as night time-keeper at the wire Mill at Crawfordsville.

Bro. C. R. Keeran relieved him and, it is understood, that he will hold the position until it has been regularly bid in.

Bro. C. R. Rynearson, agent at Waynetown, Bro. O. L. Ocker and agent at Hillsborough are some of the boys who were required to go to Cincinnati to have their eyes tested.

Mr. W. T. Bowling, second trick at Urbana Yard, is taking a thirty days' vacation, being relieved by Mr. Ed Purnell.

Bro. C. R. Keeran relieved Bro. Vaughn, first trick at Mansfield, two days while Bro. Vaughn was visiting at Indianapolis.

Mr. Bebee, of Veedersburg, relieved Bro. W. M. Long, night telegrapher at "MS," Mackinaw tower. Bro. Long received third trick at Bloomington on bulletin.

Telegrapher J. D. O'Conner, an extra man, is working the night trick at LeRoy while Telegrapher Haines is taking a vacation.

Mr. C. H. Redenbaugh, cashier at Veedersburg, worked a week or ten days at Champaign, for Sam Hodges.

W. R. Cooper, of New Castle, relieved Mr. Redenbaugh.

The following positions were bulletined June 4th:

Day telegrapher and ticket clerk at Champaign and the agencies at Ludlow Falls, on east end, and Hillsborough. Mr. Howard Shearer, agent at Lilly, is working at Ludlow Falls at present, being relieved at Lilly by Mr. W. E. Peck, of Mahomet.

Mr. C. K. Haverfield, formerly chief dispatcher P. & E., but now Visual Examiner, passed over the division May 27th and 28th, trying our eyes and ears. A few of the boys found the examination "real hard."

Harry Rynearson, who has been out of the service since he left the hermit job at P. & Merton, is with us again, being called upon by Chief Dispatcher Sears to work at New Castle for a while.

We understand that Dispatcher Brown has left the service for good. Dispatcher Whitlock is working the third trick, which was handled by Brown.

I am inclined to believe that we are not well enough acquainted with each other along the P. & E. We hardly know who is working at the next station. I wonder why? Let's all get brotherly and increase our faith this June.

I wish to thank several brothers who have assisted me in this write-up and hope to see one in the journal each month. Let's all help a little and we can have a nice write-up every month, and it will look good to our friends and brothers who may be far away and are depending on the write-up from P. & E. to keep them informed. We can all help a great deal by each one helping a little, so let's pull together and keep our Order where it should be. We all need a new card this month and let's get it as soon as possible.

CERT. 1065.

Indianapolis Division—

Bro. Atkinson has been assigned second trick at Taft.

This pike is trying to cut expenses again, running several trains a day with from 70 to 85 cars, using a middle man.

Bro. Melvin, second trick at Muncie depot, is off for fifteen days, visiting relatives at Maplewood, Ohio. Telegrapher Harper is relieving him.

Bro. Slagle worked second trick at Quincy while Bro. Cook attended the convention.

One feature of the convention was the changing the payments of assessments from monthly to semi-annually.

Telegrapher Humrichouse, of Versailles, is laying off a few days. Telegrapher Kendall is relieving him.

C. T. D. Miller was over the road June 1st, giving out a few instructions as to when trains can pass a red block.

Telegrapher D. B. Olvey worked a few days at Fortville. Telegrapher Hanks, of that place, resigned to take a position as brakeman.

Bro. Slagle worked Sunday, June 6th at Quincy for Telegrapher Binegar.

Bro. Young made a business trip to Cincinnati of two or three days' duration. Telegrapher Schultz relieved him.

Third trick Dispatcher McElroy, Bro. H. J. Miller, third trick telegrapher at Bellefontaine, Bro. King, third trick telegrapher at Gretna, and Bro. Kelly, third at "SC," enjoyed seeing the start of the balloon race at Indianapolis, June 5th.

Telegrapher Schultz is relieving Telegrapher Stephenson at Wainwright, who in turn is relieving Telegrapher Starbuck at Anderson depot.

Bro. B. A. Olvey is off duty on account of sickness. Telegrapher Connelly is relieving him and Bro. Slagle is relieving Connelly.

Bro. Melvin is again at work.

Bro. R. Miller, first trick telegrapher at Ansonia, is off for three or four days enjoying himself. Telegrapher Walters is relieving him.

Bro. Faidley at Gretna first trick, is off duty for two or three days. Telegrapher A. M. Smith is relieving him.

I wish some of the brothers would send in news. Kindly help out. You should not expect one man to do it all. Brace up and let the boys know that we have a little energy.

There was a meeting held on the third floor of the Anthony block at Muncie, Indiana, June 23d, but the write-up has to be sent in too early to give particulars this time.

It has been reported that Trainmaster Buchanan, of the Indianapolis Division, has been promoted to the Cleveland Division, and Trainmaster Allison, of the Cairo Division to trainmaster of the Indianapolis Division, to take effect June 15th.

Div. Cor.

St. Louis Division, Mattoon West—

Bro. Whalen, our general chairman, recently made a trip over the west end of the St. Louis Division getting acquainted.

Bro. Cook, at Irving, is off duty a few days on account of rheumatism; relieved by Telegrapher Church.

Bro. Cook is again at work, Telegrapher Church having gone to Pana to relieve Bro. Roberts, first trick there, for a few days.

Lenox first trick, "HM" second and third tricks, and "MX," Mattoon, second trick, on bulletin. Haven't learned who were the successful bidders as yet.

Bro. Morgan, of "WO" tower, was off a few days. He was relieved by a Mr. Lyons. After Bro. Morgan returned to work Mr. Lyons went to Shelbyville to relieve Telegrapher Davis, whose father died.

It is too bad some of the boys think the Order is dead, and have to be fed on gum drops. They seem to think we should turn the world over in a minute. Rome wasn't built in a day, neither can we accomplish everything in a day. It is up to us to keep moving and working and we will triumph in the end.

Mr. John Stadler, interlocking maintainer at Lenox and Mr. Dillman, section foreman at that place are laid up with rheumatism.

Bro. J. M. Lawson bid in third trick at Granite City some time ago.

Bro. J. M. Callahan, the second trick man at Lakeview, is having considerable trouble with malaria, although so far he has not been compelled to lay off.

Bro. McRobbins, third trick at Lenox, was the recipient of the bad news from his home city of

Veedersburg, Ind., that there were ten cases of small-pox there and his mother and brother had been exposed.

Rheumatism and malaria are very prevalent over the extreme west end among the people generally, and a glance at the next few items will convince one that telegraphers are no exception. Even sorrow has entered the homes of some of our brothers and fellow-telegraphers.

Bro. C. E. Parmallee is at time of this writing absent from the first shift at Venice Jct. on account of the death of his wife. Mr. J. A. King, from the C. & A. Ry. is relieving Bro. Parmallee, who has the heartfelt sympathy of all in this sad hour.

Bro. O. A. Thurston, of second trick at Venice, Jct., has been in the Granite City Hospital for some twenty days, suffering from inflammatory rheumatism. He is very little better at this writing. Every change of weather affects him. Bro. Thurston is being relieved by Bro. B. M. Gentry, who comes from the C. M. & St. P. Ry.

We understand that J. A. King will soon seek admittance to the order. We feel sure Mr. King's heart is right.

Mr. H. W. West, who has been working at "QN" freight office, East St. Louis, is laying off on account of the sickness of his father. We understand Mr. E. E. Tonkinson, who has been holding first trick at Lenox for quite a while, has been transferred to the "QN" office.

Mr. J. I. Staley, of second trick at Granite City, has been working first trick at Lenox while same is on bulletin. Bro. Wm. Huebner from the C. & E. I. Ry. is relieving Mr. Staley at Granite City.

CERT. 668.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. Reams, of Ridgeway, has returned to work after a month's illness. Bro. Carey, of Longwelle, is again working the owl trick.

Bro. Condon, of Wellington, is off duty a few days on vacation.

Bro. Buckles, of Berea, is off duty. He is relieved by extra Telegrapher Fronfield.

Bro. Bogan, of Linndale, fell and broke his right arm a few days since; relieved by Mr. Cobb.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. Hayes, is back to work after a month's illness.

There has been some complaint made about using profane language and interfering with those who are trying to use the wires to help our cause along.

This is a very contemptible habit, and I hope it is not any of our brother members doing it. We have to use the wires occasionally to let the nons know we are alive and should all do what we can to give the members with good intentions a chance to talk to them.

Bro. W. B. Elliott, of Rushsylvania, has been appointed assistant local chairman and the nons, especially those down on the west end, will find him awake and on the job at all times. If we had

a few more members like Bro. Elliott on this division, there would not be a non left inside of a couple of months.

We wish to thank the boys for their generous contribution to the relief fund for our late Bro. F. Barnum, also for the floral offering, but am sorry to note that some of them did not produce the amount subscribed.

Now brothers, this case has taught us that we need a fund on hand in such emergencies and it has been suggested that the members at different stations talk this matter over and get the opinion of the rest and advise the local chairman, and we will then devise some means of appointing a committee to take charge of same. The small amount of ten or twenty-five cents a month would soon give us a nice tidy sum with which to help out our sick and needy brothers and it would never be missed. Now let's have your opinion on this matter.

Remember that we are now in our semi-annual dues period and we wish every member to pay up promptly. Interest yourself in the other members in your vicinity, and don't let them forget that it is time to pay up. Don't be afraid of rushing the people at St. Louis. They would prefer the rush to the drag.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the members of Division No. 138, O. R. T., for their financial assistance, the beautiful floral offering and the sympathy extended to us during our recent great bereavement.

MRS. F. BARNUM.
MRS. GRACE MILLER.
MILDRED BARNUM.
GEORGE BARNUM.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Providence to remove from our midst our brother and friend, Mr. Frank Barnum, and

WHEREAS, We feel that we have lost a brother and an esteemed friend, his wife and children a devoted husband and father, whose word of counsel, cheerful presence and untiring devotion can never be replaced, therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing wife and children, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of Division No. 138, a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

FRED HOLCOMB.
ROBT. HOLCOMB.
E. B. ADAMS.

Committee.

St. Louis Division East of Mattoon—

The members should not forget that this is the month in which to pay dues.

Several nons have put in an appearance on the line lately, and I trust the brothers will get busy and see how many they can line-up.

Our General Chairman, Bro. Edw. Whalen, returns from Atlanta with the report that the convention was harmonious throughout and that those in attendance enjoyed themselves very much.

Several of the boys are taking vacations, and there seems to be a shortage of extra men.

Bro. E. J. Hinds bid in second trick at Embarrass.

Bro. W. H. Setty, third trick man at Loxa, has been transferred to Oshmore for a few days, relieving Bro. J. L. Fisher, who is off on a vacation.

Bro. Setty was relieved at Loxa by Miss Fay Clubb.

Telegrapher Luckett, an extra man, has been transferred from Ashmore to Mt. Jackson, second trick, extra.

Bro. Freeland bid in third trick at Embarrass.
Div. Cor.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.

Birmingham Division—

Everything is as usual over here. We have a number of nons and delinquent members that we expect to bring in the fold soon.

As the old saying goes "where there is truth in poetry, poetry is sweet." I am not a poet, but I would like to place the following before the readers of the journal in order that they may realize what is in store for our great organization:

"THE BROTHERHOOD OF O. R. T."

To me some things have been revealed,
And I have seen the light,
And there is going to be a change,
And that change is for the right.
Rights for all those who toil,
Rights for young and old,
The right that Jesus gave to man,
And politicians sold.

The twentieth century now has dawned,
And with it came this change,
At first you may not see the light
And think the doctrine strange,
The millionaires will think it wrong,
But justice says it's right,
That wealth belong to those who toil,
And all our battles fight.

There's plenty in this world for all,
And none would need a boast,
If we could only get the things,
Which each of us produce.
Do you consider that it's right,
To toil from day to day,
And give three-fourths of what you make,
To a trust across the way?

This change will do away with crime,
And reduce this worldly pride,
And will promote the Holy cause,
For which our Savior died,

The chains of bondage will be loose,
And labor then will stand,
United with the millionaire,
The brotherhood of man.

So labor if you want this change
You must together stand,
In union lives the power to bring,
This brotherhood of man.
Then all the railroads, all the mines,
Which now are held in trust,
Would be the poor man's National Bank,
And that bank will never bust.

Bro. M. C. Roop, has been transferred from Cragford, "CA," ticket agency at Talladega; after being installed at Talladega, a reduction in force in that agency was made and Mr. Roop, being the youngest man, was made relief agent. No relief work being in sight at present Mr. Roop and wife are enjoying a few summer days at St. Simons and Cumberland Island.

Bro. W. M. English, who is one of our most loyal workers, has recently been transferred from the agency at Bullochville to the agency at Talladega, which is quite a promotion for Mr. English, and the brothers wish to congratulate him on his faithful work.

The night office at "Z," LaGrange, Ga., has been discontinued. Mr. S. P. Hawkins being thrown out of employment. Understand that he has gone to Atlanta with the W. U. Tel. Co.

Mr. W. J. English has been transferred from dispatcher at Manchester to telegrapher at Talladega, on account of a reduction in force.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

St. L. S-W. Ry.

The Illmo Division now has a chairman who intends to use his energy to line-up this division, regardless of consequences.

I ask the assistance of all members of this division to this end. Within the last few days I have mailed letters to at least twenty telegraphers, eighteen of whom are in good standing with the O. R. T., and up to this writing I have received but two replies. Is it a fact that the members of the O. R. T. refuse to assist me in lining-up this road? Is it true that they are going to saddle everything on me? Now I want a reply from each member on this division, and I want his assistance. I am not becoming discouraged with the outlook, there are bright prospects, but what I want is your assistance in behalf of Illmo Division. We can not expect the nons to affiliate with us until we come out with our colors. Until we give them an example of the stuff of which we are made. It has been suggested that we arrange to hold monthly meetings, I thank the brothers for this suggestion; would like to hear from each member on this division in regard to this.

I can not at this writing mention any changes made by telegraphers, because the information

has not been furnished me. If you wish to see a good write-up next month, assist me in collecting the material.

I am anticipating assistance from you in the future. Now let's all get down to business, and within a month or so there will be no nons except the "Old Sore Heads."

Fraternally,

A. C. HERVEY,
Local Chairman.

Panama Ry.

Only two or three times during the past three years has the Panama R. R. been represented in the journal. Our road is only forty-eight miles in length and thirty-five to forty telegraphers and agents make up the full working force. As is always the case everywhere, telegraphers here stand at the bottom as to working conditions. Clerks, stenographers, etc., work seven and one-half hours per day; steam-shovel men eight hours; conductors, trainmen, engineers, nine hours; common laborers, 10 hours; telegraphers, 12 hours, and in many cases are unable to get away to noon meal.

Bro. D. J. Deasy, agent at Panama, is still on the job. Bro. Dan is an old-timer, having been on the Isthmus nearly ten years and always carries the necessary credentials.

Mr. D. H. Bierly, day telegrapher at Panama, and Mr. L. B. Chambers, nights, both promise to come in next pay-day. Mr. Chambers was wireless man on the Steamship "Finance" when she sank in New York Harbor.

Bro. Peter Bigler, telegrapher at Balboa Junction, enjoyed a few lay-over days last week.

Bro. C. H. Paul, agent and telegrapher at Corozal, is very busy blocking trains and keeping up his station work.

Bro. A. Mendoza still holds forth at Miraflores interlocking tower. This is one of the hardest jobs on the road.

Mr. R. B. Walker, agent at Pedo Miguel, says nothing but saws wood. Mr. Walker was a member for a number of years, but like a number of others, on coming to the Isthmus, allowed his dues to fall behind.

Bro. Essex, day telegrapher at Paraiso Cabin, is in the State on a vacation. Bro. Geo. H. Edwards, regular night man, is doing the day stunt during Bro. Essex's absence. Mr. Farrel taking the night trick. Mr. Farrel was a member of the C. T. U. of A., but at present is not up-to-date.

Mr. A. S. Johnson, block dispatcher at Cucuracha, recently returned from the United States, where he had been under medical treatment for three months. Mr. Johnson's application papers are in and we expect in a few weeks to call him brother.

Bro. W. W. Lynch, day telegrapher at Cu'ebra Cabin, is in the States on a vacation; unable to say who is relieving him. A Mr. Fitzgerald on nights.

Bro. E. B. Thornton, agent at Empire, is going on his vacation in a few weeks, and rumor says he is not coming back alone.

Bro. A. J. Renton, telegrapher at Las Cascadas tower, has a busy place, but can always find time to put in a good word for the Order.

Bro. Frank Kinsman, telegrapher at Bridge 52, enjoyed a few lay-over days the first of the month. Relieved by Br. P. L. Bradley, regular relief man.

Bro. R. I. Purcell, agent at Bas Obispo, expects to go on his vacation next week.

Bro. Wood, telegrapher at Matachin tower, went to the States on leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Frank Whitman. A night office recently opened there is held down by Bro. Eagan for the present.

Mr. Plant is now agent at Matachin; evidently he did not like to live at Tabernilla.

Mr. D. E. Hayes, agent at Gorgona, returned from New York last week. His little boy was bitten by a mad dog, and he took him to New York for the Pasteur treatment. Mr. Hayes was formerly a member, but on coming to the Isthmus fell in arrears.

Bro. E. F. Orr manipulates the levers at Gorgona tower. He is one of the old-timers on the Isthmus.

Mr. T. J. Hanrahan, agent at San Pablo, was formerly President of the C. T. U. of A. local at New Orleans. His application is in.

Bro. S. G. Thornton is now agent at Tabernilla. He moved his family to the living rooms over the station last week.

Bro. Noltee, agent at Gatun, recently returned from vacation, reports a very enjoyable visit in the States.

Bro. L. C. Dezavedo, regular day telegrapher at "J" office, Colon, is on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Avery.

Our dispatchers, Northrop, Doty and Maggard, are well liked by the boys, as they can be depended upon for a square deal. Bro. Maggard recently returned from his regular annual leave of absence.

In conclusion, would like to warn all telegraphers against coming to the Isthmus unless they have previously secured employment. Men are, as a rule, hired in the United States and sent here whenever needed. A man coming here expecting to find work, stands a very poor show. The cost of living is very high, and they soon find themselves stranded. CRR. 5790, GRAND.

Vandalla Ry.

East End, St. Louis Division—

We were glad to see a write-up from the "Old" Vincennes Division in the June TELEGRAPHER.

Several Big 4 trains went over the Van. June 24th, on account of the freight wreck on the Big 4.

Bro. E. G. Chamness, first trick at Fillmore, is moving into his new home recently completed.

Bro. R. R. Hodson, third trick at Gibson, has resigned. We understand that he has a barber shop in Coatesville.

Bro. W. L. Shickle, first trick at "K" tower, Terre Haute, has resigned.

The tower at Harmony has been opened. The end of double track is now at Harmony instead of Knightsville.

You may wonder why we were not represented at the convention. Our delegate was unable to get relief.

If you have any items for the journal, send them to any officer of Division No. 27, and they will be sent in.

The telephone has been put in on the Belt Ry. at Indianapolis, and the operators put back to twelve hours. An investigation which the Interstate Commerce Commission will make, will be watched with interest.

We would like to hear from some brother on the Middle Division. Cor.

West Sub-Division—

There has been a change in the force of dispatchers in the past month. Dispatcher H. L. Hearn has been transferred to first trick on the Middle Division, vice E. A. Hallinin, resigned. Dispatcher H. E. Craver, who has been working second trick on the east end, has been assigned to third trick on west end, vice Hearn, transferred. Dispatcher Wilson assigned to second trick on west end. Dispatcher Markland transferred to second trick on east end.

Agent Bruner, of Staunton, has been transferred to the agency at St. Jacob, vice Mr. Zehender who resigned. Bro. Dan Williams, the first trick man at "H," Highland, was assigned to the agency at Staunton.

Mr. G. H. Vest, second trick at Hagerstown, is working second trick at Highland, until that trick is regularly assigned. This trick is bulletined, and pays \$60.00 per month.

It seems as if the brothers are not very active here this month, as it is very hard to get any news concerning them. About all who are taking a vacation are nons, and if the brothers are contemplating anything like that, they are keeping it a secret. Wish to say to those who are keeping themselves hidden, that if you are so fortunate as to secure a lay-off, don't be afraid to mention it to us.

Mr. J. T. Middleton has planned to be off for two weeks, to attend the National Convention of Baptists to be held in Portland, Ore. Mr. Middleton is a delegate from the Baptist Church at Greenville. We regret that we were unable to induce him to get an up-to-date card to carry in his vest pocket, while he is on this trip.

Smithboro was honored with the presence of General Council Mays, of the Rock Island, who stopped off there one day last week, in his special car, to attend the golden wedding of his parents, who reside at that place.

It seems as if it were out of the question to have a meeting on this division. There has not

been a meeting on the west end for so long, that I fear if one was called, not more than two or three of us would be able to gain admittance, as we would have forgotten how to apply the secret work. I would be glad if we could arrange a meeting and believe at this time we could have a large attendance. Let us think about it.

Don't forget to pay your dues this month, and keep in good standing. Also remember about the new ruling made at the last general convention, that assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department are to be paid semi-annually, instead of monthly, as was allowable heretofore. Cor.

Wabash Ry.

Moberly Division—

We note a good many changes on the line, but can not keep tab on all.

One of our worthy brothers from Maryville has resigned and gone to work for a street car line in St. Joe.

Bro. Wm. Hartzell, of Wilcox office, has accepted the position of agent at Runnells, and has moved his family there. He was relieved by Sister M. L. Meeker, of Malvern.

The 8-year-old daughter of Bro. B. W. Thompson, of Silver City, had the misfortune to fall and break her arm a few days ago. She is now under the care of a Maryville physician, and friends of the family will be glad to know that she is doing nicely.

A Mr. Ferris from the east end is working second trick at Malvern. The second trick is bulletined.

Bro. M. H. Meeker, of East Switch, was visiting his home one day recently.

The boys will be glad to learn that Conductor Owen Collier has returned after having been in Boston in the interest of the O. R. C. for some time.

Bro. O. C. Old at McFall, has been relieved by Mr. P. E. Pease. Bro. Old resigned to go to Excelsior Springs Jct., Mo., as agent for the Pacific Express Co. CRR. 2207.

Peru Division—

Bro. C. W. Staddler has returned to his duties at Woodburn, and Bro. Dunderman, who has been relieving him, has returned to his regular trick at Antwerp.

Bro. Temple, of Maumee, is taking a vacation for a few days. Telegrapher Miller is doing his stunt while he is away.

Bro. Bailey is relieving Bro. Harris at Roanoke while he is enjoying a few days' outing.

Dispatcher Mannen has been working first trick on First District for a few days.

The agency at Williamsport is open for bid. Bro. Etnire is doing the work there until it is accepted by some one.

On account of Telegrapher Garrett at Danville being discharged, Bro. Etnire worked there until Bro. Kieff, of Newell accepted it on bulletin.

Bro. Murray has bid in first trick at Newell. Bro. Murray is a new member and his home is at West Lebanon.

A few days since Bro. Murray had an experience which he will always remember. Just as he was lifting his car off the track after a hard pull from Danville to Newell, he fainted on the track, and for about an hour caused quite a commotion among the dispatchers and telegraphers and he also came near being run over by train No. 51. The crew of 51 saw him in time to stop, picked him up and revived him, and he was then able to do the work.

Account of a bad washout which delayed trains for several hours between Riverside and West Point, Riverside was open as a telegraph office for one day, recently. G. C. Knickerbocker, agent at Lafayette, did the telegraphing for that period.

Bro. J. A. Fullen, agent at Oklona, is off duty on account of sickness, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Underwood.

Bro. Schroeder, of Maumee, has resigned to accept a position on the produce exchange at Toledo. Telegrapher Underwood relieved him at Maumee.

Bro. Vangundy has returned from Notre Dame University account of the summer vacation and is working a few days at Lafayette for Bro. Kennington while he is taking a vacation.

Bro. Theek, agent at West Unity, has returned to work after several days' leave of absence on account of sickness.

Bro. Lipsett, ex-correspondent, has purchased the Grand Theater at Peru and he also has a half interest in the Palace at that place. It is said he has made arrangements with some of the booking houses in the country for vaudeville performers, and promises to make his place one of the most popular amusement resorts in Indiana. Mr. Chandler will have charge of the Grand, while Bro. Lipsett will remain at the head of the Palace, which will be maintained at its present high standard. We wish him success.

Bro. Robertson, of Danes, has secured leave of absence for one week and will look after his farm near that place while away, and we "13" he will visit friends near Decatur. Telegrapher Cloud will relieve him for that time.

Telegrapher Parker, from Napoleon, bid in second trick at West Peru.

Bro. Murray, regular telegrapher at C. C. & L. crossing, went to Washington, a few days ago and has been due to return for some time, but has not yet shown up. It is thought he struck something better up there and probably will not return.

Telegrapher S. G. Lennon, of West Peru, bumped Wm. Brake at C. C. & L. crossing for the day trick there. "13" Brake has resigned and secured a position with the Mo. Pac. in Kansas.

Mr. Todd, bid in the third trick at New Waverly.

Bro. Keller has returned to Richvalley and Bro. Harry Edson bid in third trick at West Peru.

Bro. Parkman, regular third trick man at New Waverly, has bid in second trick at Wauseon.

No. 3 threw a brakeshoe through the window at West Point on the morning of May 17th, and Bro. Spencer had a narrow escape.

Bro. Biggerstaff, of the Mo. Pac., was visiting friends in Danville, a few days since.

Bro. Hetrick, of Stateline, has returned to his duties after being off some time on account of sickness. He was relieved by Telegrapher Miller.

Bro. A. M. Brown worked a few days for the agent at Butler while he was absent.

Do not forget the nons. Make them understand they are not doing their share in the fight, but that they are living off the fruits of others. If they tell you the O. R. T. does not help them, ask them who shortened their hours of labor and who secured their schedule and many other things that they are enjoying which has all come through the grand old Order. This is dues-paying time. Remit your dues at once and be ever up to date and never fail to do your duty in every form to make the Order the best in existence. Get all the items you can and send them to your correspondent or your local chairman, Bro. Shutt, at Delphi.

The following brothers contributed items this month: Bro. Hetrick, Stateline; Bro. Kieff, Danville; Bro. Delemarter, New Haven, and Bro. Burke, Logansport. Brothers, your efforts are appreciated by me and I hope every brother along the line will get in the habit of doing the same as you have done. Then we will have a good write-up each month from the Peru Division of the Wabash, and it will bring life to the Order and it may have some effect on the nons and move them into action. I believe we have one or two sister members on the line. I would be glad to hear from them and have them send items each month and help us make the Peru Division the banner division of the Wabash.

Div. Coa.

Springfield Division—

Bro. J. C. Green, the second trick man at Jacksonsville, is off duty owing to the sickness of his grandmother. We understand he expects to make a trip West before resuming duty. He was relieved by Bro. F. V. Stehman, of Riverton.

Bro. R. F. Lipcamon is holding down the agency at Valley City temporarily, relieving Bro. H. W. Frederick.

Mr. C. A. Doyle, second trick man at Barry, accompanied by his mother, is attending the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition at Seattle, and will take a couple of months. He is relieved by Mr. Hancock, an extra man.

Mr. T. E. Smith, agent at Pittsfield, was off a few days recently and visited Excelsior Springs, Mo. Relieved by Bro. C. H. Claus.

Bro. L. W. Abbott has been assigned the first trick at Riverton.

Bro. F. V. Stehman did the second trick stunt at Riverton the past few weeks until sent to Jacksonsville to relieve Bro. Green.

Lanesville suffered the loss of the third trick man the first of June owing to business being

rather light at this time of year. Bro. Ryan now holds first trick, Bro. Moots second and Mr. J. A. Raines, formerly third, is now working at Berlin. We are unable to say where Mr. Sumner goes from Berlin.

Telegrapher Hancock has been doing his first work at brass pounding on second trick at Riverton, relieving Bro. F. V. Stehman.

Telegrapher C. S. Klinefelter has returned to the position of second trick telegrapher at Griggsville, after a short vacation.

Telegrapher W. B. Milam is now working second trick at Riverton, relieving Telegrapher Hancock.

Bro. B. H. Watson, of Riverton, recently proved himself to be a hero by saving the life of an aged woman. He rescued her from the wheels of some fast-moving cars that had been dropped in on the whiskey track at that place. He was highly praised by the officials for this act. We are proud to be able to call him brother.

We trust that we will not be disappointed by the non-receipt of a few applications this month that we have been looking forward to. \$8.50 is the July initiation fee and pays dues to Dec. 31st.

Send your journal to some non of your acquaintance when you are through with it. It costs but a trifle and may be the cause of a great deal of good.

A few words may not be inappropriate regarding students, and as we are all aware, we are hired and paid for doing the company's work at our respective stations and we do not consider it any part of our duty to undertake the instruction of some boy in railroad office work and telegraphy. If the work at any station is too hard and the numerous duties can not be properly done by the hired help the company furnishes, the proper thing to do is to take the matter up and ask for sufficient help to properly carry on the station work. If the necessary help can not be obtained we should do all we can to keep up, giving the wires the first attention and other work the attention in the order of its importance. Such work as can not be done owing to overwork should be excusable, as no one is expected to do what is impossible. Our present seniority list consists of sixty-five names. If 50 per cent of these telegraphers were to "finish up" a student each year it is easy to be seen how the supply would compare with the number of positions and what a demoralizing effect it would have upon our vocation.

As the supply of every commodity, labor not accepted, governs, to a large extent, the price paid, it behooves us to guard the future welfare of our calling and not flood the country with a class of men who, by reason of the overstock in the market, would be following a poor business, and we older men, who have followed the work for a number of years, and, consequently, do not care to change occupations for different reasons, must suffer the penalties of the indiscretions of the telegraphers who have acted as teachers.

We are sorry to say that we have a few students on the line, but we are in hopes the tele-

raphers who are instructing them will see the error of their ways and reform.

We notice by the fraternal department in our journal that some of the general committee on different roads are revising schedules in conformity with the nine-hour law, and no doubt some of us feel a little behind the times as we take up our 1907 schedule and find no mention of third trick positions. But most of us are familiar with the circumstances and know why no revision has been made.

An engineer recently said to the writer: "I don't see how you fellows get together and discuss anything." Knowing well the advantages and benefits to be derived from a discussion of conditions by men whose interests are mutual by reason of the nature of their craft, he easily saw the drawback to progress in a lack of association and discussion carries with it, and these are the reasons that meetings should be held if any practical plans can be made.

A feeling of pride and satisfaction can not help but steal over us when we read of the victory of the French telegraphers.

We notice a number of the boys have allowed their membership to lapse. We hope it has either been an oversight or for good cause, as none of us care to think it is a lack of appreciation of what the Order has done for us. The proper way to show our appreciation is by keeping up to date and supporting any movement intended for the uplifting of our craft. Some of the older men have signified their intention of renewing their membership when in easier circumstances. It is gratifying to note that the younger men—especially the men just starting a railroad career—quickly realize and appreciate the efforts of the Order in their behalf and lend hearty support to the organization. Div. Com.

Decatur Division—

Agent Kay, who has quit the service of the Wabash at Orland, now has a position as clerk for the Erie at Chicago.

Bro. Goodman, extra agent, took the agency at Orland until bid in.

Bro. N. Duncan, of Pontiac, after spending vacation with his parents at Hillside, Ill., has been assigned to Wing agency temporary.

Telegrapher R. B. Salloday, of Homer, was relieved by Bro. Dencan as clerk and telegrapher at Pontiac while he was on vacation.

Bro. Marshall, of Wing, bid in Brisbane agency and has been transferred to that station.

Telegrapher Custer, of Streator, has severed his connection with the Banner Route and is doing the night ticket stunt for the Santa Fe at a substantial increase in salary.

Telegrapher Kern Cannon, brother of the agent at Streator, has been assigned to the position of telegrapher and bill clerk at Streator, relieving Telegrapher Custer.

Former agent, F. L. Shupe, of Rowe, tried his hand at the clerkship job for I. C. at Pontiac,

but did not like it and is now working in a shoe factory at Pontiac.

C. W. Lanier has been working as relief agent at Campus.

Bro. J. E. Johnson, agent at Brisbane, has resigned to engage in business.

Agent W. F. Givler, of Essex, is off on vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Sona, formerly at Granite City.

Bro. J. F. Smith, of Gibson, bid in the agency at Emington, relieving Telegrapher L. C. Davis, who now has third trick at Reddick.

Bro. Adams, of Reddick, is on a short vacation and wedding tour. He was married at Greenup, June 16th. He will return soon and take the same old stunt, second trick at Reddick. Bro. Logsdon is acting as agent during his absence.

Bro. J. F. Smith, the second trick man at Gibson, successfully bid in Emington agency. Smith formerly worked at Proctor.

Telegrapher Martin, from Knights, is now working second trick at Emington regularly, Miss Adams, from Symerton, taking third trick.

Telegrapher J. F. Provencher, first trick at Forrest, served as agent at Wing one day on account of no relief agent being available, and Bro. Marshall being sent to Brisbane. Bros. Somers and Hefflin doubled at Forrest.

Telegrapher B. R. Yount, from first trick, B. & O. S. W. tower, accompanied by his wife, is taking a vacation, visiting relatives in North Dakota; relieved by Telegrapher Dougherty.

Telegrapher L. L. Lewis, from Stewardson, bid in second trick Taylorville.

Bro. J. H. Eft, of Taylorville, bid in third trick at Morrisonville. Bro. Eft got sick June 14th, causing Bros. Bartlett and Bandy to double one day. They were much relieved to hear the chief say that a telegrapher would be on No. 15 to relieve them; it was Bro. Martin.

Bro. Ayers, formerly at Morrisonville, is again with the Wabash after working a few months for a road in Kansas.

Bro. H. A. Culmer, of Staunton, has gone to the Seattle Fair; relieved by D. A. Miller.

A new arrangement has been put in effect in the dispatcher's office, one set working Seventh and Ninth Districts, and another the Sixth; wires are in repeaters at Bement.

We understand that Mansfield is to be made a joint office. Bro. Rock is having a hard time, as he was at Effingham when that office was closed.

I wish to thank the brothers for their assistance in gathering these notes. If possible, please say if the telegraphers mentioned in notes are members of the Order or not, as it is embarrassing to have Telegrapher in front of your name when it should be Bro. Please let me have all the news by the 20th of each month.

Bro. Hefner will soon canvas the district to get a list of the nons; please give him all the assistance possible. CRR. 312.

N. Y. N. H. & H. Ry.

Western Division—

Bro. McReady and family, of Brookfield Junction, visited friends in West Cornwall Sunday, May 9th.

Bro. Osborne, of Brookfield Junction, has resumed work after an absence of over two months on account of illness.

Bro. McKnight, extra, is working second trick at Berkshire Junction.

Bro. Bessette, of Hawleyville Junction, spent Sunday, May 9th, in New Milford visiting friends.

Bro. French, of Trumbull, was a visitor at New Milford May 8th.

Bro. Powell, of Sheffield, entertained his family over Sunday, May 9th. Bro. Powell will move his family from New Milford to Sheffield about July 1st.

Inspector Clark, of Danbury, has rewired most of the offices along the "Old Berkshire," putting them in first-class condition.

Bro. Davison, of Lee, has bid in second trick at "WJ," Hopewell Junction.

Bro. Van Duesen, of New Milford, spent the day, May 13th, in Sheffield as the guest of Bro. Powell and other friends.

Sister Gibbs, of Kent, visited her brother at Falls Village, Sunday, May 16th.

Bro. Kane, of Canaan, is covering second trick at Gt. Barrington until it is bid in.

Bro. Powell, of Sheffield visited his family in New Milford, May 21st.

Bro. Ryan and wife, of New Milford, were in Danbury May 21st, shopping and visiting friends.

Bro. E. W. Derby, second trick at Southbury, has the sympathy of all the brothers of the Western Division, he having lost his wife on Saturday, June 5th. Bro. Derby wishes through these columns to thank the brothers for the beautiful floral tribute they sent as an evidence of their regard and sympathy.

Bro. C. E. Leahy, of Shelton, off a few days recently visiting in New York; relieved by Bro. O. C. Wheaton.

Mr. P. Rand, formerly second trick at Botsford, has bid in third trick there, and Bro. O. C. Wheaton awarded second.

Mr. Russell, from Derby freight, has bid in third trick at Derby Junction.

Bro. J. B. Davids, of Shelton, has bid in Derby freight.

First trick Derby Junction and third trick Shelton now advertized. Div. Coa.

Midland Division Notes—

July is the mid-year starting point in our race against the nons. Let us begin it right by having an up-to-date card in your pocket, so that when we go out after them we can feel that we are fortified with backing of the best investment that we make with our money during the whole year.

Bro. Fogarty spent the past few days in his home in New York State.

If I had "MD's" money or "H's" experience in the telegraph business I feel pretty sure that I

would not be the only one in this part of Hartford County that don't hold membership in the organization that has done so much for us.

A reward is offered for anyone that can find Bro. Brooks after 2 p. m.

Though increased business means added troubles for us we would gladly welcome it.

Bro. Johnson, from "AD," worked East Hartford Yard office for a few days recently during the absence of Bro. Gough in Long Island City.

Sister Foley, of "GX," and Sister Cahill, of Windsor, expect to attend the July meeting.

Ask any of the brothers on the Springfield Branch if they know anything about a business depression and they will tell you that it has not struck their station yet.

A very small portion of the rental of Mr. Coomes' farm would keep him an up-to-date card and he would never miss it. This spirit of getting all you can and keeping all you get, don't belong to the twentieth century.

Rumor has it that Bro. Dowd is getting restless on Easy Street (Burnside third trick), and longs to go back to work again.

Twenty-two applications from the Midland Division since the first of March is a record to be proud of, and I wish to congratulate the members on their personal effort and success. If that kind of work can be kept up, and it should be, then we will be able to write "Solid" over our portal and keep it there.

No excuse that you may offer can overcome the argument that the pay car brings to you every week, Mr. Turner, and from your experience in the D. and O. Club, it seems to us that you should be glad to return that small portion that is necessary to provide yourself with an up-to-date card, and as that great actor, Denman Thompson, said, "Be somebody."

Another reward is also offered for the person or persons that capture Mr. Fanning's application. I have done my best.

Did you hear the good news? Bolon is "solid."

We never have to worry about the trio at "SC"; they always have the "goods."

Bro. Faulkner is spending two weeks' vacation at his old home in the "Keystone" State, his position being filled during his absence by a Miss Seuhlike, of Rockville, who assures us that her only object in taking up railroad work is to give her an opportunity to secure one of those handsome cards with her name engraved on it that are sent out from St. Louis twice each year.

Extend the "glad hand" to Bros Boynton and Whalon, of Hop River. Brothers and sisters, they make a welcome addition to our membership.

You can not beat that combination of hustlers at "MI."

Ever since it was announced that Bros. Gates and Casey were to have a new station at East Hampton, I "13" that every other agent on the old Air Line has made a similar request.

Very glad to meet Bro. Stoughton at the last meeting; come again, brother, and bring some of your neighbors along. The trolley will get them back home before morning.

We want Mr. Mair, of Middlefield. Who can convince him of the error of his present ways?

A new station was created at the Rockfall Woolen Mills June 20th, to be known as Maplewood.

Though this portion of the Midland don't show any increase in trains in the summer schedule, yet we get the business, and there is hardly a station that don't get its full quota of summer boarders to keep us busy. "EN."

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Have you remitted for that new card? Get it early and avoid the rush.

Bro. J. E. Armstrong Day, the telegrapher at Boneville, is off a few days on account of sickness in family; relieved by Mr. Ed. Parish.

Bro. Hemphill, second trick man at Bethel, has resumed work after being absent for some time.

Bro. Red Stovall, second trick man at Ruslor, off duty a few days, "attending to business at Meridian."

Bro. Leslie Brooks, first trick telegrapher at Corinth, has for several days been visiting Look-out Mountain and other places of interest.

Bro. Tom Beadles, the agent at Berkeley, is laying off on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Robinson, of Ramer.

Bro. J. F. Hatley, agent at Laketon, is attending court; relieved by Mr. J. M. Overall, of Dyer.

Bro. R. Bailey, third trick at Union City, is off duty a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Rutledge, from Pery.

Bro. Mosely, of Kenton, and Dispatcher D. T. Amons, of Jackson, will leave Monday for Detroit, Mich., to enjoy vacation.

Bro. Jester, first trick man at Ruslor, is off duty a few days; relieved by Mr. Rutledge.

Bro. D. E. Underwood landed Percy, regular, on bulletin.

Mr. W. N. Nolan, second trick man at Red Bud, off a few day; relieved by Mr. Nelson.

I wonder if we will succeed in landing any of those non-airs this pay-day. We have several promises, but, well—they don't always live up to promises.

R. U. WIDEAWAKE.

Mineral Range Ry.

It has been so long since the Mineral Range has been represented in the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, that it will naturally lead some of the "used-to-bes" to believe that she is off the map. But not so; we are here and doing a good business.

The opening of navigation has caused some increase, starting the coal moving from Ripley dock as well as from Gay, causing most of us to get somewhat busier. Arrangements have been made to ship the surplus out-put of Ohmeek rock, which the Tamarack Mill is unable to handle, to the Franklin Mill. This will cause more business on the Point Mills branch, which, no doubt, will keep increasing.

Our Chief, C. I. Boshore, has returned from a three weeks' vacation, spent in Ohio and Indiana, visiting relatives. He reports having a very pleasant time.

Second Trick Dispatcher J. S. Keller, who has been acting as chief during Boshore's absence, is now off on a three weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. H. F. McMaster, from the South Shore.

Mr. Adams is filling the position of agent at Gay. He was formerly with the "Soo" line.

Bro. Allen holds down Calumet yard, days. He was formerly at Mass.

Mr. Owens is now telegrapher at Upper Mills.

Bro. Porter relieved Mr. Bolyn at Lower Mills, Mr. Bolyn bidding in Olston agency. Bro. Lewis has resigned, and it is understood that he intends to start in the hotel business at Alston. We wish him success.

A Mr. Harris is telegrapher at Dillon Bay. We are unable to say where he hails from.

G. E. Emery located at Arcodion Junction as agent. CERT. 1245.

Boston & Maine Ry.

White Mountain Division—

The summer schedule goes into effect June 28th. This is quite a change with the new rules and train order forms in use and requires careful study.

We understand that Bro. Fulford, of Meredith, is at present at Whitefield Junction.

Bro. Shackford, first trick at Tilton, bid in the ticket agency at Littleton.

Bro. Bouga, who has been working spare at Littleton, bid in the third trick at Lakeport. The vacancy was occasioned by the resignation of Bro. Woodward, who is now a motorman on the electric.

Sister Sargent, of Tilton, is away on a two weeks' vacation; Bro. Burnell relieving her.

The first trick at Tilton has not been assigned at this writing. Bro. H. W. Long was filling in for a few days, after which he was sent to Randolph, where he expects to stay during the summer.

Mr. Goodwin, formerly of Bowman, is at present working the first trick at Tilton.

The many friends of "Robbie" Robinson will be pleased to learn that he is at present working at Bristol, on the Concord Division. He is holding down the assistant agent trick there.

Any of the brothers hearing of changes and items of interest will confer a favor by sending same to Bro. Seery, at Tilton.

CERT. 177.

Shamokin Div., No. 117.

We are in receipt of a card from the secretary, informing us that our place of meeting for this month has been changed to Catawissa, in order to give the C. & W. boys a chance to attend. We would like to report the proceedings of this meeting with these items, but it would delay them too long.

Bro. Campbell, of Gordon, was the first to answer our appeal for assistance. He came forward in May with a splendid bunch of items, just

twenty-four hours too late—our letter had already gone on its Western way. This month he again sends us some interesting notes. We wish to thank him, and hope he will keep it up from month to month. Were all the other brothers to take as much interest in the Order as Bro. Campbell does, this would soon be the banner division. Now, I would kindly request Bro. Michael, at Quakake; Bro. Stadler, at Catawissa; Bro. Ranck, or Bro. Harris, at West Milton, to furnish me with notes from their respective districts. We will endeavor to take care of this end of the line, and perhaps we may still make this column worth reading.

Some one has started a petition asking for one relief day per month, with pay. This is all very well. It is no more than is granted by other systems in the East to their telegraphers. But did the boys on other roads secure their holidays through a petition? We hope the boys will not be disappointed as they have so often been in the past, but we also hope and pray that they will soon discover the error of their ways and go about these things like men and in a more business-like manner. The application blanks are awaiting you, friends.

The collieries throughout the coal regions are still running on short time, averaging about three days per week. Quite a number of offices are closed while the mines are idle, and the telegraphers in the "region" are making very poor time. This section of the road was at one time the flower of the division, so far as our Order was concerned, but the past few years have seen a noticeable decrease in our membership in a territory that is known far and wide as a very hotbed of unionism. Boys, can not you glean a lesson from the deeds of "Johnnie Mitchell's men"?

Telegrapher McCloughlin is relieving Telegrapher Gueldner at "QG," Tamaqua.

Telegrapher McNeal has returned to the P. & R. from the Penna. A non never remains long on the "Pennsy."

Telegrapher McCarthy is doing extra work at "DS," Tamaqua. Telegrapher Farrell, of "DS" office, is working on the sheets.

Telegrapher Geiger, of Pottsgrove, has accepted a position with the S. & N Y. at Newberry Junction.

Bro. Fisher, of Rupert, was a business caller at Williamsport recently.

Bro. Ernst, of Williamsport, third trick, has been appointed to the position of telegrapher at Lewisburg. Bro. Lundy, of the N. Y. C., has accepted third trick at Williamsport.

Bro. Harris is again assisting Bro. Ranck at West Milton.

Bros. Phillips, Lyons and Elingler, of "NB" Junction were visitors of Division No. 24, at their last regular meeting.

Some of the boys, and a number from Division No. 24, managed to squeeze into Socialist Hall, and listen to the speeches of the two Socialist lecturers, Prof. Midney, of Dayton, O., and Miss Hunt, of Chicago. Those who did not attend or were unable to get in certainly missed a rare treat, as these people are experts and are there with the goods, so far as the labor movement and Socialism are concerned.

Last Sunday the various railroad brotherhoods held their annual Memorial Day at Tamaqua. Rev. Stelzle was the chief speaker. We are informed there was a large turnout, and we are sorry that it was impossible for us to be there.

Now, boys, don't forget your semi-annual dues. Pay up promptly, and while you are at it, nail your neighbor—the non—also. CERT. 17.



GRAND DIVISION

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 124 is due July 1, 1909.

Time for payment expires August 31, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....	\$2.40 per year
On 500 00 (Series B).....	3.60 per year
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....	7.20 per year

BENEFITS PAID DURING JUNE, 1909.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CHRT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
812..	David W. Allan.....	Acute Endocarditis.....	7..	7357..	C..	\$1,000 00
868..	Wilbur P. Goodwin....	Killed by Train.....	132..	24727..	C..	1,000 00
895..	Henry G. Terrell.....	Measles.....	59..	20399..	B..	500 00
898..	Ella P. Tucker.....	Paralysis of Heart.....	8..	25233..	A..	300 00
905..	Harry A. Sechrist.....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	76..	6872..	B..	500 00
906..	Edward C. Clifford....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	41..	15222..	C..	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to May 31, 1909.....	\$771,689 69
Received on Assessment Account June, 1909.....	14,177 99
	<u>\$785,867 68</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to May 31, 1909.....	\$530,781 47
Death Claims paid in June.....	4,300 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,173 05
Assessments transferred to dues.....	201 53
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, June 30, 1909.....	249,411 63
	<u>\$785,867 68</u>

L. W. QUICK,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

General Offices, St. Louis, Mo.

GRAND OFFICERS.

H. B. PERHAM.....President. St. Louis, Mo.	L. W. QUICK....Grand Secretary and Treasurer. St. Louis, Mo.
J. A. NEWMAN.....First Vice-President. Flat "B," 3960 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Ill.	T. M. PIERSON.....Second Vice-President. St. Louis, Mo.
D. CAMPBELL.....Third Vice-President. 264 Rushholme Road, Toronto, Ont.	J. J. DERMODY.....Fourth Vice-President. St. Louis, Mo.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. O. Sinks, Chairman, Jefferson St. Depot, Portland, Ore.	C. E. Layman, Troutville, Va.
Geo. O. Forbes, Secretary, Spring Hill Junction, N. S.	C. G. Kelso, 1106 N. Jefferson St., Springfield, Mo.
	Geo. E. Joslin, Lock Box 11, Centerdale, R. I.

ADVERTISING.

All correspondence pertaining to advertising should be addressed to W N. Gates, Advertising Manager, Garfield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

DIVISION DIRECTORY.

GRAND DIVISION—Attached membership not confined to any particular railroad or territory. H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Masonic Temple, cor. Main and Market sts. (P. O. Bldg.), Lewistown, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltzman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munce, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo.; W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen'l Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 53 Jameson ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. B. West, Local Chairman, 11 Thompson st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division meets 3d Saturday evening in Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at Rochester, N. Y.; Jan., Mar., May, July Sept. and Nov., at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. M. B. Lynch, Local Chairman, 962 State st., Schenectady, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Wednesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Beech Creek District meets 2d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Mechanics' Hall, South Clearfield, Pa. J. W. Martenis, Local Chairman, Vilas, Pa. Electric Div. and Grand Central Terminal —Meets 2d Wednesday, at 9:30 a. m., and 4th Wednesday, at 8 p. m., each month, Colonial Building, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York. H. D. Murty, Local Chairman of Grand Central Terminal, 115 South High st., Mount Vernon, N. Y. E. M. O'Meara, Local Chairman of Electric Div., Dumont, N. J.; G. P. Alrutz, Asst. Local Chairman, in charge of Station Depart-

ment, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div. Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambricht, S. & T., Elizabethtown, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14.—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16.—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Cullins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18.—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. 1st, 2d and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio. A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20.—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; C. E. Downie, Local Chairman, Southern Div., South Fallsburg, N. Y.; S. H. Mulligan, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., Middletown, N. Y.;

F. A. Wood, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., East Branch, N. Y.; W. F. Persbacher, Local Chairman Scranton Div., Dickson City, Pa.; P. A. Towner, Local Chairman Northern Div., Sidney, N. Y.; F. A. McCuen, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Div., Oneida, N. Y.

No. 21.—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 22.—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System. R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.

No. 23.—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberg, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25.—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. E. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James Place, Brooklyn N. Y.

No. 27.—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31.—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

- No. 32.—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; E. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., 1516 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.
- No. 33.—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore Md. J. D. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman Eastern District, Baltimore Division; C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO," General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of January, April, July and October, at Woodstock, Md., at 8 p. m.; third Friday of February, August and November, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m., and third Friday of March, June, September and December, at Washington Junction, Md., at 11 a. m. M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Divisions, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.
- No. 34.—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.
- No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; John Trainor, Act'g S. & T., 120 Waterman ave., East Providence, R. I.
- No 36.—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburgh. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.
- No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Wm. A. Lamberton, Chief Tel., 15 George st., West Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield Mass.
- No. 39.—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.
- No. 40.—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.
- No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.
- No. 42.—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43.—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets ad Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 365 Shelton ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. B. Homan, Gen'l Chairman, Pando, Colo.; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2513 Pine st., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets ad and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 304 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKee, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky.

- Meets 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.
- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.
- No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.
- No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Asst Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy O. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nicholls, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.
- No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Asst Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.
- No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman. Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, Limestone, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.
- No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden,

- N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pleasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.
- No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. N. T. Bryson, Chief Tel., 84 Sweets ave., Trenton, N. J.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.
- No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.
- No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. DeSouza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel.; 1620 West Pensacola ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Asst Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherine st., Mobile, Ala.
- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.
- No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Belmond, Iowa.
- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.
- No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.
- No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. T. M. Seem, Chief Tel., Starkey, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.
- No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conschocken, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H.; G. A. Hall, Chief Tel., Boscawen, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.

- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.
- No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Cone-maugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.
- No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.
- No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavenner, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres, Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; J. H. McLean, Acting Gen'l S. & T., L'Anse, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:15 p. m.: Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct. and Nov. and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, Sept., and Dec. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha, & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.
- No. 121—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Colfax, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.
- No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.
- No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets 2d Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, 3d floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. K. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Penola, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Box 176, Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; I. W. Lusk, S. & T., 406 Chestnut st., Virginia, Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Box 328, Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Local Chairmen. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdell, N. Y., and Local Chairman Eastern Division; E. E. Smith, G. S. & T., Stoneboro, Pa., and Local Chairman Franklin Division; C. D. Hull, 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio, Local Chairman Toledo Division; J. H. Walker, Hillsdale, Mich., Local Chairman Michigan Division; M. S. Lowe, Monroe, Mich., Local Chairman Detroit Division; W. R. Adams, 402 W. 7th st., Auburn, Ind., Local Chairman, Lansing Division; E. D. Graham, 207 E. 7th st., Mishawaka, Ind., Local Chairman Western Division.

No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.

No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—C. A. Bildeau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.

No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on 2d Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.

No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets 3d Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Building, Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.

No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Building, Olean, N. Y.; A. D. Matthewson, Chief Tel., Ischua, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calicum, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 138—Division covers C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Building, Springfield, O. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division—Meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman. Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman, Indianapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg, monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Di-

vision meets subject to call of chairman; D. C. Heuck, Mooreland, Ind., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlement, Local Chairman, Carrier Mills, Ill.

No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. S. F. Gallagher, Gen'l Chairman, Fabyan House, N. H.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. B. Dunn, Gen'l Chairman, Centre Point, Texas; J. H. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Josephine st., San Antonio, Texas.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. A. Donart, Gen'l Chairman, 2616 Force st., Ft. Wayne, Ind.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.

No. 144—Division covers the Trinity and Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Texas.

No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. Geo. C. Webster, G. S. & T., Dalhart, Texas.

No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. J. C. Means, Gen'l S. & T., Oglethorpe, Ga.

TWIN CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB.—Meets second Saturday night each month at Columbia Hall, Prior and University aves., St. Paul, Minn. R. R. Foulkes, Pres., 232 Cayuga st., St. Paul, Minn.; T. H. Line, S. & T., 2365 Doswell ave., St. Paul, Minn.

TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF N. Y.—Meets subject to call of President at "The Plaza," 141st st. and Edgecombe ave., New York City; M. G. Woolley, President, 155th st. and 8th ave., New York City; E. Neumuller, S. & T., 126 Union st., High Bridge, New York City.

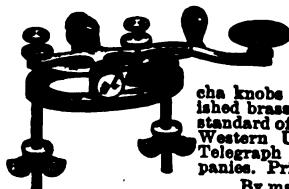
RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF RICHMOND, VA.—Meets at Picket Camp Hall, 307 N. 7th st., second Saturday night of each month. All O. R. T. men are cordially invited. There will be short talks on various subjects of interest to telegraphers at each meeting.

"SOMETHING ELECTRICAL FOR EVERYBODY"

CATALOG G24
184 PAGES

1000 ILLUSTRATIONS FREE

STEEL LEVER KEYS



All parts are handsomely finished. Has nickel-plated lever, gutta percha knobs and highly polished brasswork. It is the standard of the Postal and Western Union Telegraph Companies. Price..... **95c**
By mail, 9c extra.

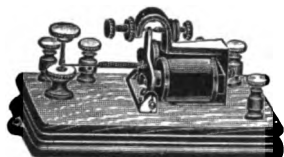
STEEL LEVER KEYS TOP CONNECTIONS

A thoroughly reliable instrument that has been universally adopted by telegraphers. All keys are fitted with our improved adjustment spring holder.



Price..... **\$1.05**
By mail, 9c extra.

STANDARD PONY RELAY



Finely finished and mounted on mahogany base with ornamental surbase. Will work with perfect ease on lines up to 20 miles, where main line sounders fail to give satisfaction.

Requires much less battery power than a main line sounder of similar resistance. Price, wound to 20 ohms.... **\$1.50**

GEM ELECTRIC MESSAGE VIBRATOR (BATTERY TYPE)



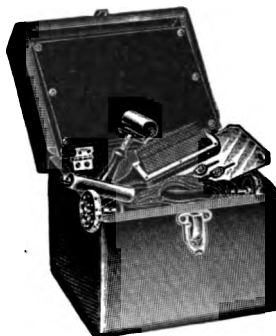
This outfit is a practical electric massage machine for household use.

The vibrations are of such a character as to be very penetrating, thus reaching the deep muscular parts of the body.

It is self contained, the vibrator, cord, plug and four applicators being carried in a space left for them in the same box that contains the batteries. The box is finished in imitation leather and has nickel-plated carrying handle

List No. 2243. Gem Electric Massage Vibrator.....Net Price **\$6.50**

APOLLO MEDICAL BATTERY



This new double cell medical battery is particularly recommended where more current is desired than can be obtained from the single cell type. It is furnished in polished oak ornamental case. All metal parts finished in polished nickel. Dimensions.. 9x7x8 in. high. Furnished with one Foot Plate, two Sponges, one Massage Roller, one Hair Brush and two Metal

Hand Electrodes, two Wooden Electrode Handles, one pair Silk Conducting Cords. It has Nickel-Plated Binding Posts, Battery and Pole Changing Switches. Induction Coil arranged with graduated scale. All Electrodes contained in a separate compartment.

List No. 2233. Apollo Battery..... **\$1.20**

RELIABLE FLOOR TREAD



A slight pressure of the foot will close the contact. It's construction is simple. Its action perfect. When placed under rug or carpet it cannot become a short circuit. It is felt-lined, so there is not the slightest chance of scratching the most highly finished floor. It is but 1/4-inch thick and very easy to wire.

List No. 1150.....Price **\$0.75**

EUREKA TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENT



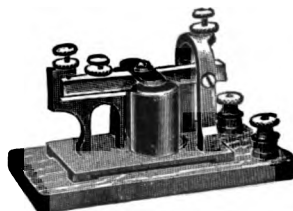
A moderate priced combination set, being low in price, durable and efficient. Copy of Philosophy and Practice of Morse Telegraphy free with each instrument. Wound, 5

ohms, \$1.15; Wound, 20 ohms, \$1.25.

IMPROVED GIANT SOUNDER

Unequaled for quick action, loudness and clear tone. A very popular instrument with expert telegraphers.

Price, 5 ohms,



\$1.40

MANHATTAN ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CO., New York

General Offices and Showrooms, 17 PARK PLACE

BRANCHES { 110 West 42nd St., New York.
27 West 125th St., New York.
188 Fifth Ave., Chicago.

FACTORIES { Jersey City, N. J.
Kewanna, Ohio.



PROMOTED!

¶ Don't worry about the boss not having his eye on you and noticing the improvement in your work. Remember he is human—he is on the look-out for good men. His success, and the firm's, depends on his ability to select the right man.

¶ If you are a little better than the other man—if you know more about your work than he does, do you suppose the boss will pass you by and boost the other fellow?

¶ You wish you had a better job. You wish you knew more, then you could do more and earn more. Fill in the blank form below and let us tell you how these wishes can be realized.

¶ Our advice, based upon the experiences of our successful students and graduates will cost you nothing. It may start you right and change your whole future.

¶ The American School of Correspondence is an educational institution. We employ no agents or collectors. The merits of our work make this unnecessary.

¶ Advice regarding the work you wish to take up and our complete Bulletin will be sent for the coupon. There's no obligation attached to this—mail it to-day.

WE HELP MEN HELP THEMSELVES

AMERICAN SCHOOL of CORRESPONDENCE
CHICAGO, U. S. A.

FREE INFORMATION COUPON

American School of Correspondence:

Please send me free your Bulletin of engineering information and advise me how I can qualify for position marked "X."

... Electrical Engineer	... Telephone Engineer
... Draftsman	... Heating and Ventilating Engineer
... Civil Engineer	... Plumber
... Mechanical Engineer	... Architect
... Stationary Engineer	... Hydraulic Engineer
... Structural Engineer	... Textile Boss
... Municipal Engineer	... Sheet Metal Pattern Draftsman
... Railroad Engineer	... College Preparatory Course
... Structural Draftsman	... Sanitary Engineer

NAME

ADDRESS

OCCUPATION ¢

R. R. Telegrapher 7-09

WE SELL ON TIME

TO REPUTABLE OPERATORS



Note the
two lower
sills are
steel tub-
ing.

Buda No. 10 Motor Velocipede.

Many who intend "some day" buying a car put in the "some day" clause because they have not the ready money. Now you need not wait on this account. You can purchase a car from us on monthly installments convenient to you and use the car in the meantime.

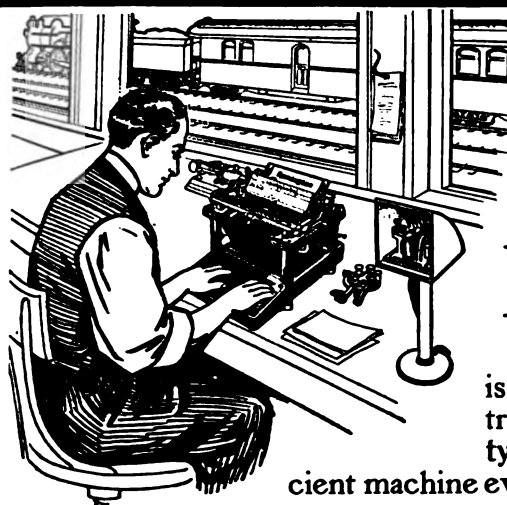
If you expect ever to get a car, you need it now just as much as ever you will. Why not, then, arrange to get one now? Why deprive yourself of the advantages of a car until some later time?

Money you would spend in some other way you can apply to a car and no doubt get a good deal more benefit out of it. A car of this kind comes about as near being a business necessity and a luxury at the same time as anything one can think of. It is certainly a boon to the man at a small station. Some of our cars have seat arranged for passengers. We sell lots of these velocipedes to operators, and everywhere they are declared the best. And they are.

Hand Propelled Velocipedes. These cost less of course. Some find they serve their purpose very well. Being ball-bearing they operate easily. We sell them on time also. Get our new catalogue and look them over.

Write today for our New Catalogue Jy. T. 135. It shows all types of Motor and Hand Propelled Velocipedes.

BUDA FOUNDRY & MFG. CO.
CHICAGO, ILL.



The Model 10 Remington

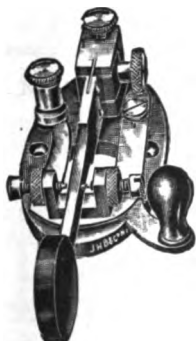
is the latest and greatest Remington triumph; the latest and greatest typewriter triumph; the most efficient machine ever built for the telegrapher's use.

The Model 10 has all the famous Remington qualities which have always made the Remington the telegrapher's choice, combined with new features which mean more work and faster work with less labor than ever before.

Remington Typewriter Company

(Incorporated)
New York and Everywhere

THE DOUBLE SPEED KEY IS THE COMING KEY



Why pay big money for a Complicated Device with a fantastic name when Double Speed Key will do the work faster and better and can be bought for one-third the price? Get one and be convinced. Send for circular.

AGENTS WANTED EVERYWHERE.

J. H. BUNNELL & CO.,

Manufacturers of High-Grade Telegraph Apparatus.

20 Park Place

NEW YORK

OUR NEW CATALOGUE 25 X SENT ON APPLICATION.

GET THIS \$1200.00 NEXT MONTH!

WHAT A BLESSING TO ALWAYS HAVE MONEY IN ABUNDANCE



"SEE IT ENERGIZE."
See view Comb. Portable
and Bathroom Outfit.

You can, **Hundreds Getting Rich the "New Way."** Said to be world's greatest
it's easy. One man actually made **\$1281.00 IN ONE MONTH, \$51.50 IN 15 MINUTES, \$800.00 IN EIGHT DAYS.** Not
a fairy tale, fake or humbug, but absolutely true—sworn statement. New, wonderful discovery. Causing great
enthusiasm. Readers, listen, see, read how this invention has made, is making thousands of dollars for others.
Does \$1200.00 Monthly "My sales \$1281.00 one month, \$1118.00 another. Best thing **SWORN STATEMENT BY**
INTEREST YOU? ever sold. Not one complaint from 2000 customers." **M. G. STONEMAN, Mgr.**
"SOLD \$2212.00 IN 2 WEEKS. Not one dissatisfied user," writes Korstad & Mercer, Minn. "My sales
\$1680.00 IN 73 DAYS," writes C. D. Rasp, Wis. "Canvassed 60 PEOPLE—GOT 55 ORDERS. Sold \$320.00
in 16 days," writes W. H. Reese, Pa. "Enclosed order for **\$115.00 FIRST DAY'S WORK.** Best thing I ever
worked," writes L. H. Langley, N. D. "Everybody thinks apparatus finest thing. Sold 15 one afternoon,"
writes Miss Eva Edwards, Nev., after ordering 73. "I averaged **\$164.25 WEEKLY** for three months, undoubtedly
edly best line on market," writes J. W. Beem, Kan. "Finest seller I ever saw, catches the eye. Don't wait
anything better. **SELL 8 OUT-OF 10 HOUSES,**" writes Wm. Maroney, Okla. "A man that
can't sell your outfit couldn't sell bread in a famine, send 48 more," writes J. B. Cashman, Minn.
"I make **\$100.00 DAILY,**" writes J. Sevegne, N. Y.
HUNDREDS MEN AND WOMEN TELL OF WONDERFUL SUCCESS equipping town and
farm homes with Allen's Portable Bath Apparatus. 50,000 already sold. Acknowledged best
thing ever happened for humanity. Nothing like it. Gives every home a modern bathroom
for only \$5.00. Think of it! Costs nothing to operate. Use wherever water in any form
exists. So energizes water that one gallon does more than tub full old way. Gives cleansing,
friction, massage, shower baths altogether or separately. Cleanses almost automatically. Makes
bathing 5 minute operation. Only clean, running water touches body—no immersion. No
tubs, buckets, bowls, washrags or sponges—no plumbing. Insures cleanliness without drudgery—
prolongs life—prevents disease. Small, but mighty—carried in grip. Endorsed by famous **Bake**
Creek Sanitarium and other celebrated authorities. Most popular, easiest, quickest, surest
selling household article going.

Let us give you an appointment worth \$40.00 to \$60.00 weekly

plus freedom from drudgery, long hours, wage earning, bossism, job hunting. We want more
AGENTS, SALESMEN, MANAGERS, either sex, at home or traveling all or spare time, to sell
orders, appoint, supply, control sub-agents. Hustlers getting rich. **EXPERIENCE UNNECESSARY.** Simply supply enormous demand already made—that's all. Every customer
anxious to boost your business. No easier, quicker certain way to make money. **Exciting**
business—big profits—popular goods, guaranteed by an old reliable \$50,000.00 house—
absolutely no competition—exclusive territory—co-operation and assistance.

CREDIT GIVEN—SEND NO MONEY—only your name and address on a postal card
today for world's greatest agency offer, valuable booklets, credit plan, proofs of phenomenal
success—**ALL FREE. COSTS NOTHING TO INVESTIGATE. MEET US THAT**
FAR ANYHOW.

THE ALLEN MFG. CO., - 2128 ALLEN BLDG., TOLEDO, OHIO

Typewriters

That's All

FOR SALE OR RENT

All standard makes rebuilt in our own shop by expert workmen,
and sold at the very lowest figures.

A guarantee that is good given with all sales and also with all
repair work done.

The only Typewriter Company represented at the **Atlanta**
Convention. For references ask your Delegate.

Send for our catalogue.

McDonald Typewriter Co.,

263 LaSalle St., Chicago.

W. F. McDonald, Pres. **John A. Black, Secy. & Treas.** **G. Dal Jones,**
Secy.-Treas. Division 91, O. R. T. **Chief Tel. Div. 91, O. R. T.**

Our Famous "Railroad Special"

Designed for Operators who do heavy train order work; has finely ground and carefully tested agate point, firmly vulcanised into a hard rubber handle, cannot possibly come loose, large rough grip, smoothest, easiest writing stylus ever made. Sent postpaid for 60 cts. Send for one today, and use it 5 days, then we'll buy it back for 60 cts. if you want to sell.

A fine safety razor only 20 cts. postpaid. We guarantee our razor to do as good work as any \$5.00 razor made, is heavily nickel-plated, adjustable for light or close shave, simple to use, and cannot get out of order, mailed packed in a neat box, with 3 keen blades for the price of only 2 shaves. Order today. Save yourself money.

STAR NOVELTY CO., FT. SCOTT, KANSAS.

Our Safety Three-Wheeler

IS THE STRONGEST, LIGHTEST RUNNING CAR KNOWN.

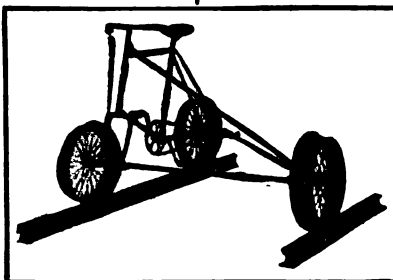
IT IS THE IDEAL CAR FOR OPERATORS.

"The Rider is Seated Inside of the Rail Instead of Directly over it."

By our original placing of the seat, the rider's weight is borne equally by each wheel. This gives the car the greatest possible strength with least possible weight and renders it absolutely safe in rounding curves at full speed.

It has
BALL BEARINGS
and
RUBBER TIRES
and is practically noiseless.

It can be folded into a package eighteen inches thick and weighs sixty pounds. The



materials and workmanship are all of the best and fully covered by our guarantee.

B. M. Mahoney, B. & O. operator at Leslie, Md., says: "Am still riding my wheel purchased two years ago and it is giving perfect satisfaction."

**COULD
YOU WANT
MORE THAN THAT?**

We also make single and double seat four-wheel cars, tandem

four-wheelers, extra front seats—easily attachable to any of these models—and motor cars

Write to day for catalog and prices.

Light Inspection Car Co., Hagerstown, Ind., U. S. A.

SHORTHAND IN 30 DAYS

We absolutely guarantee to teach shorthand complete in thirty days. You can learn in spare time in your own home, no matter where you live. No need to spend months as with old systems. Boyd's Syllabic System is different in principle from all other systems. The first radical improvement in shorthand since 1820. It is easy to learn—easy to write—easy to read. Simple. Practical. Speedy. Sure. No ruled lines—no positions—no shading, as in other systems. No long list of word signs to confuse. Only nine characters to learn and you have the entire English language at your absolute command. The best system for stenographers, private secretaries, newspaper reporters. Lawyers, ministers, teachers, physicians, literary folk and business men may now learn shorthand for their own use. Thousands of business and professional men and women find their shorthand a great advantage. The Boyd System is the only system suited to home study. Our graduates hold lucrative, high-grade positions everywhere. Send to-day for free booklet, testimonials, guarantee offer, and full description of this new Syllabic shorthand system.

Address

CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS, 1010 Chicago Opera House Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

When addressing our advertisers, please mention The Railroad Telegrapher.

Why not a big-profit store of your own?

A splendid living can be made on a comparatively small investment in a retail line which I'll be glad to tell you about. I also know good towns where such stores are needed.

EDWARD B. MOON, 13 West Water St., Chicago, Ill.

OK

Is the Decision

of the official railroad
inspector, if it is a

Rockford

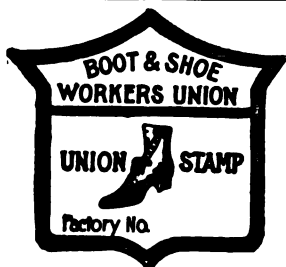
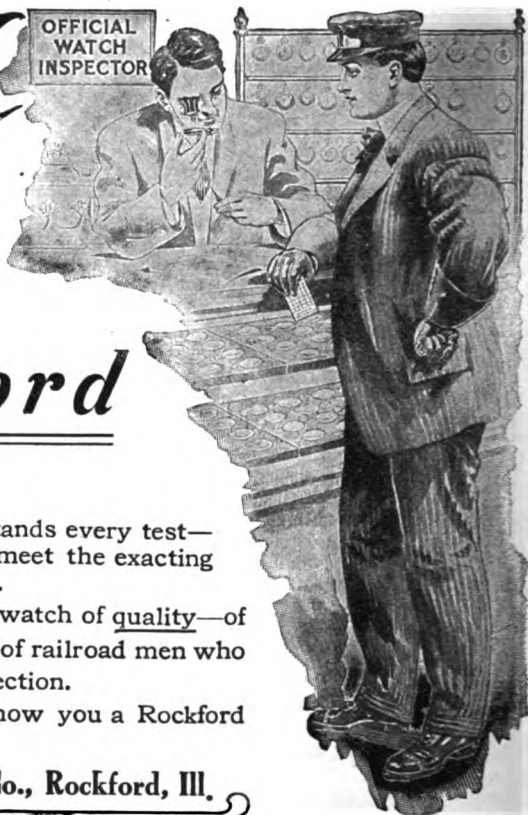


The railroad watch that stands every test—
and is especially made to meet the exacting
requirements of railroading.

The Rockford Watch is the watch of quality—of
efficiency. It is the choice of railroad men who
must have mechanical perfection.

Your jeweler will gladly show you a Rockford
Watch.

The Rockford Watch Co., Rockford, Ill.



UNDERSTAND BROTHER UNIONIST

That the best made shoes—the shoes made under the best
manufacturing conditions—the shoes that best stand wear
—bear the Union Stamp, as shown herewith.

Ask your dealer for Union Stamp Shoes, and if he can
not supply you write

BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' UNION

246 Summer Street, BOSTON, MASS.

PATENTS C. L. PARKER Attorney at Law and Solicitor of Patents
158 McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C.
Patents secured promptly. Reports rendered as to patentability,
validity and infringement. Hand Book for inventors sent upon request.



Get Busy, Boys!

If your townspeople contemplate putting in an exchange, or the farmers in your vicinity build a rural party line, write us about it and we will tell you how you can make a lot of money on the side. Government experts pronounce our telephones better than all others.

SWEDISH-AMERICAN TELEPHONE CO.
CHICAGO, ILL. Div. 15.

Operators can guarantee fair treatment to prospective customers from the firm. The President and Treasurer is an O. R. C. man in good standing, Div. No. 110, Logansport, Indiana. Sales manager is a B. L. E. man, No. 120, Pontoon Div., McGregor, Iowa.

From the Wire to a Smith Premier Typewriter

That is the surest and safest manner of handling messages. The Smith Premier writes accurately, easily and quietly, and is always equal to the amount and kind of work demanded by a busy railroad office.

The favorite "mill" of the operators of America.

THE SMITH PREMIER TYPEWRITER CO.
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Branches Everywhere



TYPEWRITERS, ALL MAKES.

At $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ manufacturer's prices
All the Standard Machines, including

LATEST MODELS.

SOLD OR RENTED ANYWHERE.

Rental applied on price.

Write for Illustrated Catalogue.

TYPEWRITER EMPORIUM,

92-94 E. LAKE STREET,

CHICAGO

MODEL LAUNDERED SHIRTS



Union Made

Satisfaction guaranteed to the man who wears our brand of shirts. They are honestly made of the best materials and we cut each size on an individual size pattern, which assures you of a perfect fit.

The Model Royal Blue, our well known indigo Railroad Men's Shirt is *warranted* not to fade. It can be had in plain blue indigo, white pin dot, and white hair line stripe, made with either attached cuffs and attached collar or attached cuffs and two detached collars.

Buy MODEL Shirts and convince yourself that they are the best. We make all kinds of fine laundered shirts at \$1.00 and \$1.50. If your dealer cannot supply you with our shirts, we will send on receipt of price, carrying charges prepaid.

Model Shirt Company

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

FREE Dollar Bottle Vitaline

YOU PAY NOTHING FOR IT

Dr. Rainey says: "My scientific formula of Vitaline is the sure cure for the diseases and symptoms mentioned below—it's the most certain of all and there is no doubt about this. Vitaline tablets are just the treatment so many are looking for, what they should have and must have to be made strong, vigorous and healthy. It makes no difference how weak you are nor how long you have had your trouble. Vitaline will easily overcome it—it will not fail nor disappoint you."

NERVOUS WEAKNESS, DEBILITY—Lost Vitality, Nervous Weakness, Wornout Feeling, Weak, Aching Back, Lack of Strength, Energy or Ambition, Bad Dreams, Poor Memory, Bashful, Restless at Night, Despondent.

STOMACH TROUBLES—Pain in Stomach, Loss of Appetite, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Bad Taste or Breath, Sick Headache, Bloating, Heartburn, Sour Belching, Spitting Up, Catarrh, Gas, Gnawing, Nervousness.

HEART WEAKNESS—Fluttering, Skipping, Palpitation, Pain in Heart, Side or Shoulder Blade, Short Breath, Weak, Sinking, Cold or Dizzy Spells, Swelling, Rheumatism, Throbbing in Excitement or Exertion.

CATARRH—Hawking, Spitting, Nose Running Watery or Yellowish Matter, or Stopped Up, Sneezing, Dull Headache, Coughing, Deafness; Pains in Kidneys, Bladder, Lungs, Stomach or Bowels may be Catarrh.

BLOOD TROUBLES—General Debility, Paleness, Thin, Weak, Run-Down, Nervous, Rash, Sores, Ulcers, Pimples, Chilly or Feverish, Loss of Flesh and Strength.

ENCLOSE 10 CENTS IN STAMPS OR COIN.

Dr. Rainey Medicine Co., Dep 12, 152 Lake Street, Chicago. I enclose amount for postage and packing. Send at once by mail in plain package, \$1.00 bottle Vitaline Tablets, without cost or obligation to me.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....



FILL COUPON BELOW

by writing your name and address. Send just 10 cents in stamps or coin to get the bottle packed and pay postage. This is all you have to do to get a \$1 bottle of Vitaline Tablets free. We give you the \$1 bottle without cost or obligation to prove what a wonderful remedy Vitaline Tablets are. We know when you have taken them you will say with a glad heart that you have at last found the right medicine.

Vitaline tablets act on the Vital Organs that generate the vital warmth and the nerve force which makes one feel strong, vigorous and healthy, equal to all the duties and pleasures of robust strength and life. They give you vigor and vitality every day and restore you so quickly and completely you never know there was anything the matter.

Vitaline tablets are guaranteed under U. S. Pure Food and Drugs Act—Serial No. 337—you have never had anything like them, combining their wonderful healing and strengthening power.

We send you our beautifully illustrated book, "Vitality"—you have never seen one like it. Our testimonials from people cured after ten to forty years of doctoring will convince you of all we claim for Vitaline.

Vitaline Tablets

The PHILLIPS CODE

A thoroughly tested method of
shorthand, arranged for
Telegraphic Purposes
and contemplating the rapid
transmission of press reports;
also intended to be used as an
easily acquired method for
General Newspaper and
Court Reporting.

PRICE, ONE DOLLAR

Address

L. W. QUICK









ST. LOUIS, MO.

::

::

::

Grand Sec'y and Treas.

A few of our graduates.

STUDY LAW

**LEADING LAW
SCHOOL IN COR-
RESPONDENCE
INSTRUCTION**

Established 1892.


Prepares for the bar. The course is thorough and practical. Moot Court and Department of Practice included in the course. Text-books same as are used in resident law schools. Classes begin the first Monday of each month. Approved by the bench and bar. We also have a Business law course that is not excelled anywhere.

Tuition Reasonable—School Exactly as Represented—The One-Priced School.

WE HAVE A LARGER NUMBER OF GRADUATES IN SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE THAN ALL THE OTHER CORRESPONDENCE LAW SCHOOLS COMBINED

Write today for full particulars. We send a 48-page booklet which gives a synopsis of the courses, also, gives the rules and requirements for the examination for admission to the Bar of the several States and Territories.

CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL OF LAW, 502 Reaper Block, Chicago



**STUDY
LAW
at Home**

Subscribe for The Railroad Telegrapher One dollar per year



BOYS, don't get your visiting cards outside. Patronize your BROTHER, who is putting out some of the handsomest hand-written cards you ever saw at 20c. per dozen.

AGENTS WANTED. Cards come in all colors, comic and artistic designs, emblem and double shading, black, white, gold and red inks. Diplomas and charts filled in, also lessons in penmanship.

(Cert. 318, Div. 41.) **Box 14, Elliot, Maine**



AGENTS AND OPERATORS

THE

NICHOL'S PENCIL POCKET

Saves Your Pencils, Fountain Pens and Your Temper.

The inside spring does the work. Something new—try one.

Send the name of your stationer and 25c (silver) and receive one by return mail.

F. K. SHEAR, Ulster Park, N. Y.

Cert. 1313. Div. 8.

Price 15c

PATENTS THAT PROTECT AND PAY

Advice and Books Free. Rates Reasonable.
Highest References. Best Services.

WATSON E. COLEMAN, Patent Lawyer

612 Fst. N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.



TYPEWRITERS, \$2.00 TO \$100.00

Talking Machines, \$2.50 to \$75.00; Records, 5c to 75c; Watches, \$1.00 to \$15.00; Bicycles, \$3.00 to \$35.00; Motorcycles, \$50.00 to \$100.00; Automobiles, \$200.00 to \$500.00; Pianos, \$25.00 to \$300.00; Sewing Machines, \$3.50 to \$25.00; Get catalogue. Buy, sell, exchange, rent, repair.

KNIGHT'S, 211 N. 12th Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Every Operator

Needs a card and pass case, and cards. Three unequalled offers.

No. 1—Genuine Cordovan Leather Case, black, smooth grain, with transparent pocket, buttoned pocket, and gusset pocket; and 100 finest cards, ladies' or gentlemen's, script or old English, with one or two following devices in color: wreath and sounder, key, relay, O. R. T. Monogram, railway clerks emblem, for \$5.00. Cards alone, \$3.00. Case alone, \$3.00.

No. 2—Genuine Levant Leather Case, black, seal grain, with transparent pocket, buttoned pocket and gusset pocket; and 100 cards, same as above, for \$1.30. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, \$1.00.

No. 3—Genuine English Calf Leather Case, russet, ribbed grain, with transparent pocket, flap pocket and three gusset pockets; and 100 cards, same as above, for \$1.45. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, \$1.15. Name on all cases.

Wedding Invitations or Announcements
Finest quality, 100 for \$2.50. 50 for \$2.50, express prepaid. Patronize the fraternity.

E. J. WILKINS, FRIENDSHIP, N. Y. Cert. 45
Div. 43



WRITE ME

for special price list on telegraphers' mills before buying. I give the best values to be had and personally inspect and pass every machine before it goes out of my shop. When writing mention O. R. T. certificate number.

ALL MAKES

W. A. WHITEHEAD

36 LASALLE STREET

CHICAGO

DO YOU NEED A "MILL"

EARN ONE AS GOOD AS NEW

*Any Make, Its Easy
When you know How.*

*Stop Paying Rent on One
If you are Paying Rent.*

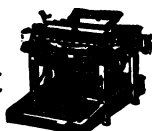
*If you want to know
How, Write to the*

WALTER RETLAW CO.,

77 CHAMBERS ST., NEW YORK CITY.

Reconstructors of Type-
writers and Typewriter
Business Methods.

Rebuilt



New

REMINGTON TYPEWRITERS

To members of O. R. T. only

No. 6 REMINGTON REBUILT NEW,

LATEST IMPROVED with No. 9

Speed Escapement, Push-In Variable
Line Spacer.

Cash, with Order.....\$50.00

\$5.00 Cash with Order, Balance

C. O. D., with Examination.. 55 00

\$10.00 Cash with Order,

\$10.00 Monthly..... 60.00

SPLENDID No. 6 REMINGTON
REBUILT NEW

Cash with Order.....\$35.00

\$5.00 with Order, Balance

C. O. D., with Examination.. 40.00

\$10.00 Cash with Order, Balance

\$7.00 Monthly..... 45.00

FULLY GUARANTEED

All other makes cheap

GENERAL TYPEWRITER REBUILDERS

21 Murray St.,

NEW YORK CITY

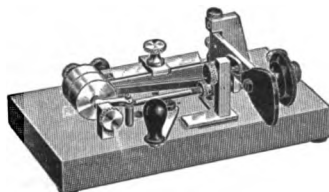
MORE MECOGRAPHS

are in use than all other automatic transmitters combined.

No other sending machine in the world gives such universal satisfaction.

Every operator, whether expert or tyro, for his own good, ought to use some sending machine. Get the best—the MECOGRAPH.

Don't waste any money on an inferior infringing machine; the manufacturers of which we have suits against and expect to win.



Bear in mind—We were the first to make a low price on sending machines. At the time the Mecograph made its appearance the very cheapest transmitter was \$24.00. We brought the price down to \$10.00, and now we place it at \$5.00, and until further notice will fill orders at \$7.50.

Carrying case, \$1 extra.

SEND FOR CIRCULAR.

MADE BY

MECOGRAPH COMPANY

Manufacturers of Telegraph Instruments.

321 Frankfort Ave. CLEVELAND, OHIO, U. S. A.



TRAVELING SALESMEN

earn from \$1,000 to \$10,000 a year and expenses. Over 600,000 employed in the United States and Canada. The demand for good Salesmen always exceeds the supply. We will teach you to be an expert by mail. We maintain the best **FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU** in the world and receive calls for thousands of Salesmen. Have assisted thousands of men to secure good positions and better salaries. Many who formerly earned \$25 to \$75 a month have since earned from \$100 to \$500 a month and expenses. Hundreds of good openings for the fall rush. If you want to secure one of them or increase your earnings our free book "*A Knight of the Grip*" will show you how. Write or call for it today. Address nearest office.
Dept. 215 National Salesmen's Training Association
 Chicago, New York, Kansas City, Minneapolis, San Francisco.

BLOOD POISON

successfully treated in any stage. If you have ulcers, mucous patches in the mouth, sore throat, eruptions, copper colored spots on the body, falling hair, swollen glands, pains in the bones, or severe continued headache, our special treatment will cure you. Our **DR. PANTER**, former chief physician of the original **Cook Remedy Co.**, treated over 30,000 patients of that company in the last fifteen years ending May 12th, 1908, the date that company discontinued taking cases to treat. Booklet on Blood Poison, testimonials and full information about our case, **FREE**. Write
PANTER REMEDY CO.
 Suite 258, 67 Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.

TYPEWRITER VALUES

that will interest you.

We **Aim to Save You Money** on every machine we send out. Exceptional offers on Smith Premier, Remington and Fay Sholes.

We rent all makes, with rental allowance if purchased. Ask for particulars and Catalog.

ROCKWELL-BARNES COMPANY

1201 Baldwin Bldg.,

Chicago

READ THIS, BOYS!

We want to sell 25,000 pairs of half sleeves in the next 30 days. This sleeve is made of good Black Satteen, lettered O. R. T., Agents, or plain, as you wish. Sent to any address for 25c in coin, or express or P. O. order. Send your order today. Address,

M. E. CARTER, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

STUDY LAW AT HOME

The oldest and best school. Instruction by mail adapted to every one. Recognized by courts and educators. Experienced and competent instructors. Takes spare time only. Three courses—Preparatory, Business, College. Prepares for practice. Will better your condition and prospects in business. Students and graduates everywhere. Full particulars and Easy Payment Plan free. Sprague Correspondence School of Law.
 700 Majestic Building
 Detroit, Mich.



SCIENTIFIC DIAMONDS

The Latest Sensation

If you are in doubt let us convince you. Send us \$2.50 deposit and we will send you on approval heavy 14-k. solid gold Tiffany, set with 1-k. Scientific Diamond. Price \$5.00. If satisfactory remit \$2.50 by first mail. If not, return and we will refund deposit. Send for catalog.

W. H. HOLLISTER & CO., Importers,
 Dept. N. Masonic Temple, Chicago.

Promotions Means Bigger Pay

The Railroad Officers of today, having charge of Station Work, are hiring and promoting only such men as have **HAD RAILROAD TRAINING.**

The G. S. R. T. prepares you for positions and promotion, by a regular System of Teaching, with copyrighted texts, written to cover all branches of Station Work. We do not teach Telegraphy or the Operation of Trains.

—Write today for Booklet—

THE GRADEN SYSTEM OF RAILROAD TRAINING
 510 Schofield Building, - CLEVELAND, O.

PAY 50 CENTS A WEEK NOTHING DOWN



I will sell you the best **DROP HEAD OAK CABINET HIGH ARM SEWING MACHINE** made. Pay me nothing, until you get it, try it and decide if you want it; after that pay me 50 cents a week (or if more convenient you may pay monthly). To married railroad men I require no contract or lease of any kind. Deal strictly confidential and, further, I will save you one-half in cost. If you are a railroad man and can use a sewing machine I will make you a marvelously low price and liberal terms offer. Just write me a postal card and say, "Mail me your offer." No. 12

FRED BIFFAR, 40 Dearborn St. CHICAGO, ILL.

PERSONAL.

If you are afflicted with **BLOOD POISON** in any stage or **RHEUMATISM** in any form, you can learn of a permanent and positive cure by addressing

SALVAR MEDICINE CO.,

Salvar Bldg., 1407 Olive St.,
 100-page book free. ST. LOUIS.

Learn Watch Repairing

As a watchmaker—you can learn this profitable trade by correspondence in a few weeks in your own home by the DeSelms Chart System. After you complete the course you will know a watch from A to Z. You will know just what the matter is and how to repair it. When you graduate you will be a practical watchmaker and repairer and competent to fill any position. Positions for our graduates.

Ask for our Free Book. It explains our system and terms.
THE DESELMS WATCH SCHOOL
 10 Perry St. ATTICA, INDIANA



IF ITS BADGES

for Organizations or Clubs you are interested in, write for our catalogue and discounts.

STEINER ENGRAVING & BADGE CO.
 9 NORTH 6TH ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.



FLASH LIKE GENUINE

Day or night. You can own a Diamond equal in brilliancy to any genuine stone at one-third the cost.

Baroda Diamonds in Solid Gold Rings stand acid test and expert examination. We guarantee them. See them first, then pay. Catalogue Free. Patent Ring Measure included for FIVE two-cent stamp.

THE BARODA COMPANY
 Dept. 28. 230 North State Street, Chicago

GET YOU A New Lapel Button

OR
Watch Charm

Emblem Buttons

Solid Gold Front

\$1.00 EACH

**Ladies'
Rolled Gold Plate
Front**

50 Cents EACH

**Watch Charms
Fine Rolled Gold
Charms**

\$1.50 EACH

Rolled Gold Front Plate

50 Cents EACH

The Official Emblem of the O. R. T. is a Sounder surrounded by a wreath. They are now made up in the latest style with enameled face and screw back, both in solid gold and rolled plate. It is the neatest thing of the kind ever produced.

L. W. QUICK

**GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER
ST. LOUIS, MO.**

REGULATION UNIFORM OAP



\$2.50

Express
Prepaid

B LACK ribbed silk (best quality), heavy patent leather visor. Gold embroidered letters, two rows gold tape. Mention correct size. Prompt shipments. Light weight. Forwarded express prepaid on receipt of express or P. O. money order. \$2.50 catalogue mailed free. **GOETTLER HAT CO., 1266 S. Broadway, ST. LOUIS, MO.**

This Great Invention Works With Nature

Ever since I perfected my Anti-Tension Compress (pat. 8-19-02) I have advertised it as an improvement on the suspensory bandage and a positive aid to Nature in curing Varicose and its attendant ailments. As proof I receive many letters of commendation. I would like to send you some facsimile copies free, plainly sealed, with a copy of my booklet on the Cause, Effect and Cure of this widespread complaint. May I do so? My Anti-Tension Compress included for \$2.00. Address—

MARK M. KERR, M. D., Station K 799 Cincinnati, Ohio



\$5.00 IN TWO HOURS!

This is what you can earn making photo buttons with the

WONDER CANNON

Photo Button Machine



No experience nor dark room required. Makes finished photo buttons in thirty seconds, ready to wear. Complete outfit, \$25.00. This includes supplies for making 300 finished photo buttons which sell for 10c and 16c each. Circular free.

CHICAGO FERROTYPE CO., R. 131, Ferrottype Bldg., CHICAGO.

THE Railroad Telegrapher

IS PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE
ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS

Its offices are located on the seventh floor
of the Star Building, corner Twelfth
and Olive streets, St. Louis, Mo.

Be a DOCTOR of Mechano-Therapy

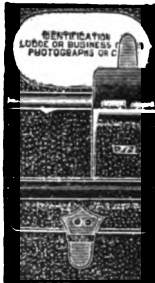
\$3000 to \$5000 A YEAR



WE TEACH YOU BY MAIL
In six months you can begin practicing Mechano-Therapy—an elevating and highly paid profession for men and women. More comprehensive than Osteopathy. Endorsed by physicians. A fascinating study, easy to learn and equal to college course—we guarantee success—an ordinary education and our course of instruction fits you for a professional life. Authorized diplomas to graduates. Work absorbingly interesting. Vast opportunities for social and financial betterment. Special terms now. Write today for prospectus—free.

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MECHANO-THERAPY
Department 666 - 126-128 Randolph St., Chicago**

OPERATORS GET BUSY



To introduce our high grade leather goods we are offering our **PERFECT CARD-CASE** at the **SPECIAL CONTEST** price of 65 cents each, regular price \$1.00. Our perfect card-case is absolutely the best made. Each purchaser will receive a contest coupon which entitles them to enter contest for our **GRAND MOTOR-CYCLE, PIANO** and other prizes. **SEND FOR ONE TO-DAY.** This special sale ends November 15th.

CARL SPECIALTY CO., Lock box 211, Pleasanton, KANSAS

OPERATORS WANTED

Under 35, with railroad experience. 53 applicants placed in better positions in June. If you are out of work and your record is clear, come to Chicago—we can place you. You want a better place—let us help you to it. Send stamped envelope today for application blank, list of openings and full particulars.

EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

AMERICAN RAILWAY BUREAU,

132 Clark St.,

CHICAGO.

RED OR BLACK "VULCAN" STYLO PENS

AGENTS The ONLY perfect, non-leakable stylo pens at a moderate price. Two sizes, 4½ and 5½ inches.



WANTED

Extra size, 8 in. (black only), \$1.25. By mail, postpaid upon receipt of **PRICE** Mfrs. of "Juco" "Independent" and "Vulcan" Stylographic and **J. T. ULLRICH & CO., Fountain Pens, Thames Bldg., 125 Greenwich St., NEW YORK. Est. 1894**

\$1.00

THE ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Officers and Members, Division No. _____

The Subscriber _____

by occupation a _____ of _____ years

experience, born in _____

voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for initiation into THE ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS, and agrees, if admitted, that he will cheerfully conform to all the laws, rules, mandates and edicts of the Order.

I have not been rejected for membership in the Order within the past year.

Fee enclosed, \$ _____

Signature of Petitioner _____

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 190 _____

*My Postoffice address is _____

Employed by _____ Railroad.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY: That we the subscribers, are personally acquainted with Mr. _____ and, from a confidence in his integrity and the uprightness of his intention, do cheerfully recommend and propose him as a proper candidate for membership in this Order.

RECOMMENDERS.

*Be careful and fill in your postoffice address.

LEARN HOW TO EARN FROM \$3000 TO \$10000 YEARLY IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

We will teach you by mail Real Estate, General Brokerage, and Insurance, and appoint you Special Representative of the largest co-operative real estate and brokerage company. Our co-operative department will give you more choice, salable property to handle than any other institution, and you can commence work without interfering with your present occupation and without any investment of capital. A Commercial Law Course free to each representative. Write for 62-page book free. The Cross Co., Reaper Block, Chicago



CORNET Or Other Brass FREE Band Instrument

WE TEACH YOU TO PLAY THE CORNET OR ANY BRASS INSTRUMENT through the mail, send a beautiful instrument to learn on, and give it to you absolutely free at the end of your short course of simple lessons, easily paid for weekly. Write today for scores of testimonials from pupils all over the U. S. and Canada who earn good money through our course. No previous knowledge of music necessary. Pupils all ages and as far away as Alaska. Distance makes no difference. INTERNATIONAL CORNET SCHOOL, 6 Music Hall, BOSTON, MASS.

FREE TRIAL

Genuine Edison Phonograph sent to your home on absolute free trial. No money down—No. C. O. D. Returnable at our expense if you wish. \$2.00 a month now buys a genuine Edison at Rock Bottom Prices. Write Today for our free catalog. A postal will do. F. K. BARSON, Edison Phonograph Dist., Suite 1217 Edison Block, Chicago.



10 DAYS FREE TRIAL

We ship on approval, without a cash deposit, freight prepaid. DON'T PAY A CENT if you are not satisfied after using the bicycle 10 days.

DO NOT BUY a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone at any price until you receive our latest art catalogs illustrating every kind of bicycle, and have learned our unheard of prices and marvelous new offers.

ONE CENT is all it will cost you to see what we will send you a postal and everything will be sent you free postpaid by return mail. You will get much valuable information. Do not wait, write it now.

TIRES, Coaster-Brakes, Built-up Wheels and all sundries at half usual prices. MEAD CYCLE CO. Dept. S-42 CHICAGO

OWN AN ORANGE ORCHARD

On the Texas Gulf Coast. Climate equals Southern California or Florida. Oranges do especially well, being of better quality and bringing higher price than the California product. Orange orchards produce \$300 an acre per year; figs \$300 an acre per year. While trees are maturing the truck farmer raises on ground between the rows Bermuda onions producing \$300 an acre per year; tomatoes, \$300; potatoes, \$100; Strawberries, \$400; cauliflower, \$700; celery, \$300. First year's crop pays for land. Two and three crops a year off same ground. Price \$45 an acre. \$10 cash and \$10 a month buys 10-acre tract. Healthful climate, good schools. Write for map and full information. RELIANCE LAND ASSOCIATION, 608 Reliance Building, Kansas City, Mo

FREE SAFETY POCKET-HOLDER

Give us the name of some dealer, not now handling our line, that you asked to show you a Laughlin Non-leakable Fountain Pen, either the standard or self-filling style, and we will send you free of charge a handsome New Safety Pocket Fountain Penholder, guarding your pen against loss.

In addition to this, for each such dealer (not now handling our line) that we interest to the extent of securing his order for a dozen or more of our Non-leakable Fountain Pens, we will send you free of charge a Solid 14-Kt. Gold Fountain Pen, with our compliments.

Any list containing name of a dealer now handling our line will not be considered.

ADDRESS,

LAUGHLIN MFG. CO., Detroit, Mich.

ECZEMA CAN BE CURED!

My mild, soothing, guaranteed cure does it and FREE SAMPLE proves it. Stops the itching and cures to stay. WRITE NOW—today, or you'll forget it. Address DR. J. E. CANHADAY, 837 PARK SQUARE, BODALIA, MO



Uses Kerosene
BURNS
A MANTLE

GAS LIGHT
FROM KEROSENE

The Sunbeam Lamp burning a mantle, produces white light of 100 candle power. Free from danger of gas or gasoline—the ideal light. You can have gas light at less cost than ordinary kerosene lamp. Write for booklet and prices. 30 Days Free Trial. Pearl Light Co., Dept. 17 Baraboo, Wis.



PRACTICAL BOOKS FOR RAILROAD MEN

Embracing Every Branch
Written by the Men
Who Do the Work.

Practical, Complete, Reliable and
Up-to-date.

CATALOGUE FREE UPON REQUEST.

SEND FOR IT TODAY.

FREDERICK J. DRAKE & CO.

Ry. Dept. 3 CHICAGO, U. S. A.

PROTECT YOUR IDEAS

NO MATTER HOW SIMPLE the invention, if it's good. Consultation free.

MILO B. STEVENS & CO., Attorneys
907 14th St., Washington, D. C.

Established 1864.

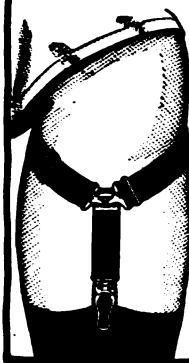
FOR WEARERS OF
KNEE DRAWERS

THERE'S A

Needraw

BOSTON GARTER

DELIGHTFULLY COMFORTABLE
TO THE BARE LEG



NON-ELASTIC, TUBULAR
KNIT LEG BAND
ELASTIC, ADJUSTABLE
PENDANT

Made With
The *Vulcan Grip*
Crashion
Rubber Button
CLASP

Sample Pair
Cotton Fend't, Nic. Plate, 35c.
Silk Fend't, Gold Plate, 50c.
Mailed on Receipt of Price

GEORGE FROST CO.
MAKERS BOSTON

GOOD ALL THE YEAR ROUND



A BIG THING IN COLLARS

Litholin Waterproofed Linen
Collars and Cuffs

are popular favorites with Railroad men, for though they are linen and look linen, they rub clean and white as new with a damp cloth. All soot and dirt absolutely removed in a moment. Won't wilt or fray. Are you wearing them? They keep you neat and comfortable all the time, and cut down the laundry bills! All styles and sizes. The same collar you have always worn, only waterproofed.

Collars 25c.

Cuffs 50c.

Always sold from a RED box! Avoid substitutes!

If not at your dealer's, send, giving styles, size, how many, with remittance, and we will mail postpaid. Styles Booklet free on request.

THE FIBERLOID COMPANY

Dept. 24 7 Waverly Place, New York



VOSE

PIANOS

The tone, touch and magnificent wearing qualities of the Vose Piano are only explained by the exclusive patented features and the high grade material and superb workmanship that enter into their construction. The Vose is an ideal piano for the home. Over 60,000 sold. Delivered in the United States free of charge. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Liberal allowance for old pianos and time payments accepted.

FREE—If you are interested in pianos, let us send you our beautifully illustrated catalog, that gives full information.

VOSE & SONS PIANO CO.
161 Boylston St. BOSTON, MASS.



After Shaving

USE

MENNEN'S
BORATED TALCUM
TOILET POWDER

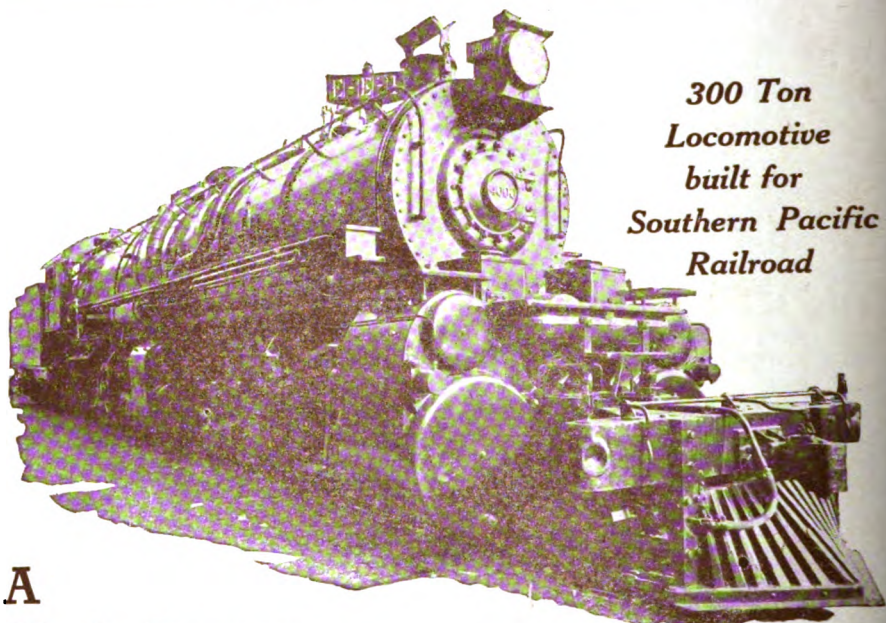
and insist that your barber use it also. It is Antiseptic, and will prevent any of the skin diseases often contracted.

A positive relief for **SUNBURN, Chafing**, and all afflictions of the skin. Removes all odor of perspiration. Get Mennen's—the original. Put up in non-refillable boxes—the "Box that Lox." Sold everywhere or mailed for 25 cents. Sample free.



Try Mennen's Violet (Borated) Talcum. Sample free.

Gerhard Mennen, Newark, N. J.
Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. 1542.



**300 Ton
Locomotive
built for
Southern Pacific
Railroad**

A High Power Engine and a High Power Watch

The development of the locomotive has followed the pace set by the development of the watch. It is only the accuracy of the watch that has made modern railroading practicable.

The Elgin in America has always been the pioneer in watch improvement. It is recognized by the watch inspector's service of the principal R. R. Systems as a standard time piece. The

Elgin

is a marvel of accuracy and reliability. This watch in the first place has more "power" than any other—it will run longer on one winding, its spring is longer, wider and more resilient. It is adjusted for all the varying influences of a railroad life.

Its dial is a complete innovation. Large hands—big plain figures of inlaid enamel, easily read at a glance.

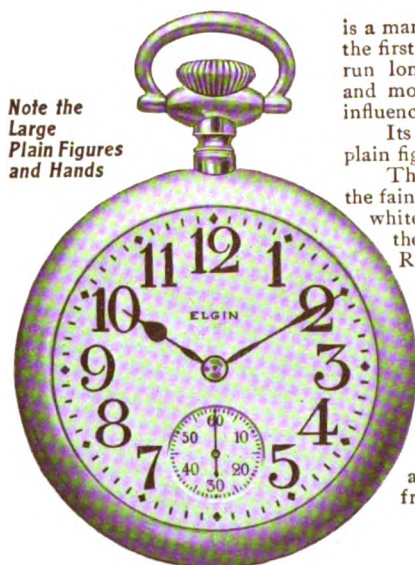
The silver finish, metal face, is most popular because the faintest ray of light illuminates it. Some prefer the white enamel face. Ask for the Railroad Elgin with the No. 49 Enamel or No. 49 Silver Face. This Railroad Elgin comes in three grades:

GRADE	25 YEAR GOLD-FILLED CASE	20 YEAR GOLD-FILLED CASE
VERITAS 23 JEWELS	\$48.00	\$46.00
VERITAS 21 JEWELS	\$45.00	\$43.00
B. W. RAYMOND 19 JEWELS	\$36.00	\$34.00

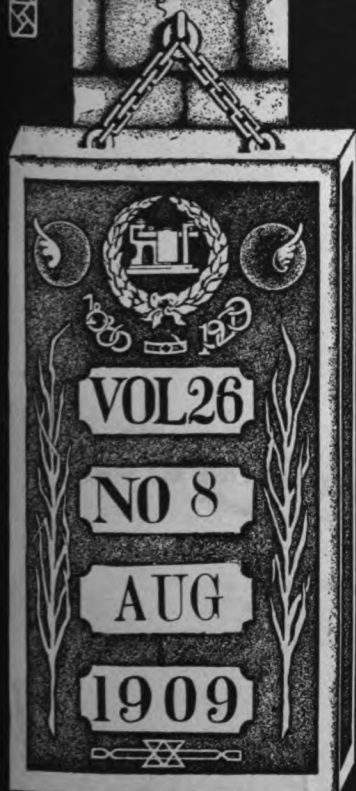
All cases are screw back and bezel model; all have solid gold crowns and solid gold bows. The thinnest 18 size watches made.

Write for "Time Makers and Time Keepers" an interesting booklet about railroad watches. Sent free on request.

Elgin National Watch Co.
ELGIN, ILL.



The Railroad Telegrapher



Published

At St Louis Mo

By The Order of

Railroad Telegraphers

A Clear Track for New Model Oliver "No. 5"

The wonderful new Oliver Model "No. 5" is humming down the track of Popularity.

The clumsy, complicated, "blind" and antiquated typewriters are hugging the sidings.

"No. 5" has the right of way because it's the best machine that ever came down the line.

O. R. T. men everywhere greet the New Model "No. 5" with tremendous enthusiasm.

They like its looks and its smooth, easy-running qualities—its speed and its perfect work.

They like it because of its noiselessness—it doesn't drown the sounder.

They like its new Balance Shift, its new Disappearing Indicator, its new Ruling Device, its new Non-Vibrating Base.

They like the cut of its new Steel Coat, that keeps its working parts free from dust.

They like its Automatic Spacer, which leaves the "key" hand free.

They like its Visible Writing and its many other Time-and-Labor-Saving Features.

Thousands of "the boys" are using

**THE OLIVER**
Typewriter

You can't help liking the Oliver when you see how easy it runs and how it reels off the work.

If you are pounding away on an old-style machine, it's because you never tried the OLIVER.

You can buy a brand new, up-to-the-minute Oliver "No. 5" on little monthly payments—not a cent more than you would pay if you rented a new machine.

The Oliver is easy to pay for, easy to understand, easy to operate, easy to keep in order.

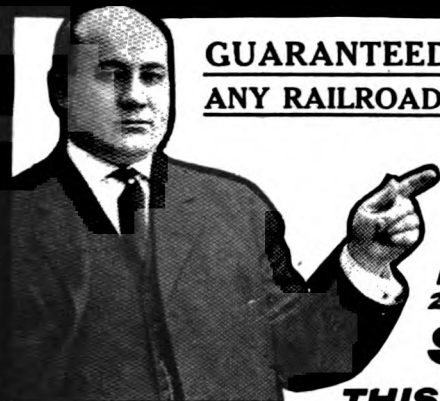
Write for the Oliver Book, and mention in your letter that you are a member of the O. R. T. Address

The Oliver Typewriter Company.
55 Oliver Typewriter Building, Chicago

ELGIN WATCHES — ON — CREDIT



**GUARANTEED TO PASS
ANY RAILROAD INSPECTION**



P. S. HARRIS,
Pres. Harris-Goar Company.
Mr. Harris and the Harris-Goar
Co. are well known and recom-
mended by the Kansas City Banks.

Let Me
Send you this Genuine 21-
JEWEL ELGIN in Double
Strata Hand Engraved, Gold
Filled Case, Guaranteed for
25 Years, \$38.00, only
\$5.⁰⁰ a Month

**THIS IS THE WATCH
YOUR JOB DEMANDS!**

It's accuracy protects property, lives, positions, and makes
of it the **KING OF RAILROAD WATCHES.**

READ--

The Correct Factory De-
scription of this 21-Jewel
Elgin and you will know
Why it is the
Official Watch of MORE Railroads than
ALL OTHER WATCHES
COMBINED.

Open Face; Lever Set; Nickel. 21-ruby
and Sapphire jewels (gold settings); adjusted to temper-
ature, isochronism, and five positions; double roller es-
capement with steel escape wheel, pallet arbor and
escape pinion, cone-pivoted and cap jeweled, exposed
sapphire pallet stones, compensating balance, Breguet
hairspring, micrometric regulator, patent recoiling click,
double-sunk dial, dust ring, engraving inlaid with gold
damaskeened plates; closely timed and finely finished
throughout.

We ask no security and no interest—just plain honesty among men. Our Elgin Watches
are so well known and our Credit Plan so Easy, that no matter where you live, we will trust you, so that
you and every honest man and woman can own a genuine 21 Jewel Elgin, guaranteed to pass any railroad in-
spection, in a beautiful gold filled case, **guaranteed for 25 years**, and you wear it while paying for it in
such small payments that you never miss the money.

EVERY WATCH SENT PREPAID No Money Down

You assume no risk whatever in dealing with us, because before you buy or pay one cent, we place the
watch of your choice right in your own hands and let it do its own talking. Elgin watches are made
strong and accurate. This is the reason we can send them on approval and **guarantee safe delivery.** You
cannot afford to buy a watch of any kind until you have our catalog and prices for we are the Largest Watch
House in America and will sell you a fine Elgin Watch
at \$15.00 to \$25.00 on terms of **\$2.00 A MONTH.**

Our Big Free Watch Catalog

contains the true Factory description of every High-Grade Elgin watch
made. You and your friends should have it. Our prices and the simplicity
of our Easy Credit Plan will astonish you.

Just Your Name and Address on a postal or
the coupon will
bring you our **FREE CATALOG** and a photograph and history of the Elgin
Factory, the largest in the world.

**Send For
Catalog
Today**

BARGAINS FOR WOMEN.

Every woman should send for
our Free Catalog. It will enable
you to buy Watches, Diamonds,
Solid Gold Jewelry, Silverware,
etc., and pay for them out of your
pin money. **WRITE TODAY**
for CATALOG. Do it NOW!

HARRIS-GOAR CO.

**HARRIS-GOAR
COMPANY**

1330 Grand Ave.
**KANSAS
CITY,
MO.**

JUST YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS WILL DO.
1330 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.
Please send me your Free Catalog of Elgin Watches and let me
know how I can get your Easy Credit Plan of selling
Elgin Watches No Money Down, \$2.00 a month.

HARRIS GOAR CO.,
NAME _____
POST OFFICE _____
STATE _____
R. F. D. _____



Learning the trade at home and making money at the same time.



This handsome Jewelry Store is owned by two young men who learned at home.

Make \$25 to \$75 a Week as a Watch Repairer And We'll Start a Jewelry Business for You Like This

Watch repairers make big money. Some earn up to \$75 a week. In the jewelry business there is no limit. Some jewelers today are worth millions. You can learn this profitable business at home, in spare time, without interfering with your present work.

The watch repairing lessons are simple and easily understood—and you can learn the trade in a few weeks. And remember, the course is free. Even the text books, charts and photo prints showing each movement. There is no stock for you to buy—practically the only expense you will have is to get a few tools when you need them.

Then, after you have mastered the trade, we'll start you in the jewelry business. We will furnish you handsome jewelry catalogs with your own name on them. Give a copy to every one in your vicinity. When you get an order send to us for the goods. In this way you can work up a

big business without carrying a stock. As the business expands we establish you in a store of your own.

You can shake off the shackles of drudgery and become a 20th century, clever business man—Independent and successful in your home town. Resolve now to begin—the sooner you commence the sooner you will be established. Take the matter up with me personally—now.

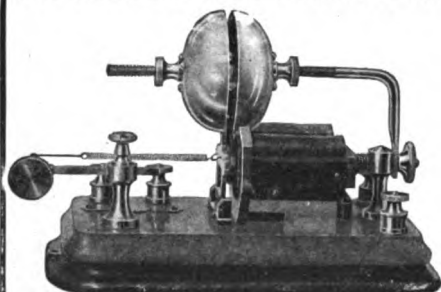
Chas. F. Elmore, Principal Watchmaking College

Rogers, Thurman & Co.
WHOLESALE JEWELERS

80 Wabash Ave.

Chicago, Ill.

No More Local Batteries.



Whitney Relay Sounder can be easily and quickly attached to any relay and adjusted for high or low sounds.

Any current that will move your relay armature will produce a sound equal or better than any ordinary local battery sounder.

Every operator should have one.

Price, \$2.50 delivered. Cash with order.

The Riley Electrical Company
Buffalo, N. Y.

Reference, Third National Bank.

Manufacturers and Jobbers of

Electrical Supplies, Relays and Telephones.

Pay Now & Then
Let us send you Watch or Ring upon terms indicated. Remit first payment with order or have goods shipped for inspection C. O. D. first payment.



Our Attractive Catalog Free. Ask For No. F-7.



1/4 carat commercial white perfect diamond set in any style, 14 karat solid gold mounting. . . . **\$30.00**
\$5 cash and \$3 per month.

Gents' O. F. 12, 16 or 18 size or ladies' 6 size plain or beautifully engraved 20-year, 14-kt. gold filled case fitted with genuine new Elgin or Waltham movement **\$12.50**

With hunting case, \$16.75.

\$2.00 cash and \$1.50 per month.

Herbert L. Joseph & Co.

Diamond Importers :: Watch Jobbers
217-219 [F-7.] State Street, Chicago

Increase *your* Earning Capacity



The **GRADEN SYSTEM OF RAILROAD TRAINING** gives men with ambition an opportunity to increase their earning capacity by securing a complete and practical knowledge of Railroad Station Work.

The **GRADEN COURSE** is so arranged that the study of it does not interfere with the present duties, no matter what they may be, affording energetic men an opportunity of increasing their knowledge of Railroad Work, thereby making their services more valuable.

The **GRADEN SYSTEM** does not include the teaching of telegraphy or the operation of trains. If you are interested in bettering your position and increasing your salary—send four cents in stamps for Graden Booklet, "What It Does."

GRADEN SCHOOL OF RAILROAD TRAINING

510 Schofield Building,
CLEVELAND,
OHIO.



The Utmost in 6% Bonds

Irrigation Bonds, when properly issued, form ideal investments. No other large class of bonds, based on equal security, pays *six per cent.*

Irrigation Bonds are secured by first liens on the most fertile farm lands in America. The loan will not average one-fourth the land's value.

They are additionally secured by a first mortgage on all that the Irrigation Company owns. Some are municipal obligations—in each case a *tax lien* on all the property in the district.

Where else can one find such ideal security behind bonds that net six per cent?

These are serial bonds, so one may make short-time or long-time investments. And every bond paid off increases the security back of the rest.

The bonds are issued in denominations as low as \$100, so they appeal to both small investors and large.

We are the largest dealers in Reclamation Bonds. During the past fifteen years, we have sold seventy such issues. Not a dollar of loss has resulted to any investor.

We have written a book based on all this experience—the best book of the kind ever published. Every investor, small or large, owes to himself its perusal. Everyone in these days should know Irrigation Bonds. The book is free. Please send this coupon today for it.

Trowbridge & Niver Co.

(Established 1883)

Municipal and Corporation Bonds

First National Bank Bldg.
CHICAGO

50 Congress Street
BOSTON

Gentlemen:—Please send me your new Bond Book, "The World's Greatest Industry."

Name _____

Town _____

State _____

196

TYPEWRITING SPEED PAYS

GET SPEED!
AND THE
SALARY
IS
SURE



TYPEWRITER USERS

Study the Tulloss Touch System. Learn how to use your machine in the best and fastest way; learn to write without ever looking at the keys—in the dark as well as in the light—all at a speed far greater than the best you can reach now. My lessons can be learned in your spare time, and will bring you the speed and accuracy of the expert. Send today for my

72-PAGE FREE BOOK

which describes this fast and accurate method. It is full of valuable helps. Tells how high speed is gained—how errors may be prevented—what kind of practice work is best—how you can master fast touch typewriting in your spare time and make yourself an expert operator, with an expert's salary.

If you want more speed—more accuracy—more salary, send for this Book today. R. E. Tulloss, President.

THE TULLOSS SCHOOL OF TOUCH TYPEWRITING
235 COLLEGE HILL. SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

PRESIDENT SUSPENDERS

Insure absolute comfort and freedom of motion. The sliding cord in the back permits instant adjustment to every movement of your body and takes all strain off the shoulders and trouser buttons.



President Suspenders lie flat on the back and feel so easy you do not realize you have suspenders on. There is never any tugging or pulling when you move, as in the case of the old-style rigid back suspenders.

Light weight for office and dress wear, medium and heavy weights for workers. Extra lengths for tall men. Maker's guarantee on every pair—Satisfaction. New Pair or Money Back. If your dealer can't supply you, we will, postpaid, upon receipt of price, 50 cents. Convenience suggests a pair for each suit. Get them today.

The C. A. EDGARTON MFG. CO.
748 Main Street SHIRLEY, MASS.

BROTHER TELEGRAPHERS

You run no risk in using
Zell Nerve Tablets

As the letter which follows will show:

Newark, Ohio, December 1st, 1905.

The Zell Drug Co., Galion, Ohio,

Gentlemen: I have used four boxes of your Zell Nerve Tablets (beginning on my fifth), and I wish to say that I am unable to express by word the good they have done me. I can scarcely believe that I am the same person that I was two months ago, and the ailments of long standing are entirely gone, and I cannot write to you and say just how I would like to express myself; but my whole family shall begin at once to use your Zell Nerve Tablets.

I have for years been employed by the E. & O. Railroad Co. in the capacity of train dispatcher, and my advice to brother trainmen who are nervous and in poor health would be to at least give your Zell Nerve Tablets a trial and test their merits.

Very truly yours,

(signed) D. M. KEIM,

Newark, Ohio.

Zell Nerve Tablets

Are sent anywhere postpaid upon receipt of price, 50 cents per box. Valuable booklet free.

THE ZELL DRUG CO.,
GALION, OHIO.

OK

Is the Decision

of the official railroad
inspector, if it is a

Rockford



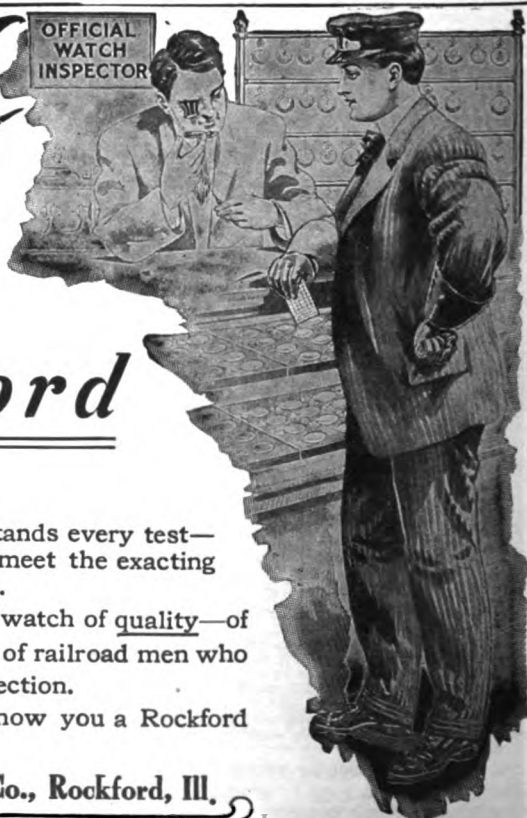
The railroad watch that stands every test—and is especially made to meet the exacting requirements of railroading.

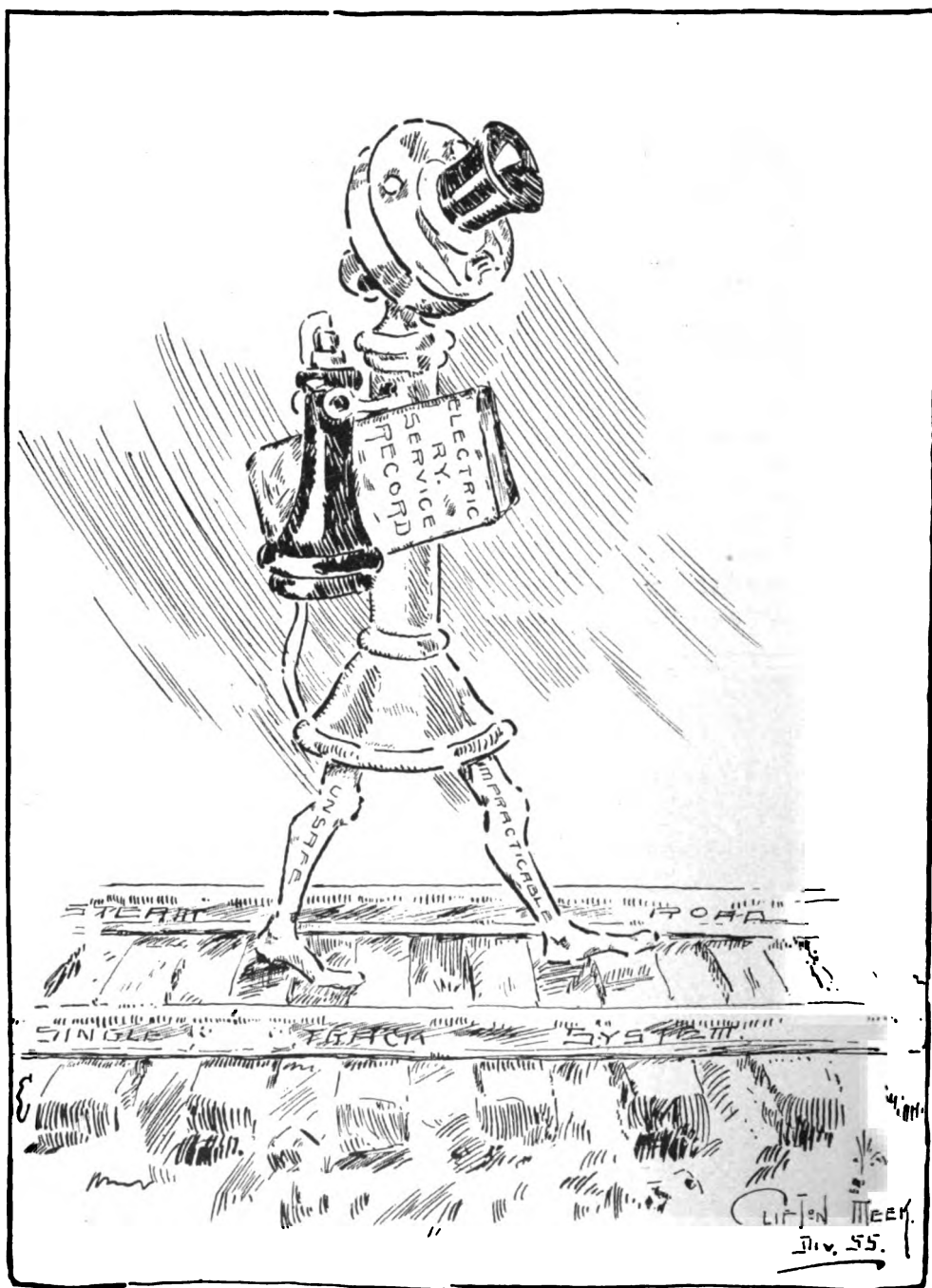
The Rockford Watch is the watch of quality—of efficiency. It is the choice of railroad men who must have mechanical perfection.

Your jeweler will gladly show you a Rockford Watch.

The Rockford Watch Co., Rockford, Ill.

OFFICIAL
WATCH
INSPECTOR





THE "GHOST" HAS PROVEN ITSELF UNSAFE AND IMPRACTICABLE.

THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE ORDER OF
RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.
L. W. QUICK - EDITOR AND MANAGER.



ENTERED AT THE POST-OFFICE AT ST. LOUIS,
MO., AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER.
ENTERED AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER AT THE
POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE . . . \$1.00 PER YEAR.

Vol. XXVI.

AUGUST, 1909.

No. 8.

EDITORIAL



Employers' Liability Act

Declared Constitutional by United States Circuit Court

DECISION MEANS MUCH TO RAILROAD MEN

IN 1906, Congress enacted and the President signed an Employers' Liability Act, which the United States Supreme Court, in an opinion handed down on January 6, 1908, declared to be unconstitutional. President Roosevelt, on January 1, 1908, in a special message to Congress, called its attention to that decision and earnestly recommended the enactment of a new law, covering only such class of cases which the United States Supreme Court had declared, in its opinion, Congress could constitutionally legislate upon. A bill along these lines was promptly introduced, passed by both Houses of Congress and approved by the President on April 22, 1908.

The Act, after designating to whom it shall be applicable, provides:

"SEC. 2. That any such employe while so engaged solely in carrying on interstate commerce, who in the course of his work, suffers injuries which result in disability, either temporary or permanent, shall be paid by said employing carrier as indemnity and compensation for such injury, or if the said injuries result in the death of such employe, then to the executor or administrator of the estate of such deceased employe, for the exclusive benefit of the surviving widow and next of kin of such deceased employe, a sum or sums of money, in accordance with

the following condition and scale of compensation: *Provided, That—*

"(a) The employer shall not be liable under this Act for injuries sustained by the employe which do not disable and incapacitate the employe for at least one week.

"(b) The employer shall not be liable to pay an indemnity and compensation to an employe where the injury is caused by the wanton and willful misconduct of the employe so injured.

"(c) Where the injury to the employe is caused by the negligence or willful act on the part of the employer, or on the part of some person for whose act the employer is responsible and accountable, nothing in this Act shall affect any civil liability whatsoever of the employer. But in case the employe, or if the injury results in the death of such injured employe, the executor or administrator of the estate of such deceased employe may, at his option and election, either claim indemnity and compensation under this Act, or maintain an action at law to recover damages in respect thereof independently of this Act but in no case can the employe so injured, or in case of death of such injured employe, the executor or administrator of the estate of such deceased employe, claim indemnity and compensation under this Act and maintain an action at law to recover damages for injuries to the employe, causing his death."

It then provides the manner in which a use of action shall be brought in order to recover damages under this Act.

A case was brought in the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern Division of the Eastern District of Arkansas, Judge Trieber presiding, which has recently been decided, and the decision in that case will be of more than usual interest to all railroad men who come under the provisions of this law, inasmuch as its constitutionality was passed upon. The case was that of Grace Watson, Administratrix, vs. St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railway Company. The decision of the Court on the various issues raised might be summarized as follows:

1. "Under the Commerce Clause of the Constitution, Congress has the power to regulate the relation of master and servant,

of carriers by rail engaged in interstate transportation, if limited to employes while engaged in interstate service.

2. "That general expressions in an opinion which are not essential to a disposition of the cause on points not presented nor argued to the Court, are obiter, and are not permitted to control the judgment of the courts in subsequent cases. But when a question is directly involved in the issues raised, was determined by the trial court, is assigned as error in the assignments of errors on appeal, argued by counsel for all parties, and distinctly decided by the Appellate Court a decision of such question is not obiter dictum, although the cause is disposed of on other ground, and this applies specially when the question involves the power of Congress to enact the legislation.

3. "That the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution applies only to privileges and immunities which arise out of the natural and essential character of the National Government or are specifically granted or secured to all citizens or persons by the Constitution of the United States. Those fundamental rights which are inherent in and belong to all who live in a free government are privileges and immunities of state citizenship only, and not within the protection of the Fifth Amendment.

4. "That a statute, although it indirectly works harm and loss to individuals, is not a taking of property without due process of law within the meaning of that amendment.

5. "That a statute abolishing the fellow-servant rule, limiting its application to carriers by rail, is neither an arbitrary nor unreasonable classification.

6. "That the Employers' Liability Act of Congress of April 22, 1908, is a valid exercise of the powers granted to Congress by the Commerce Clause of the Constitution, as it is confined to common carriers by rail engaged in interstate commerce and employes while thus actually engaged. The fact that the act is not limited to injuries caused by the negligence of a fellow-servant who is at the time engaged in interstate employment, does not make the act or that part

of it abolishing the fellow-servant rule unconstitutional."

The Court, in its decision, gives the following statement of facts of the case under consideration:

"The plaintiff, as administratrix of the estate of her deceased husband, seeks by this action to recover damages under the act of Congress approved April 22, 1908, chapter 100, generally referred to as the 'Employers' Liability Act.' The material allegations of the complaint are that the defendant is a railway corporation, a common carrier engaged in commerce between the States of Arkansas and Missouri; that on June 19, 1908, plaintiff's intestate was employed as fireman on one of defendant's locomotives then engaged in interstate commerce, and that the injuries causing the death of her intestate were caused by the negligent acts of defendant's agents and servants while he was so employed. The complaint then sets out very fully how the accident which caused the death of her intestate occurred, charging that it was caused by a collision with another train by reason of the negligence of the conductor and engineer of the train on which her intestate was employed as fireman, in failing to meet the other train at a siding as directed by the train dispatcher. The jurisdiction of this court is invoked solely upon the ground that the action is one arising under the laws of the United States, there being no diversity of citizenship alleged. The defendant demurred to the complaint, setting up numerous grounds, which may be summarized as follows:

"1. That the complaint fails to state a cause of action.

"2. That the act of Congress under which a recovery is sought is unconstitutional."

The decision is quite exhaustive, and covers all the points at issue very fully, and many legal authorities are quoted in each instance to substantiate the opinion rendered, many of which have been eliminated from this article on account of lack of space.

The substance of the decision is as follows:

"Without setting out the complaint in full, it is sufficient to say that it states a

good cause of action under the act of Congress. It alleges every fact necessary to show that the death of plaintiff's intestate resulted from the negligence and wrongful acts of the conductor and engineer in charge of the train and locomotive on which her intestate was, at the time, employed and acting as fireman; that at the time of the accident the train on which he was employed was engaged in transportation between the States of Arkansas and Missouri; that he left surviving a widow and two children for whose benefit this action is brought by the plaintiff as administratrix of his estate, duly appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction. This leaves only one other question to be determined. Is the act of Congress constitutional?

"The constitutionality of the act is attacked upon many grounds, but some of them have been so many times determined by the Supreme Court of the United States that they can no longer be considered as open questions, and for this reason will not be discussed in this opinion. That Congress has the power under the commerce clause of the Constitution to regulate the relation of master and servant to the extent that such regulations are confined solely to interstate commerce and employees while engaged in such traffic was fully determined in the Employers' Liability cases, 207 U. S., 463, 494; 28 S. Ct., 141; 52 L. Ed., 297, which arose under the act of June 11, 1906, 34 Stat., 232, chap. 3073. That act was held to be unconstitutional, but upon grounds other than a want of power on the part of Congress to enact it. It is true that the court, had it seen proper, might have declined to pass upon that question, but for reasons fully stated in the opinion the majority of the court considered it its duty to determine that question, and it did so in a very carefully considered opinion, after a most exhaustive argument of eminent counsel. Six of the justices concurred in this part of the opinion. Mr. Justice Peckham, in his concurring opinion, did not dissent from that conclusion, merely stating that he was 'not prepared to agree with all that is stated as to the power of Congress to legislate upon the subject of the relations between master and servant,' the Chief

Justice and Mr. Justice Brewer agreeing with this view. A carefully prepared opinion on an important question of law expressly decided by the trial court (see the opinions of the trial judges reported in 148 Fed., 986 and 997) properly brought before the court by the assignment of errors and the pleadings in the case, and which was fully and ably argued by counsel for all the parties, can not be considered as *obiter*, even if the action could be and in fact was determined upon other issues. This is peculiarly applicable to cases in which grave constitutional questions only are involved. Congress having evidenced by the enactment of the statute that, in its opinion, legislation on that subject should be enacted, when the constitutionality of such an act is questioned upon a number of grounds, among which is one attacking the power of Congress to legislate upon that subject, courts, as a rule, decide that question even if the act must be held to be unconstitutional upon other grounds. If the power exists, Congress had indicated its desire to exercise it. The Supreme Court evidently presumed that if the act is invalid for some reason other than a want of power to enact it that it would be re-enacted, omitting or changing those provisions which make it unconstitutional. That is what Congress did in this instance.

"It is next claimed that the decision in the Employers' Liability cases is not conclusive of the act now before the court, because the act of 1900 applied to 'every common carrier' engaged in interstate traffic, while the act now under consideration applies only to 'common carriers by rail.' This, it is claimed, 'is an illogical and arbitrary basis of classification, in violation of the fifth amendment to the Constitution.' The only cases relied upon to sustain this contention are those in which the constitutionality of State statutes was attacked as being within the prohibition of the equal protection clause of the fourteenth amendment. It might be sufficient to dispose of this contention to say that the fifth amendment, which is a limitation on the powers of Congress only, does not contain the equal protection clause found in the fourteenth amendment, which applies solely to the powers of the States.

United States vs. New York, N. H. & H. R. R. Co. (C. C.), 165 Fed., 742, 745, decided by the full bench of circuit judges of the first circuit.

"A constitutional provision, prohibiting the States from doing certain acts, does not by implication apply to Congress. The prohibition against a State impairing the obligations of a contract, it has been repeatedly held, does not apply to Congress.

"Besides, the due process clause of the fifth amendment only applies to the privileges and immunities 'which arise out of the natural and essential character of the National Government, or are specifically granted or secured to all citizens or persons by the Constitution of the United States,' and not those fundamental rights which are inherent in and belong to all who live under a free government. These latter privileges are 'inherent in State citizenship, and are privileges or immunities of that citizenship only.' This question has been very learnedly discussed in the late case of *Twining vs. New Jersey*, 211 U. S., 78, 97, where Mr. Justice Moody analytically reviews the previous decisions of the Supreme Court on that subject.

"But, assuming that the limitations are the same, that the 'due process' clause of the fifth amendment is broad enough to include the 'equal protection of the laws,' and that for this reason the construction placed upon that provision of the fourteenth amendment should apply to causes involving the interpretation of the fifth amendment, still, the contention on behalf of defendant could not be sustained. In every instance in which State statutes abolishing or modifying the fellow-servant rule and limiting the act to railroads only as in the act now under consideration, have been attacked as being in violation of the 'equal-protection' clause of the fourteenth amendment, the Supreme Court of the United States has overruled the contention and sustained the validity of the acts, declaring that such classification by the legislative department is permissible, and not within the prohibition of that amendment.

"It is also claimed that the act is in violation of the fifth amendment as imposing liabilities which, in effect, deprive the

carriers by rail of property without due process of law. In the *Legal Tender* cases, *supra*, the same proposition was advanced. It was earnestly insisted that the act was in violation of the spirit of the fifth amendment, which forbids taking private property for public use without just compensation or due process of law. The court, in overruling this contention, said:

"* * * That provision has always been understood as referring only to a direct appropriation, and not to consequential injuries resulting from the exercise of lawful power. It has never been supposed to have any bearing upon, or to inhibit laws that indirectly work harm and loss to individuals. A new tariff, an embargo, a draft, or a war may inevitably bring upon individuals great losses; may, indeed, render valuable property almost valueless. They may destroy the worth of contracts. But who ever supposed that, because of this, a tariff could not be changed, or a non-intercourse act, or an embargo be enacted, or a war be declared? * * *." (12 Wall., 551.)

"Nor does the fact that the act changes an existing rule of law in permitting the recovery of damages for injuries for which there could be no recovery at common law or under pre-existing statutes make an act of Congress void under the fifth amendment, or a State statute under the fourteenth amendment.

"Other cases in which State statutes of this nature have been held valid are hereinbefore cited.

"The next question to be considered is whether the fact that the act is not limited to injuries caused by the negligence of fellow-servants who are themselves engaged at the time in interstate employment, but permits a recovery by the injured servant who at the time was engaged in interstate service, but was injured by the negligence of a fellow-servant not so engaged, makes it invalid. In the *Employers' Liability* cases, Mr. Justice White, in delivering the majority opinion of the court, used the following language, on which great stress is laid by learned counsel for the defendant:

"Thus the liability of a common carrier is declared to be in favor of 'any of its

employees.' As the word 'any' is unqualified, it follows that liability to the servant is co-extensive with the business done by the employers whom the statute embraces; that is, it is in favor of any of the employees of all carriers who engage in interstate commerce. *This also is the rule as to the one who otherwise would be a fellow-servant, by whose negligence the injury or death may have been occasioned, since it is provided that the right to recover on the part of any servant will exist, although the injury for which the carrier is to be held resulted from 'the negligence of any of its officers, agents or employees.'* (207 U. S., 493.)

"The italicized portion (which does not so appear in the opinion) is claimed to be a determination by the court that unless Congress also limited the act to injuries caused by fellow-servants who were at the time engaged in interstate commerce, it or at least that part of it relating to fellow-servants, is void. Assuming that the language quoted might possibly justify such a construction, still, unless that particular question was presented and argued to the court and intended to be decided, it would be *obiter*. From the record of the case it appears beyond question that neither was done; nor was it necessary to a decision of the case. For these reasons it is reasonable to presume that it was merely an inadvertent expression used by the learned justice who delivered the opinion of the court, as a part of his reasoning. A careful perusal of the opinion filed by the trial judges in the two cases, as well as the original briefs filed by the counsels for both sides, fails to show that this question was raised or argued by any of the counsel, or considered by any of them or the learned trial judges to be necessary for the determination of the issues involved. Therefore, it must be considered as a mere *dictum* and not a part of the decision of the court.

"General expressions in an opinion, which are not essential to dispose of the case, are not permitted to control the judgment of the court in subsequent suits.

"The object of Congress in the enactment of the law was to protect the men employed in this hazardous occupation in which thou-

sands are annually killed or maimed without any fault of the master himself, but by the negligence of other employes, over whom the servant has no control and in whose selection he had no voice. The legislation is neither new nor revolutionary. It had been recommended by President Roosevelt in his annual message in 1905, and again in a special message on January 31, 1908. A similar act was passed by the English Parliament as early as 1880, and among the States of the Union a large number have either abolished the fellow-servant rule entirely or modified it materially in respect to employes engaged in hazardous occupations, many of them limiting the change to railroads. Among these are Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin, Virginia and Wyoming, all of which acted on that subject long before Congress. Similar statutes have also been for a long time in force in most of the continental states of Europe. To effect that purpose it is wholly immaterial what the employment of the fellow-servant is. Public opinion, as expressed through the legislative departments of the nation, as well as many of the States, evidently considered it an injustice that persons injured, or in case of death, the surviving members of the family should become burden on the public and objects of charity, and therefore considered it better public policy that the employer should be required to make some provision for them, charging the monies thus expended to expenses of management or cost of production, and collect it indirectly from the public. The enactment of such a statute not only results in protecting the employes of carriers by rail, but at the same time guards the public welfare by securing the safety of travelers. The latter is one of the reasons mentioned by the court in *Johnson vs. Southern Pacific Co.*, 196 U. S., 1, 17; 25 S. Ct., 158; 49 L. Ed., 363, involving the safety-appliance act. As stated by Mr. Justice Moody, in his dissent-

ing opinion in the *Employers' Liability* case, 'Any law which promotes the safety of either (meaning the employe or passengers) promotes the safety of both.' (207 U. S., 533.)

"That provisions for the safety of the employes of a railway, if not directly at least indirectly, add to that of the passengers, can not be doubted. The knowledge of the fact that in case of an accident some provision will be made for him in case of disability, or for the family dependent upon him if death results from the injury, relieves the employe's mind to that extent of the anxiety incidental to the fear entertained by every man, and especially if he has a family dependent upon his earnings, as to what would become of them if he become helpless or be killed. This anxiety ever present to those engaged in such a hazardous occupation as that of railways propelled by the dangerous agency of steam may materially affect the safety of the passengers entrusted to them in an emergency in which cool judgment is so essential. By making this provision for him, legislators might well have reasoned that the safety of the passengers is as much promoted as that of the employe. In fact, the elementary principles of law governing the fellow-servant rule, and the reasons therefor, show that it is wholly immaterial what the employment of the fellow-servant whose negligence caused the injury is. The liability of the master for injuries caused by the wrongs committed by his servants while acting about the business of the master and within the scope of his employment is based upon the maxim of *respondeat superior*. But when the fellow-servant rule was first established it was held that this maxim does not apply so as to make the master responsible for injuries inflicted upon his servants by the negligence of a fellow-servant. The main reason assigned for this exception is that of assumption of risk.

"If Congress has the power to abolish the rule so far as it applies to master and servant when engaged in interstate commerce, then the employment of the servant whose wrong or negligence caused the injury is clearly immaterial, as the liability of the master by the repeal of that rule is imposed

by the maxim of *respondet superior*. Congress having by the enactment of this statute abolished the fellow-servant rule as to employes while engaged in interstate commerce, such servant when so engaged to serve a master who is a carrier by rail engaged in interstate transportation does not undertake, as between himself and his employer, to assume the risk of negligence upon the part of a fellow-servant. And in order to prevent the evasion of the provisions of this act, Congress, by section 5, declares, 'that any contract, rule, regulation, or device whatsoever, the purpose or intent of which shall be to enable any common carrier to exempt itself from any liability created by this act, shall, to that extent, be void.'

"But aside from that, courts have nothing to do with the wisdom of such legislation, as that has been wisely left by the Constitution to the law-making department. In *St. Louis, Iron Mountain & S. Ry. Co. vs. Taylor*, 210 U. S., 281, 295; 28 S. Ct., 616, 52 L. Ed., 106, the court, in reply to a similar contention said:

"To this we reply that, if it be the true construction, its harshness is no concern of the courts. They have no responsibility for the justice or wisdom of legislation, and no duty except to enforce the law as it is written, unless it is clearly beyond the constitutional power of the law-making body.
* * *

"As the powers of Congress are limited to those granted by the Constitution, and the only provision of that instrument authorizing such legislation is the commerce clause, and that is limited to 'commerce with foreign nations and among the several States and Indian tribes,' it can, of course, only legislate for the safety of those employed in those branches of commerce, and not in intrastate carriage. That is all the act under consideration attempts to do; it is limited to those who are in the employment of railroads engaged in commerce between the States and while they are actually engaged in such employment. What difference does it make what the employment of the fellow-servant is, whether interstate or intrastate? The safety of the employes of an interstate train as well as

of the passengers intrusted to their care, can in no wise be affected by that. Congress having the exclusive power to regulate interstate commerce, that power necessarily includes the right to regulate the relation of the master and servant operating such trains, and legislate for the safety of the employes.

"If the contention of defendant is sustained the effect would be that although the employe of a carrier by rail engaged in interstate transportation is injured while engaged on an interstate train, if the cause of the injury was the negligence of a fellow-servant not engaged at the time in interstate work, Congress is powerless to provide for a recovery of compensation for the injuries suffered. Therefore, if an engineer or fireman on an interstate train is injured by reason of the negligence of a switchman or other employe of a train operated on a branch line, which is used exclusively for intrastate business, the failure of Congress to except such accidents from the provisions of the statute makes it unconstitutional, as being in excess of its powers under the Constitution. The same result would follow if a telegraph operator on such a branch line fails to transmit or deliver a message from the train dispatcher directing the conductor of the interstate train to go on a siding for the purpose of letting an intrastate train pass on the main line, and by reason of such negligence there is a collision. *State vs. C., M. & St. P. Ry. Co.* (Wis.), 117 N. W., 686. There is nothing in the Employers' Liability cases to warrant such a construction. What the court did decide in that case was that as the act under consideration included all employes of an interstate carrier, even if they (the employes) were engaged in an employment wholly disconnected from the interstate business, citing 'employes of a purely local branch operated wholly within a State, employes in repair shops, construction work, accounting and clerical work, storage elevators, and warehouses, not to suggest, besides, the possibility of it being engaged in other independent enterprises;' and then held that 'as the act thus includes many subjects wholly beyond the power to regulate commerce and depends for its sanction

upon that authority, it results that the act is repugnant to the Constitution.'

"No doubt Congress, had it seen proper to do so, could have limited it to certain fellow-servants, such as are employed only in interstate service or in the same or different departments of the common employment, as has been done by some of the States. See acts of Arkansas, Indiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Virginia. But the failure to do so can not invalidate the act.

"In *Northern Securities Co. vs. United States* 193 U. S., 197, 331; 24 S. Ct., 436; 48 L. Ed., 679, the contention was that the defendant was not a railroad company, that it was a corporation created by one of the States and its corporate powers limited to buying, selling and holding stock, bonds and other securities, and for that reason Congress had no power to regulate it. But the court held that under the power to regulate commerce among the several States, Congress had the authority to enact the statute, and that it applied to the Securities Company. Another case in which one of the issues was very much like that now under consideration is *Loewe vs. Lawlor*, 208 U. S., 274, 301 28 S. Ct., 301; 52 L. Ed., 488. It was there claimed that the Sherman Anti-trust Act of July 2, 1890, ch. 647, 26 St., 209, U. S. Comp. St., 1901, p. 3200, was not applicable, or if applicable, not within the power of Congress to enact it, because the defendants were not themselves engaged in interstate commerce, although the plaintiffs were, but the contention was by the court overruled. The same conclusion was reached in *In re Debs*, 64 Fed., 724, 745, 755, affirmed in 158 U. S., 564; 15 S. Ct., 900; 39 L. Ed., 1092.

"Other statutes of similar nature have been repeatedly enacted by Congress, and when questioned sustained. The act of July 3, 1866, 14 Stat., 81, digested as sections 5353, 5354, 5355, Revised Statutes, makes it a criminal offense to transport or ship by a carrier engaged in interstate transportation dangerous explosives regardless of the fact whether the shipment is interstate or intrastate, provided the carrier is at the time engaged in interstate transportation. The

gravamen of the offense is to transport or cause to be transported any of the prohibited articles on any vessel or vehicle employed in interstate traffic. It was the passengers and employes on such vehicles or vessels whom Congress sought to protect, and under the commerce clause had the right to protect. The danger to them was as great if the explosion occurred from an intrastate shipment as an interstate. The constitutional limitation was fully met by confining the provisions of the act to vehicles employed at the time in interstate traffic. The constitutionality of this act seems never to have been questioned. In fact, the only reported case construing this act which the court has been able to find is *United States vs. Saul* (Dist. Ct., West. Dist. N. C.), 58 Fed., 763.

"It is well known that while there may be some few railroads engaged wholly in intrastate traffic, there is practically none engaged in interstate transportation which is not also engaged in intrastate carriage of freight or passengers. To limit the liability of the railroad to its employes on a train employed in interstate traffic for injuries caused by fellow-servants engaged in like employment would, in many instances, make the act valueless and of no benefit to the employe. In the language above quoted, 'This practical consideration, presumably, appealed to Congress and fully justified the provision herein contained.'

"The Safety Appliance Acts make it unlawful to haul any car in interstate transportation not equipped with certain appliances deemed necessary for the safety of employes. When these statutes first came before the courts for construction, it was contended that they could only apply to carriers whose lines traverse more than one State, otherwise they would be in excess of the powers possessed by Congress. Some of the trial courts sustained this contention, but upon appeal it has been, practically uniformly, held that they apply to all railroads, although operating entirely within a single State, independently of all other carriers, if any interstate freight is carried on any car of the train. The test of the application of the act is held to be the transportation of any articles of interstate com-

merce, and as thus construed the act has been enforced as a constitutional exercise of the powers vested in Congress.

"The constitutionality of the bankruptcy acts of Congress has at different times been questioned upon similar grounds, but they have been uniformly sustained.

"In *The Daniel Ball*, 10 Wall., 557, 566, 19 L. Ed., 999, it was claimed that the provisions of the act of Congress of July 7, 1838, amended by act of August 30, 1852, making it unlawful for any steam vessel to transport merchandise or passengers upon the navigable waters of the United States without a license, did not apply to a steamer engaged as a common carrier between places in the same State, although a portion of the merchandise transported by her is destined to places in other States, she not running in connection with or in continuation of any line of steamers or other vessels, or any railway line leading to or from another State. But the court overruled this contention and held that the act applied to such cases and that it was not an infringement on the rights of the States. Mr. Justice Field, who delivered the opinion of the court, said on that subject:

"And we answer further, that we are unable to draw any clear and distinct line between the authority of Congress to regulate an agency employed in commerce between the States, when that agency extends through two or more States, and when it is confined in its action entirely within the limits of a single State. If its authority does not extend to an agency in such commerce, when that agency is confined within the limits of a State, its entire authority over interstate commerce may be defeated.
* * *

"While that case was one arising on the navigable waters of the United States, it is now well settled that the power of Congress under the commerce clause is as complete upon the land.

"It may be proper to state that this same objection was made by Messrs. Littlefield and Bannon, of the House Judiciary Committee, in their minority report on this bill, but failed to receive the approval of either House of Congress.

"The only reported case involving this act which the court has been able to find is *Fulgham vs. Midland Valley R. Co.*, 167 Fed., 660, decided by Judge Rogers, of the Western District of this State; but the constitutionality of the act, it seems, was not questioned, and not determined by the learned judge.

"In view of the conclusions reached it is unnecessary to determine whether that question can be raised by defendant in this case, as the complaint shows on its face that the accident was caused by reason of the negligence of the conductor and locomotive engineer of the train on which plaintiff's intestate was the fireman, and which train, it is alleged, was at the time engaged in interstate transportation. Cases on that point which may be consulted are *Supervisors vs. Stanley*, 105 U. S., 305, 311, 26 L. Ed., 1044; *In re Garnett and others*, 141 U. S., 1, 12, 35 L. Ed., 631; *Clark vs. Kansas City*, 176 U. S. 114, 118, 20 S. Ct., 284, 44 L. Ed., 392; *Patterson vs. Bark Eudora*, *supra*; *Missouri vs. Dockery*, 191 U. S., 170, 24 S. Ct., 53, 48 L. Ed., 133; *Cooley on Const. Lim.*, p. 250 (7th ed.).

"In the opinion of the court the act in controversy is a valid exercise of the powers granted to Congress by the Constitution, and the demurrer must be overruled."

THE NINE-HOUR LAW.

THE decision of Judge Landis, which was fully covered in the May issue of *THE TELEGRAPHER*, holding that what is known to the telegraph fraternity as the Telegraphers' Nine-Hour Law was constitutional, and that a period of nine hours, as described in that law, meant nine consecutive hours of work, has been generally and favorably commented upon by many of the leading newspapers of the country.

The press has come to realize the beneficial features of this law, both to the telegrapher and the safety of the traveling public, and the law is now generally commended.

One of the clearest and most intelligent editorials on the subject by a daily paper is that of the *San Francisco Globe*, under the caption "Fair Treatment of Telegraphers

Will Mean Fewer Railroad Wrecks." It is as follows:

"Federal Judge Landis, of Illinois, has made an important decision concerning the labor laws which will not only cost the Santa Fe Railroad a good deal of money, aside from a nominal fine, but relieve a large number of the railroad's employes from what many consider unjust hardships.

"Specifically, Judge Landis' decision has to do with the railway telegraph operators at Corwith, Ill., through whom the Santa Fe road was charged with violating the nine-hour workday law. The railroad tried to evade this law by working the telegraph operators in 'split tricks,' or short shifts, each less than nine hours, but aggregating more than twelve hours out of twenty-four. Between each 'trick' less than two hours was allowed for recreation, making the respite practically worthless to the men, but evading, it was thought, direct violation of the nine-hour law.

"Judge Landis has decided that not more than nine-hours' work out of twenty-four can be exacted of the men, and has imposed a fine for the Corwith infraction, which was made a test case and tried before a jury.

"Every one who has studied the details of labor conditions in the United States knows that the telegraphers are among the hardest worked and poorest paid of skilled laborers. More than that, the telegrapher, especially on a big railroad, bears constantly the burden of a heavy responsibility. Upon his faithfulness and efficiency depend the lives of the traveling public, and not a day passes but some slight neglect, fraught with slight danger in other professions, might precipitate a terrible catastrophe.

"For a salary of from \$40 to \$90 per month, a railway operator is expected to keep his head clear, his nerves steady and exercise a high degree of intelligence, sick or well, for a period of from twelve to twenty-four hours per day. The latter statement is not a satirical exaggeration, but an actual fact. In many small stations, especially throughout the western desert, but one operator attends to the train signals both day and night. He lives in the tele-

graph office and is supposed to snatch what sleep he can and awake the moment his call sounds. This faculty most operators have developed. Nothing will disturb them but the combination of dots and dashes which represent their station call. It is a curious psychological phenomenon that has never been satisfactorily explained.

"Many times the operator has to fight off slumber by stimulants, such as coffee or tobacco, in order to guard the safety of passengers on the road which pays him scarcely a living wage. Many tragic stories have been written and one or two plays of success have been based on the wrongs of the operator.

"Judge Landis' decision may work no immediate reform, for the case has been appealed, but there is little doubt that his decision will ultimately be confirmed. Then a lot of down-trodden men will have a chance to get acquainted with their families and enjoy a few of the pleasures of life.

"But that is not the greatest nor most important benefit which will accrue from a strict enforcement of the nine-hour law. Traveling will be safer with telegraph operators who are decently treated and not suffering from inevitable brain fog and overwrought nerves. Many of the disastrous wrecks for which American railroads have become infamous at home and abroad are traceable, directly to the overworking of telegraph operators."

AN APPEAL.

The following correspondence is self-explanatory:

CAMILLUS, N. Y., July 19, 1909.

Mr. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I am going to ask a favor of you, but do not know whether it is right for me to do so or not. I have been sick a year and four months. Had to give up my position, which was agent and operator at Camillus. Later got so I could walk around some and tried to work a few days as operator, but got worse and had to give it up. Have not been able to walk a step since last December; been in bed most of the time. Mr. Blim and the

boys have been very kind to me; they sent a paper over the road and helped me a year ago, and don't feel like asking them again. I wanted to ask you if the Grand Division could do anything to help me. The only friends I have is the O. R. T., and it seems as though 40,000 well, strong and happy men would not miss a few cents, and, oh, what a help it would be to me! I would be willing to do anything if I could only get well and work again. I have a wife and boy, who is small, and I am greatly in debt for doctors and living expenses, but people have been good and trusted me, as I always tried to please them when I was well. I have a tubercular ankle, also tubercular hip and kidneys, and suffer everything. Am trying hard to get well. Sleep outdoors nights and days. I trust you can help me in some way. Perhaps it is wrong for me to ask you, but I am driven to it.

Yours fraternally,

LEWIS DARLING.

Cert. 277, Div. 8.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 23, 1909.

Mr. A. E. Blim, General Secretary and Treasurer, Div. 8, Chili Station, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I enclose herein letter from Bro. Lewis Darling, which is self-explanatory. Will you kindly advise what you know about this case?

With best wishes, I am,

Yours fraternally,

L. W. QUICK,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

CHILI STATION, N. Y., July 27, 1909.

Mr. L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Referring to your favor of the 23d instant in regard to Bro. Darling's letter:

The statements contained therein are absolutely true; he has been sick for a long time, and last year we collected about one hundred dollars for him, but no doubt that was eaten up as fast as we collected it. Bro. Darling has always been a staunch member of the Order, and if something could be done for him it would not only be appreciated by himself and family, but

by every member of Division No. 8 who knows Bro. Darling.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours fraternally,

A. E. BLIM,

General Secretary and Treasurer.

All members who feel disposed to assist this distressed brother should send their remittances direct to Lewis Darling, Camillus, N. Y.

AN IMPORTANT LAW.

ONE of the important enactments of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of Indiana, as effecting organized labor, was the enactment of a law compelling firms, associations, etc., who advertise for men to take strikers' places, to state in their advertisement that a strike is in progress. This law was fostered by the Indiana State Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, of which Fred L. Feick is Chairman. The law is as follows:

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REGULATE ADVERTISEMENTS AND SOLICITATIONS FOR EMPLOYES DURING STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, If an employer during the continuance of a strike among his employes or during the continuance of a lock-out of his employes, publicly advertises in newspapers, by posters, or otherwise, for employes, or by himself or his agent solicits persons to work for him, he shall plainly and explicitly mention in such advertisements or oral or written solicitations that a strike has occurred among his former employes or that a lock-out exists.

SEC. 2. If any person, firm, association or corporation violates any provision of this act, he or it shall incur a fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each offense, of which sum one-half shall go to the school fund of the State.

SEC. 3. Whereas, an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this act, the same shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

TREBLE THE MEMBERSHIP.

(By S. J. KONENKAMP, President
C. T. U. of A.)

THE improvement in the commercial telegraph business continues and it is deeply gratifying to our membership to appreciate the fact that with it the sentiment in favor of organization is bringing results. There is some occasion, however, to regret that we have been unable to push with greater speed the work of bringing former members into line.

When we urged our members to put forth their best efforts in 1908, the sentiment was that the time was not ripe for general activity. This reason holds good no longer. There is work for practically all telegraphers who care for work. That the salaries are not as high as in 1907 can only be blamed upon the telegraphers themselves, and it is time that each and every member of the craft should get busy with a view to bringing about a restoration of better conditions.

Individual effort is absolutely necessary to the work of reorganization. We have urged most earnestly that this be given consideration by you, and we wish to repeat our request that your best efforts be put forth towards bringing the backsliders into the fold. No telegrapher is so lacking of influence that he can not persuade one of his craft to live up to the principles he advocates, the principles your friends advocated and still believe in, but with a dormant spirit.

A word over the wires, a letter, a personal chat, in fact,—any of the many ways of reaching a friend are at your disposal. Use them.

A member who merely pays his dues is not performing his whole duty. He must be active, putting forth some effort towards building up the organization he is a member of.

Individual effort put the union upon the highest footing ever attained, and until that latent enthusiasm is aroused again, we will not make sufficient progress to bring desired results.

During the past eighteen months your general officers have spent their time in

restoring confidence, smoothing away the frowns and healing the wounds from which the organization had suffered. With the restoration of a healthy condition of mind and body, a decidedly improved environment and a constantly increasing growth, we expect to receive more active co-operation from now on.

The pessimism of the past belongs to the past. Let the croakers continue to croak if they find solace in it. Those who wish to play the part of old women and cry over the good days of yore rather than take part in the campaign for their restoration can be shelved. We, for our part, finding conditions ripe for a successful campaign, hereby issue a call for those who believe they have courage, who have faith in unionism and are determined that the commercial telegrapher shall come into his own, to join us now in this second half of 1909 to enter the movement with a proper spirit, to do or die with the slogan of a trebled membership by December 31, 1909.

To accomplish this we ask each member to pledge himself to secure at least one new member for the present quarter and one for the last quarter of 1909.

The above editorial is from the July C. T. U. A. journal.

Fellow telegraphers, this is the spirit of the C. T. U. A. today, and we are fully convinced that with your assistance we may succeed in accomplishing our aim *long before the allotted time*. Our interests are mutual, the success of one union reflects upon the other.

Therefore, we ask: Are you with us? You can help by using the same methods. Try it.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SINCE the last announcement, the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

S. T. Aiken (3).

C. K. Austin, J. C. Atkinson, C. E. Albright (5), F. A. Arnold, F. R. Arnot (2).

J. T. Bellew (6), J. B. Benham (2), H. L. Baker, W. S. Barner (3), T. L. Butler.

J. E. Bell, C. W. Bowdish (2), E. L. Belden (9), J. P. T. Burton, H. Bates, R. W. Baber.

M. J. Carey, T. Counts (2), W. H. Cord (8), E. A. Compton (6), G. P. Cabeen.

C. W. Christopherson (2), J. J. Collins (4).

F. G. Dennison (2), C. J. Deedrick, F. P. Darland (3), S. A. Davis.

B. H. Evans, P. A. Ebert.

A. H. Foster, T. B. Freney (2), M. W. Frix (2), F. Frantz, F. C. Fisher.

L. G. Ging (2), M. P. Gallagher.

L. R. Haus (5), B. D. Hatch, F. B. Huff (5), D. A. Hubbart, A. E. Habermann (2).

P. L. Hackbert (4), G. B. Hite (3).

G. A. James.

C. E. Kelly, R. P. Keefe (5).

J. B. Latz, Geo. Lavengood (2), G. B. Lamm (2), J. E. Lewis (2), W. J. Leahy (2).

J. W. Martenis, W. D. Mays, S. M. Moore, L. A. Muhlner, W. H. Morrison.

L. T. Murbaugh, J. McGraff (6), A. E. McCullough, R. R. McInroy (3).

F. W. Nickel (4), L. F. Nelson (7), G. B. Newbill.

E. C. Park, J. J. Powers (12), L. H. Pennoyer (5), C. H. Price.

J. H. Rogers, Jr. (2), D. M. Rogers (2), I. J. Rasner (5), D. C. Root.

L. Roush, A. S. Reed.

L. F. Schneider (3), H. A. Stimson, H. S. Sorrell, C. M. Shelver (3), T. A. Sebesta, C. M. Sanford, Thomas Sasser (9), R. R. Searle, R. A. Swell.

R. B. Safford (2), T. A. Savage (5), J. L. Stanberry (2), E. L. Smith, C. L. Smith (2).

J. L. Stearns, R. H. Smith, C. N. Schleck (5).

Thos. Truitt (3), H. H. Troutman (5), F. A. Thomas (2), E. F. Tinus, W. N. Thornton.

Mrs. Van Sandt.

C. L. Wilcox (5), C. M. Wurzbacher (18), A. P. Webster (2), B. L. Walker (4).

C. A. Walter, V. C. Walker (2), D. H. Wilson (7), T. E. Winborn, W. L. Wilmarth (5).

P. L. Wright (5).

EDITORIAL NOTES

No card, no favors.

Five hundred and sixty-five new members were initiated into the Order during the month of July.

The mailing list will be revised after this issue, and only members with dues paid to December 31, 1909, will receive future copies of this journal from the regular mailing list.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials.

the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for \$4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.

The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is called to the last paragraph of Article XIII of the laws



governing that department, as amended at the last session of the Grand Division, which provides that certificate holders must pay their dues in The Order of Railroad Telegraphers within sixty days from the beginning of the semi-annual dues period, which means that certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department should pay their dues for the present semi-annual period before August 30th, in order to be in good standing in that department.

Information has been received at the General Offices that Card No. 17590 for the term ending June 30, 1909, issued to W. C. Strickler, Certificate 249, Division 93, has been stolen. Bro. Strickler is now and has been for the last two or three years employed at Louisville, Ky. Further information shows that some party in possession of this card has been traveling in the West, especially in Montana, "flagging" under this name. If the card in question is presented, it should be taken up and forwarded to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

In the June number of THE TELEGRAPHER an appeal was published for contributions for the benefit of J. W. Ezell, a member of Division 93, to defray the expenses of an effort to secure his pardon from the Pennsylvania Penitentiary, where he has been confined for the last four years. His friends, who are familiar with the case, have always maintained that the killing was in self-defense, and that he was convicted on biased testimony. Up to the time of going to press, only a few dollars have been received from this appeal. This seems to be a worthy case and one that could properly receive consideration at the hands of the members. It seems to be a case where a member is apparently unjustly deprived of his freedom and his immediate relatives are not financially able to assist him. It will take \$1,000.00 or more to meet the expenses of his lawyers in vigorously prosecuting the effort for his pardon. They

have agreed to donate their services if the Order will defray the expenses in connection therewith. A few cents from each member will produce the required amount.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of May, 1909, shows that there were 107,839 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 1,095 debarred from entrance classified as follows: Idiots, imbeciles and feeble-minded, 14; insane and epileptics, 23; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 260; professional beggars, 2; likely to become public charges, 477; mentally or physically defective, 47; contract laborers, 70; accompanying aliens, 23; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parent, 30; assisted aliens, 1; criminals, 55; prostitutes and procurers, 51; without passport, 2; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 40. The report also shows that there were 210 aliens returned after landing.

It will be remembered that the last session of the Grand Division changed the laws of the Mutual Benefit Department regarding the payment of assessments, making them payable semi-annually instead of monthly, and on account of that change, a new assessment slip was sent to each member of the department for the six months, July to December. The laws further provide that this semi-annual assessment shall be paid within two calendar months from the beginning of the semi-annual period, which means that it must be paid on or before August 31st. For that reason the slip was made to read, "Due July 1st, 1909. Expires August 31st, 1909." This part of the slip seems to be misunderstood by a few members, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding it can be stated that the assessment covers a period of six months, July 1st to December 31st, that it is due on July 1st, and that the time limit for its payment expires on August 31st.

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of **THE TELEGRAPHER**:

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Duck, of Lewis-town, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. J. Moyer, of Lewis-town, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. E. Parish, of Pu-laski, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Frank L. Harmon, of Blue Canon, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Pennebaker, of Stroud, Okla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Welch, of Bak-ers Mill, Fla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Fluker, of Gas-tonburg, Ala., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. I. Youngen, of Rosemond, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Con Campion, of Jewett, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Geo. B. Lamm, of Elrod, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. H. Harkins, of Atlanta, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. B. Bright, of Steins, N. M., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Shaughnessy, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. B. Mixson, Jr., of Lake Butler, Fla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. M. Young, of Pitts-burg, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. F. Todd, of Sand-wich, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. P. Meehan, of Ulm, Wyo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. L. Chambers, of Kentwood, La., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. D. Brooks, of Lake Crystal, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. K. Hartung, of Sioux Center, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Sellick, of Te-hama, Cal., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. F. Lunn, of Car-negie, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. P. Darland, of Canton, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. M. Fitzhenry, of Chicago Heights, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Horch, of Colum-bus, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. J. Goodney, of Edgebrook Sta., Chicago, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. D. Ludwig, of Nescopeck, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Hunter, of Curry Run, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. L. Macdonald, of Millet, Alta, Canada, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. W. Abbott, of Rivertown, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Savage, of New Salem, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. L. Hartwright, of Fort Gage, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Jacobs, of Leon, Ky., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. P. Seibert, of Rising Fawn, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Garland, of Corsi-cana, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Burch, of Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. L. Fitzgerald, of Millington, Mich., a boy.

The following marriages have been re-ported since the last issue of **THE TELEGRAPHER**:

At Sherwood, Ohio, Bro. G. A. Reyff, of Div. 33, to Miss Elva Etchie.

Bro. E. R. Weiss, of Div. 126, to Miss Dosie Wilson.

At St. Philippe, of Laprairie, Quebec, Bro. S. C. G. Savage, of Div. 7, to Miss Stephanie Taillefer.

At Goodland, Kans., Bro. C. D. Shafer, of Div. 49, to Miss Mabel Brim.

At New Rockford, N. D., Bro. W. H. Roach, of Div. 54, to Miss Ellen Matson.

At Marion, S. C., Bro. F. A. Truitt, of Div. 132, to Miss Janie E. Spencer.

Bro. G. W. Visser, of Div. 7, to Miss A. E. Ripley.

At Stoneburg, Texas, Bro. H. B. Love, of Div. 145, to Miss Gladys Chandler.

Bro. B. Tonstad, of Div. 76, to Miss Fannie Johnson.

At New Lisbon, Wis., Bro. Otto Balgood, of Div. 76, to Miss Alice Macomber.

At Kanawha, Iowa, Bro. B. P. Benson, of Div. 71, to Miss Julia Wagoner.

At Dallas, Ga., Bro. W. J. Weatherly, of Div. 59, to Miss Rebecca Edmondson.

At Shannon, R. I., Bro. C. T. Sisson, of Div. 35, to Miss Florence Wright.

Bro. J. J. Ferguson, of Div. 34, to Miss Ollie Hart.

At Leipsic, Ohio, Bro. C. J. Erickson, of Div. 18, to Miss Althea May Kurtz.

Bro. Walter B. Grinyer, of Div. 93, to Miss Mabel A. Rochards.

At Bozeman, Mont., Bro. J. C. Robinson, of Div. 54, to Miss Donna Hall.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Massillon, Ohio, Ruth, daughter of Bro. D. Brislin, of Div. 33.

At Millington, Mich., infant son of Bro. M. L. Fitzgerald, of Div. 16.

At Ellenton, S. C., son of Bro. M. T. Johnson, of Div. 132.

At Wabasha, Minn., Bro. O. C. Franke, of Div. 132.

At Danville, Pa., Mr. A. W. Berger, father of Bro. E. G. Berger, of Div. 12.

At Manhattan, Kans., father of Bro. Geo. W. Brubaker, of Div. 6.

At Willow Hill, Ill., wife of Bro. J. H. Hardwick, of Div. 93.

At Muskogee, Okla., Leroy T. Davis, of the Grand Division

At Kansas City, Mo., Bro. J. C. Hodgetts, of Div. 6.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., Mrs. Addie Bryant, sister of Bros. J. C. and Wm. Valandingham, of Div. 62.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of J. W. Swords. "Bill," if you see this, write me at Bigelow, Ark.
S. W. FAUST.

Present address of J. C. Hill.
S. M. DAVIS,
Blytheville, Ark., care of Frisco.

Present address of W. W. Kitzmiller.
F. M. McKINNEY,
Rush Center, Kans.

Present address of John Lynes. "JL," if you see this, please write to your old pal
"B. E.,"
Box 37, Wells, Nev.

Present address of L. C. Fortney, last heard of working for Penna. Line at Elida, Ohio. "LC," if you see this, write Stillwell, Okla.
MIKE

Present address of Clarence A. Barry, last heard of at Ellenburg, Wash., five years ago.
LILLIAN LAROSE,
Eugene, Ore.

Present address of J. A. Hartzog, last heard of worked for C. of G. Ry. at Marshallville, Ga. W. A. WILLIAMS,
Homestead, Fla.

Present address of E. S. Hilleary, left-handed, weighs about 170 pounds.
T. MAHONEY,
Gurdon, Ark.

Present address of D. W. Reinelt, last heard of working for Michigan Central at Vanderbilt, Mich. "Dan," please write.
THE HOT CINDER,
Stillwell, Okla.

Present address of W. M. Reminder, last heard of working for Michigan Central at Sterling, Mich. "Bill," if you see this, write
MIKE,
Stillwell, Okla.

Present address of Earl A. Harrodd, last heard of at Raspberry, Ill.

G. D. BRADSHAW,
Edin, Wis.

Present address of Joe Overly. Anyone knowing his whereabouts please write.

W. S. YEISER,
Box 435, Albion, Ind.

Present address of H. B. Ellwood. Valuable information for him. Address J. E. McIlhlon, 1013 West 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Present address of L. G. Campbell, last heard of in Denver territory.

E. A. COLLINS,
Wilkeson, Wash.

To know whereabouts of J. N. Williams, who formerly worked for N. & W. at Kimball, W. Va. Important.

C. E. LAYMAN,
Troutville, Va.

Present address of E. Malter, last heard of working for Michigan Central at Roscommon, Mich., and later as plumber in Detroit, Mich. "Ed," write me at Stillwell, Okla., quick.

MIKE.

Present address of W. W. Robertson, last heard of working for N. P. at Rexford, Mont. "Robby," if you see this, write.

E. I. BORDAGES, "BO,"
"CO," New Orleans, La.

Present address of J. S. Lackey, better known as John Stafford Lackey, worked for I. C. Ry., Martin, Tenn., winter of 1906.

O. T. BUFFALOW,
Martin, Tenn.

Present address of G. W. McGillivray, last heard of working for Kansas City Southern at Stillwell, Okla. "MC," if you see this, please write me. Am working your old job and would like to meet you any place you name.

MIKE.

Present address of Andrew Burk, section foreman, last heard of in Tacoma, Wash., in May, 1909. Any information as to his whereabouts will be greatly appreciated by his daughter, Mrs. C. J. Connelly, Wells, Mich., as it will be of great interest to both.

E. CHRISTENSEN,
Wells, Mich

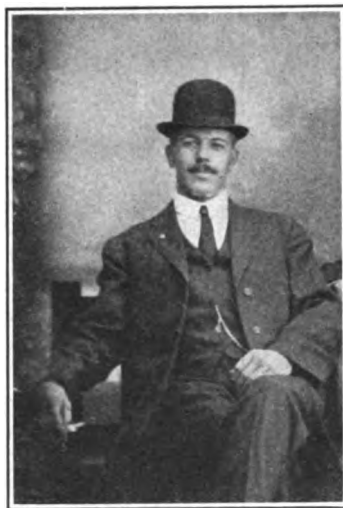
Present address of B. W. Howe, last heard of working for Pere Marquette at Waverley, Mich. "Curley," write me. I looked for you in Fremont three days after I got your letter in Oneida. Wired for you at Niobrara.

MIKE,
Stillwell, Okla.

Present address of Martin Chance, member of the trainmen. Last heard of was passing through Edmondton and Stoney Plains, Alberta, Canada, on way to Mag-nolia, Alberta, about three months ago.

G. E. CHANCE,
Mounds, Ill.

Information that will lead to the capture of H. B. Long, employed on the Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry., as operator at North Bessemer, Pa., until July 15, 1909. Last



H. B. LONG.

seen in Erie, Pa., July 15, headed for Buffalo, N. Y. Aged 30 years, height about 5 feet 11 inches, weight about 175 pounds, dark brown hair (head recently shaved on top). The upper teeth crowned and talks through his nose. Wore light mustache, dark blue suit, derby hat, patent leather shoes (walk-overs), glasses and carried a dark tan leather grip.

C. V. PATTON,
General Chairman, Keister, Pa.
W. B. RISLEY,
General Secretary & Treasurer,
Conneaut, Ohio. Div. 51

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 3191, Cert. 14, Div. 8, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 1478, Cert. 798, Div. 132, for term ending December 31, 1909.

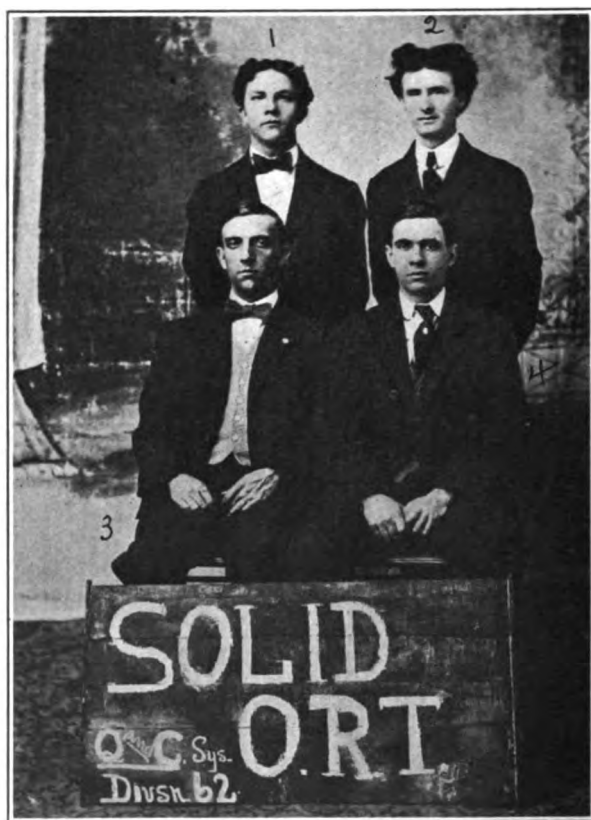
Card 9441, Cert. 6719, Grand Division, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 1474, Cert. 738, Div. 132, for term ending December 31, 1909.

NOTICE.

Lost or stolen, morning of July 21, 1909, while en route from Goodland, Kans., on Rock Island No. 26, to Fairbury, Neb., card-case lost containing O. R. T. cards dating from 1905 to June 30, 1909, and receipt for current card and insurance. Address on case. IRA C. HALDERMAN,

Lincoln, Neb.



H. L. Hoop.
C. K. Hickey.

R. S. Jones.
L. E. Brice.

O. R. T. GROUP—A. G. S. RAILWAY—YORK, ALA.

LADIES AUXILIARY

DIRECTORY.

MRS. E. B. SMITH.....President P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.	MRS. J. J. CAMPBELL....Third Vice-President North Bay, Ontario, Canada.
MRS. G. W. MALONE, Grand Secretary-Treasurer 580 East Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.	MRS. HENRY HURR.....Third Vice-President Engle, Texas.
MRS. E. L. MATHIS.....First Vice-President Greenfield, Tenn.	MRS. CHAS. M. SANFORD...Grand Chaperone Hobart, N. Y.
MRS. W. J. LIDDAN....Second Vice-President 227 West Central Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	MISS DITA MAY WEST, Assistant to President 319 E. Ga. Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mrs. J. F. Brady, Chairman, No. 1 Pond St., Auburn, R. I.	Miss Frances E. Edwards, West Point, Pa. (Clinton County).
Mrs. W. F. Denton, Sterling, Neb.	Mrs. L. E. Crandall, Chrisney, Ind.
Mrs. Chas. M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.	

All correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER must be addressed to the President, so that it will reach her not later than the 20th day of the month.

BE PROMPT.

By MRS. G. W. MALONE, Grand Sec.-Treas.

I just want to say a few words to our members. When I mailed out the Constitutions to all members, I enclosed in each envelope an application blank with instructions to fill out and return to me. Some have been prompt in complying with my request, and to those who have not I would like to ask if you will not fill out the blank I sent you as soon as you read this. And if you have misplaced the application blank I sent you, please notify me and I will send you one by return mail. It is very necessary that we have these applications filled out, as it is the only means of securing a complete record of our membership.

Now, let us all be prompt in paying our dues for the second term. Quite a number have already paid their dues. The printing of our literature was a larger undertaking than we had anticipated, and took considerable time, but don't let this detain us in paying dues for the second term.

In paying dues it is much more convenient for the Secretary to have you remit

either by post-office money order or express money order.

It is surprising how many letters of encouragement we are receiving from the O. R. T. boys, and they all are proving willing workers, as I have received quite a number of applications through their influence, and although our Auxiliary is only two months old we have grown wonderfully, applications being received daily; and they most all express themselves by saying this is what they have wanted for a long time.

Now, let us all work, and see how many applications we can secure. To gain the most good from anything we must be interested and work for it. Try this plan and see if you are not benefited by it.

WHAT WOMAN CAN ACCOMPLISH.

By MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

THE rapidity with which the women of the United States are banding themselves together in organizations of all kinds is astounding, not only in clubs, but in labor organizations and auxiliaries. The influence of womankind today is being

felt and acknowledged in all the relations of her life, not only as she comes out before the world in her numerous organizations, but as neighbor, friend, daughter, wife and mother. Work of any philanthropic nature, reforms of all kinds, educational movements, civic questions of sanitation and beautification, all command her attention, and rapidly she is being recognized as a mediator and her influence is being recognized everywhere, even the Government within the past year has called upon woman to assist in quelling the troubles in the Isthmus, when social discontent seemed to be going to cause a cessation in the work on the Canal, and sent Miss Helen Boswell, of New York, down to that country to organize the women into clubs and other organizations, which proved to be the mediator. The Government has also called upon women to assist in the conservation of forests in the United States, and their pleadings in this cause has had a wonderful effect. In the State of Georgia now the organized women of the State are fighting for the Compulsory Education Law. When child labor questions are up for debate, woman is always in the forefront pleading for the children in the mills. When questions of working women are being debated, always you find not only the women workers themselves organized into labor unions, but we find the wives of the laboring men, their daughters, their sisters and their mothers banding themselves together into auxiliaries, and other women outside either of these circles are organized into societies and clubs, prepared to take a stand for her sister who, on account of different environment in life, has been compelled to make her bread by the sweat of her brow. Even the new President of the Manufacturers' Association, Mr. Jno. Kirby, Jr., states in his inaugural address, "There would be no militant organized labor today if it were not for the support of misguided philanthropists and women's societies, who are constantly keeping up the agitation," and went on to warn the members of the association against allowing their women to band together into clubs and such, where they allowed dangerous agitators of reforms to address them, and that they were be-

coming entirely too friendly toward those reforms which the association was fighting. Mr. Kirby, no doubt, thought that "forewarned was forearmed," and that natural tendency of womankind must be curbed, or the shekels falling into the coffers of the trusts and corporative greed would be less and less as woman agitated those principles which is in the average woman, no matter what her station in life may be, a gift by Nature given and in her set forever.

But of all organizations on earth today among women the auxiliaries to the labor unions have the greatest field and the grandest avenue for work. The club women are entering into matters of civic, State and national interest, so is also the wide-awake auxiliaries in matters directly or indirectly of interest to the workingman. Women do not have to have suffrage to accomplish their ends. If the women of our land who are members of families of workingmen would organize themselves and connect themselves with auxiliaries to the labor unions, their influence would be felt in such a manner that a man without a card would be a man without a conscience and would be looked upon as such. These women would endeavor to make their homes more happy, labor questions would be discussed at the hearthstone of every man who labors in the country. If the councils of the cities refused to clear away rubbish heaps, or to remedy the pavement along streets where workingmen and their families resided, these earnest women would go before the council, for the sake of their homes and the health of their family, and demand the rights of the citizens in those cities who labored for their bread. Libraries would be established. Rest rooms would be looked after for both the workingmen and women. Lunch rooms would be provided, sick would be cared for and the homeless looked after; in fact, the great good which can be accomplished by these organized women would be beyond the most radical imagination of the day.

To broaden womankind and educate her that mind must sharpen its appetite by womanly exercises, and invigorate its powers by womanly studies, and grasp for truths which seem almost beyond their

reach, but, with the tenacity of woman, knows no failure. These questions must be hunted down and the mind must feed upon the game brought down in the hunt. And where can these things be accomplished better than in the organization of our women into auxiliaries?

Archbishop Whatley's definition of woman was, "A creature that does not reason, and that pokes the fire from the top." Alexander the Great said she was "A good idea—spoiled." Another well-known character in history says she is "An essay on goodness and grace, in one volume, elegantly bound," and still others have different definitions. We know that many times woman-kind will stare at the grim monster death without a tremor for truth's sake, and then the next moment scream at the sight of a mouse; while, on the other hand, man will stand in the labor-hall and agitate the eight-hour question, while his wife is at home slaving for him and his family eighteen hours a day and then some! What we need is the banding together of our women, getting them interested in the movement, educate them along broader lines, and we will find that not many more years will roll over our heads until we will have a solidity which is not even dreamed of now. The possibilities of woman in this field is unlimited; the labor union is of really more vital interest to the woman than to the man. This is a conceded fact. Then why not enlist her in the cause and wield her influence in still stronger volume in our behalf?

Send us some news or articles for the department. Let us hear from the membership.

Get your Auxiliary started everywhere. Get busy now. After you get organized there will be plenty of work to be done.

The Florida Women's Clubs have voted in a body to demand the union label hereafter when purchasing anything. See what the L. A. to O. R. T. ladies can do with their city and State women's clubs in getting them to take the same action as a sure

preventative from child labor and sweatshop conditions. If any success, please report to your President immediately.

Mrs. J. F. Brady, Chairman of the Executive Board, writes that the outlook there is splendid for a rousing big meeting of the O. R. T. and L. A's. this month. Here's to Sister Brady, a real hustler!

Miss Frances Edwards, our esteemed fourth member on the Executive Board, says she lost her "honeysuckle vine" in Jacksonville, and sends to our assistant for a duplicate. Here's hoping it will grow and flourish like the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Organize your Auxiliary! Then commence the sprouting of plants for the depot windows. Make the offices comfortable and easy for "our boys." Every office in the United States and Canada could be a miniature flower garden if the ladies were all organized.

Get your Auxiliary started and then, in a body, call on the nearest "professor of telegraph" and tell him "how it happened;" if he don't bear "telling," show him! Never seen a band of L. A. to O. R. T. ladies after a "professor" yet, but I imagine it would have the desired effect. See how it goes. Try it once.

Keep a woman busy, and she'll never talk about her neighbors.

Keep a man busy and he'll never remark about a lady.

A gentleman is always found busy.

A lady is always found at work.

Work does not always mean labor. Work and labor are two separate and distinct things.

Get your Auxiliary organized and then get after the "nons." Go in a body to him and request him to get his card up. Send him a nice piece of the first cake you bake. Invite him over to the house for a game of "set-back" some evening with a jolly crowd.

Work with him in an earnest manner and you will get him when the brothers in the O. R. T. couldn't get near enough to him to say "Scat!" Try it.

Watch the night man. Send him a hot cup of coffee once in a while. If he is a

non, ask him to come in the union and then pet him a little. It has never been tried yet. We know that. But I'll bet ten to one that a non will get up-to-date quicker by a little petting from the L. A. to O. R. T. ladies than a storm of protest by the O. R. T's. Try it.



G. N. Whipple, L. F. Zadnichek, A. A. Hottle, E. C. Road.
O. R. T. GROUP—SLATER, IOWA.

GLEANINGS

"We unite because we must."

* * *

The label is what you want.

* * *

The softest job is usually the hardest to get.

* * *

Trades unions foster education and up-roof ignorance.

* * *

The more union goods you buy the more union men will be at work.

* * *

No product can be considered "Union" unless it bears the union label.

* * *

The record of trade unionism shows that, after all, man was not made to mourn.

* * *

Work without enthusiasm is like a kite without a tail; neither goes very far.

* * *

If the arm of greed could reach Old Sol there would be a meter on every sunbeam.

* * *

The necessity of industrial organization knows no law except that of human progress.

* * *

The "spirit of organization" and the "spirit of progress" are interchangeable terms.

* * *

If the tin bucket brigade would stand solidly together the labor "problem" would soon be settled.

* * *

The real strength of a union lies in the number of active workers and "boosters" among its members. Its weakness is determined by the number of chronic "knockers" in its ranks.

It is well for us to always remember that power erroneously used will inevitably bring disaster.

* * *

Co-operation is the order of the day for individualism is among things of the past. Therefore co-operate.

* * *

He who continually partaketh of Post's Grape Nuts, will, verily as a result, become hopelessly "nutty."

* * *

If you belong to a labor union don't be afraid to show your colors. A good soldier is never ashamed of his uniform.

* * *

When you purchase goods without the union label you are aiding in keeping some child out of school and a man out of a job.

* * *

The way to appear ridiculous is to remain away from the meetings of your local union, and then go about finding fault with its proceedings.

* * *

There are diversities of gifts, but the greatest gift is that of the laborer, who gives all the good things he produces to the man who merely bosses him.

* * *

The labor unions of Indianapolis, Ind., have recently leased a farm of thirty acres west of the city, which they intend to improve and use for picnics and outings.

* * *

The trades union movement has done more toward the elevation of mankind than all other agencies combined. This has been accomplished by increasing the wages of the worker, thereby establishing a higher standard of living, and by shortening the hours of labor, giving the worker an opportunity for mental improvement.

Secretary Tracy of the Label Department of the American Federation of Labor reports that about thirty-five international unions will affiliate with the department.

* * *

"Labor sermons" are becoming quite the style in the pulpits today. This indicates



P. A. Dion.

A. S. Cote.

O. R. T. MEMBERS—QUEBEC CENTRAL RY.

an awakening on the part of the clergy over the question of organized labor, and this should be a good sign.

* * *

The sentiment of organized labor, from President Gompers down to the latest recruit in the newest union enrolled under the banner of the A. F. of L., is now and forever will be opposed to the infamy of child slavery.

* * *

A man's friendship for organized labor may be better judged by his disposition to stay in the background at certain times than by his willingness to come to the front at others.

* * *

Organized labor is demanding that the courts shall no longer construe the law to mean that the possession of a union card makes it illegal for the holder to perform

an act that is perfectly legal when performed by a man who does not hold a union card. Anything remarkable about that?

* * *

If the men who are affiliated with various organizations of employers would look with less contempt upon men who work for wages and treat them with a little more consideration, they would perhaps find the labor problem easier of solution.

* * *

There can be no question but that the process of "Americanizing the Philippines" is gaining some headway. In a recent strike of the street railway employees at Manila, the injunction was used to prevent mass meetings being held for the purpose of voicing grievances against the company.

* * *

It is alleged that over one-half of the property in the United States now belongs to corporations, which are nothing more nor less than organizations of capitalists; and unless the workingmen more effectively organize, these corporations will soon own a large share of the balance of the visible wealth of the country.

* * *

The hatters can safely feel that the union label was their great and good friend during their recent strike. It is very evident that organized labor in general made a strong effort through the label to help the hatters. But, in order to make the victory more lasting and emphatic, there should be a consistent and steady demand for the label in a hat. After it is once acquired it is easy to maintain the "demand the label" habit. Get the habit!

* * *

Organization, co-ordination, co-operation are the right of every body of men whose aims are worthy and equitable, and must needs be the resource of those who, individually, are unable to persuade their fellow-men to recognize the justice of their claims and principles. If employed within lawful and peaceful limits, it may rightly hope to be a means of educating society in a spirit of fairness and practical brotherhood.

The contention of those employers who are continually asserting that American workmen are the best paid received a severe jolt when Senator Stone produced a German government report, in the course of the tariff debate at Washington, which showed many skilled workers in that country received higher wages than in similar American trades.

* * *

To prosper we must practice true fraternity and look after the faults and needs of our brothers and sisters, in the same manner and spirit as we would were they of our own blood. We should be on the alert, investigate and know when assistance is needed, and in a true fraternal spirit administer to the wants and needs without being asked.

* * *

Cowardice never won anything. If the theory that a half loaf is better than none is correct, then it would follow that one should take a quarter of a loaf, then a crust, and finally starve without protest. We want human rights and human justice. Capital has for years been organizing for an aggressive campaign against labor and labor must meet the issue unitedly and courageously.

* * *

A good union man is not necessarily one who always insists upon the union taking care of his own particular grievances. The best kind of a union man is one who always considers the welfare of the entire membership, regardless of his own momentary troubles. Such a man is wise, too, because he recognizes that his own welfare is best safeguarded by working for the interests of the whole.

* * *

In soliciting the membership of anyone in the Order, never misrepresent or exaggerate the benefits to be secured thereby. It is a gross injustice to the prospective member and to all concerned, and no good whatever can possibly accrue thereby. Permanent success never has and never will be secured by fraudulency and deception. Honesty in this connection is invariably the best policy as well as in everything else.

Low living results inevitably in low wages. It is customary with the thoughtless to hold up the man who saves out of a small wage by denying himself the necessities and decencies of life. Such a man is not a model, but a warning to his fellows, since his example, if generally followed, would reduce all to the lowest possible standard of living.

* * *

When a union succeeds in raising the standard of wages and securing better working conditions the unorganized workers are benefited as well as the actual members of the union. The beneficent influence of unionism reaches the unorganized as well as the organized workers and improves the conditions of all.

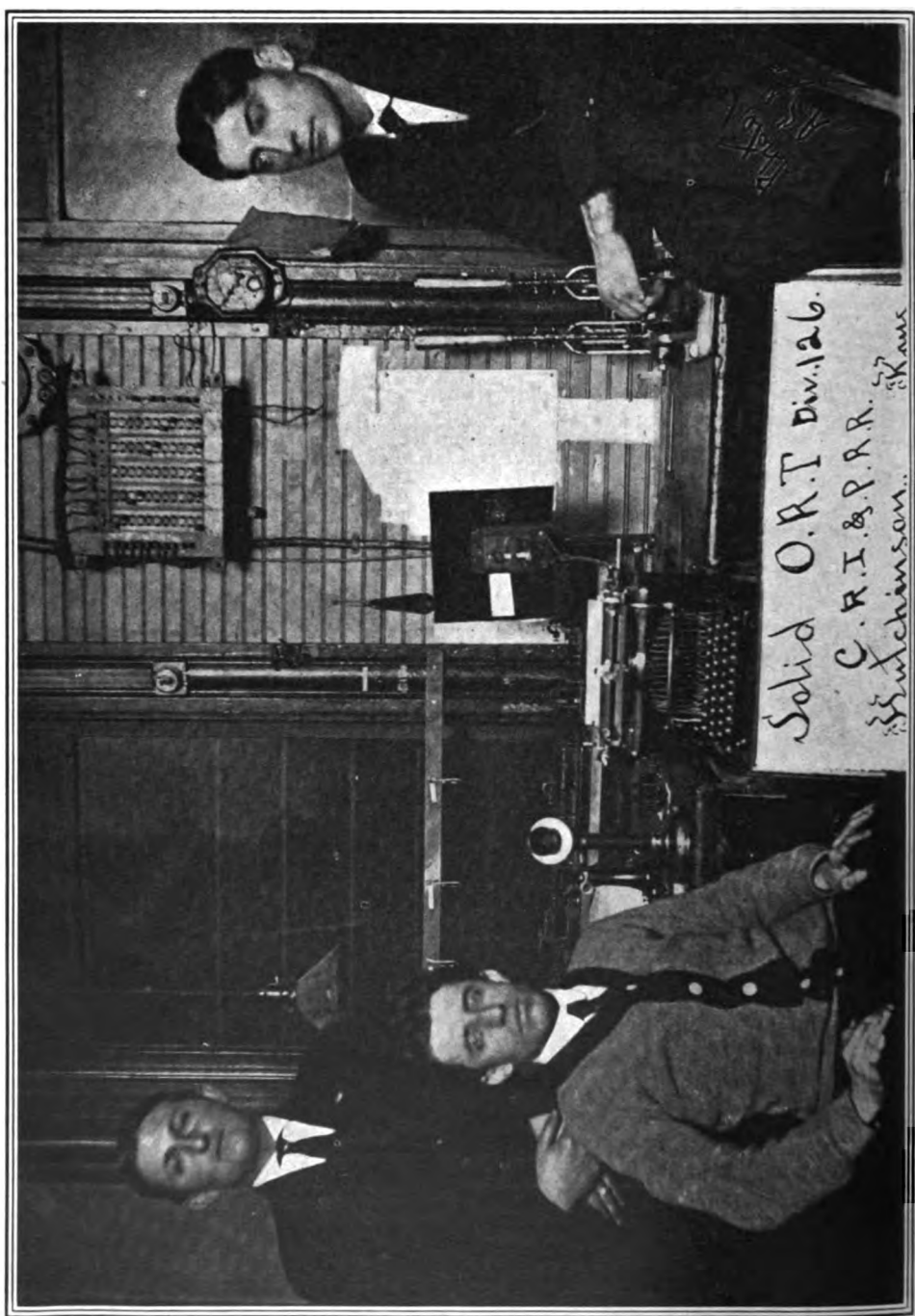
The unorganized workers should therefore understand that when employers at-



MAT RICE,

Member Division No. 40.

tack a labor union the unorganized men will suffer if the union men are defeated. Every workingman that joins a union lessens the probability of defeat. Hence, all should join.



R. J. Kelley.

H. B. York.

O. D. Williamson.

MISCELLANY

FLAGGING OF THE DUTCHMAN.

ANY old-timer will tell you how Strand, youngest in age and experience of the Ixonia dispatchers, after serving a night trick, sat all day at the key while the horrors of the Barton disaster crowded the wire, and the day men broke down when the death list began to come in, and with dread at their hearts and unlighted cigars in their mouths, paced nervously about corridor and platform, and at 4 o'clock, when Colvin, our superannuated passenger agent, trotted into the office, his cane tapping a dreary accompaniment on the floor, he found Strand alone.

"Twelve identified," the dispatcher stated, in response to the old official's inquiry.

His haggared face and bloodshot eyes told a tale of suspense, but his finger, at that moment arranging a meeting point for Train No. 3, with the corpse-laden special, east-bound, was free from tremor.

Yet Strand admitted to me that he prayed the night Pruden turned the Flying Dutchman loose against Horn's work-train. Pug Williams, the office call boy, says he cried, but I don't believe he ever made that statement in Strand's hearing, although, if true, there is reasonable excuse, for Edith was a passenger on the Dutchman that night.

Strand won Edith against odds, for he is not a society man, in the conventional sense, and Edith Tracy was one of the most popular girls in Ixonia. Mrs. Tracy had frowned on the attachment from the beginning, but in old man Tracy, who possessed a soul just a trifle above fast horses, Strand's suit found a sturdy champion.

"Let 'em alone," he urged, in response to his wife's protest. "You can not stop a thing like that. The boy's all right. I'd sooner have him in the family than these

lawn-markers that's hung round here. He knows a good horse, too. Edith shows her sense."

"I can not understand how it ever happened," said Mrs. Tracy, mournfully.

But in the end she succumbed to the inevitable, and, in keep with the inconsistency of her sex, having assented, gave her gracious and enthusiastic support to the approaching union. So it was that the engraver had his order for wedding invitations. On the same day that Papa Tracy closed negotiations for his wedding gift—a snug home, with a stable, which had received his keen inspection, Edith was returning from a city shopping trip on the Flying Dutchman. The train was late, and had barely entered middle division territory, when Strand, at 6 p. m., resigned his seat to Pruden, the second trick man.

Strand posted his subordinate concerning the position of various trains on the big sheet, glanced about the office, drew on his street coat, and said good-night. He paused at the door for a moment.

"Help the Dutchman along, Pruden," he added. "I want her here on time."

"I'll give her every show," said Pruden.

The Dutchman, on the time-card simply Train Fifty-four, was due to arrive in Ixonia at 10 o'clock. Strand, uneasy in anticipation, left his hotel before 9, and went toward the station. Opposite it, in Concordia Hall, the high-school graduating exercises were progressing. Strand, remembering Edith, a white-gowned and lovely participant in the function of the former year, halted for a moment on the carpet strip beneath the awning. The tones of a feminine voice came with elocutionary distinctness through the open door.

"I've won a great deal in one short year," he thought reminiscently.

Crossing to the station, he saw Mrs. Tracy's carriage standing in the area, and, approaching it, he saluted her.

"I know I'm early," she said, "but, somehow, I've been restless all the afternoon. Foolish, I admit, but I'm not apprehensive, as a rule."

Strand laughed as he released her hand.

"I guess we're all a trifle nervous these days," he responded. "I know I am, and maybe Edith is, also. I can assure you, though, that everything's right. I let the train into the division myself. It was a trifle tardy at 6, but ought to make the time up easily. About at Marathon now," he said, consulting his watch. "Swinging along at a good rate, too, I'll warrant," he added cheerfully.

Just then Pruden's voice, keyed to a high and unnatural pitch, called from the window above: "Hello!"

The strained tone of the aimless salutation caught Strand's ear discordantly.

"What is it, Pruden?" he asked.

"You, Strand! Are you there?" came the eager response. "Come up, quick!"

Strand excused himself to Mrs. Tracy and ran up the stairs.

Pruden was alone in the office. He was pacing the floor and wringing his hands.

"Strand, the Dutchman!" he groaned. The under-dispatcher was shaking like a leaf, and his words came in incoherent syllables.

"The Dutchman!" he repeated, and again his tongue faltered.

Strand banged his subordinate's head against the wall and shook him roughly.

"Damn you, talk!" he gritted. "Talk, or I'll break your back! Where is the Dutchman?"

"On the south track from Double-track Junction," mumbled Pruden, between spasmodic chills. "East-bound local got a car off in thirty-two bridge. I held the Dutchman at the Junction until nineteen got outside, then blocked both ends of the double line, and let the Dutchman in on the west-bound track."

"Well, well?"

"Strand I—I forgot. Horn's work-train follows nineteen every night from Thorpe

to Beulah Gravel Pit, and we haven't a night office between." And Pruden cowered like one expecting a blow.

Strand was at the key. "Did you try Grafton?" he asked.

"No use," responded Pruden, brokenly. "He quits at six."

"In God's name, couldn't you take the chance?" cried Strand. "That push plays cards in the depot regularly. I've seen e'm often, myself." And he rapped the call.

"G-n," spoke the sounder in the second station each of Double-track Junction. The push was seated around a table, in the snug office, when the operator's alert ear caught the familiar click.

"Not much, Prudy," he remarked facetiously. "We don't work night's here. Deal 'em up, Roy."

That operator's opportunity to win more in a minute than he could have hoped to win in a life-time at cards was fleeting, for receiving a full hand in the deal, his "I stand pat" was drowned in the roar of the Flying Dutchman's passage.

"Say, Si," said one of the company, "wasn't the Dutchman on the nigh track?"

"I didn't notice," replied the operator, carelessly. "Maybe. They block both ends sometimes an' end her that way. Orders is to keep her on time. Give the boys their cards, Roy. I don't need any."

The sounder still clicked, nervously and persistently.

"Won't ye ever let go?" questioned the operator. "Well, I s'pose I'll have to answer him. Hold up, boys, a minute."

He tipped back in his chair and touched the key, and that simple "G" repeated in the dispatching office at Ixonia offered hope to two men sitting there with tense nerves and drawn features.

"Flag Fifty-four," Strand shot back.

"Fifty-four passed here two minutes ago."

Strand drew a long breath.

Pruden utterly collapsed.

"Forty-two miles," muttered Strand, rubbing his forehead. "Thorpe. That cuts out eight. Thirty-four. Dutchman will make twenty-five to Horn's twelve, if he pulled out right behind nineteen. Twenty-

five—twenty-five—let me think! Oh, God, let me think! Twenty-eight minutes. His fore-finger dragged on the sheet. "They'll meet about here. If we only had a night man at Vandyke! Johnston might be in." His head bowed low on the table. "God grant, please grant!" but no response came to the repeated "V-d, V-d."

Then calling through the tube, he summoned two messengers and had turned to the key again when Mrs. Tracy's voice came from the doorway: "Is everything all right, Mr. Strand?"

He tried to smile. "Pray, excuse me, Mrs. Tracy, I'm tied here for the moment. The train's a little late, that's all. I suggest that you return to your carriage. It's so—warm up here. I'll let you know in time."

Mrs. Tracy smiled back. "I'm foolishly nervous," she said.

Strand listened to her descending steps. "What grace can a liar expect?" he muttered. "But I couldn't tell her."

He was clicking a message to the shops: "Attach superintendent's car to wrecking outfit, load all available hospital material in same, and run to Ixonia Station for further orders."

Call-boys Pug Williams and Bunch Garvin came scrambling up the stairs, but their boisterous entrance was curbed by the crisp tone that greeted them.

"Williams, take the telephone and keep quiet. Garvin, you hustle into Crook's hack and bring Doctor Bartlett and Doctor Shrock to the depot as fast as Crook can move. If you can not find them, get some others. Crook will know where to go. One minute—Mrs. Tracy's carriage is near Crook's stand. Get him outside before you tell him. That's all."

"Williams, you call up Mr. Wayland's house. Tell him we've got a bad wreck, and the outfit will be at the station in ten minutes."

But even as Pug twirled the crank the sounder tapped a message in the superintendent's smooth vogue: "Send all personal and urgent mail to Melville on Fifty-three. Shall remain here until tomorrow night. W. A. W."

"Never mind, Pug," said Strand, and an instant later he was sending a message, simple in words, but dreadful in import, to his superior at the opposing division terminal:

"W. A. W., Melville: Train Fifty-four, running on west-bound track in double extension, will meet Horn's work-train at a point between Vandyke and Hayward. Have ordered out wrecking-train and summoned local surgeons. J. L. S."

Pruden, rousing from his lethargy, listened and comprehended the grim rasp. "Oh, God, Strand!" he moaned.

The chief dispatcher turned fiercely in his chair, "Be quiet, or get out of here!" he exclaimed, between dry lips. "My girl's on that train."

During the previous concentration he had scarcely given a thought to Edith individually, but now her personal peril came to him in telling force. He picked at the blotter, as he considered the arrangement of the Dutchman's complement. Edith would ride in the chair-car, two, three cars from the engine, and the heavy sleepers behind, telescoping and grinding in the crunching impact. The mangled forms, the screams of agony—and—Edith! Strand covered his face with his hands.

From Concordia Hall, wafted on the night air, came the notes of a clear soprano voice, and the words of the song, in distinct intonation:

"When you and I that other life may know."

"Strand's head burrowed in his arm, on the table. Pruden, shrunken and broken, was sobbing convulsively. Pug, the call-boy, for once silent, crouched under the telephone box.

The light breeze shifted, and the hoarse exhaust of the engine spitting cinders and flame on her path through the yard from the shops to Ixonia Station, with derrick, crane and emergency cars swaying behind her, momentarily displaced the pure tones, then changed again, and once more the cadence rang high:

"There for aye among the blest,
There secure upon the Savior's breast."

Strand spoke muffled and unsteadily: "Pug, for God's sake, close the window."

Some men acquire a sobriquet by deeds of valor, others, because of peculiarity of feature or carriage; others, unfortunately, by reason of deformity or disfigurement. Mr. Aloysius Thomas Cleaver earned his nickname by the use of an original epithet. During his connection with the M. & S. M., as night operator at Dover, whenever occasion demanded, he was wont to give vent to his feelings, jubilant or otherwise, by the ejaculation: "The Holy Fly," and as a variation: "Well, by the Holy Fly!" Just where the application came in I am unable to explain, and I never knew any one who affected to know, but among a class of men addicted to nicknames, an opportunity so alluring could scarcely be missed. Consequently young Cleaver's identity speedily merged from Holy Fly to mere Fly, and, at a later period, the latter title was resigned for a number of three figures, and the Holy Fly was immured behind prison walls.

Some of the boys fancied the action rather summary, but a big corporation will generally find a scapegoat, and, to be quite fair to all concerned, the Fly's reputation had been a trifle seedy.

Moreover, it will be admitted that when a large consignment of money, placed in the office safe at night, is missing the following morning, suspicion must rest on some one. Also it can not be denied that when evidence shows that the person in whose charge the safe was left, although ignorant of the combination, had made a practice of lying on the office-table and watching the combination being worked, times without number, the said person's prestige, circumstantially considered, must suffer depression. I recollect that the judge addressed the jury something after this manner:

The popular railroad mind does not lean toward predestination. So, when a member of that following gets jailed, discharged, maimed, or killed, he becomes, in terse parlance, "out of luck."

The Fly was out of luck. He got four years.

The same day that Edith Tracy rolled homeward to Ixonia on the Dutchman his term expired.

He left the prison, with transportation to the State line, a small sum of money, a shoddy suit of clothes, and a head of hair of uniform length all over. He passed through Ixonia, west-bound, on the Postal Mail, about four o'clock in the afternoon. Under favorable circumstances, he would have reached the metropolis at about the hour of Edith's departure from it. Indifferent fate, in the form of an ebony-complexioned gentleman, equipped with three dice and a variety of grunts and expletives, ordained otherwise, and—well, the Fly knew the game. His last nickel vanished as the train reached Vandyke, the last station before crossing the State boundary. Confronted by this condition, the Fly quietly sought the blind end of the head mail car.

Cal Green, conductor of the Mail, has the eye of a hawk for hoboes, and spying the Fly's retreat, he promptly pulled the cord. Cal is fat, and after waddling past three cars in the sun he was warm.

"Get off!" said he.

"You've got a double track here now," suggested the Fly.

"Get off, you bum," growled Cal, climbing the steps.

The Fly alighted and Cal gave the signal to proceed! The conductor caught the first coach platform, and so did the Fly.

"Say, con," panted the latter, pleadingly, "carry me to Portal; I'm all right."

"I'll carry ye, damn ye!" puffed the conductor, and he kicked the intruder clear off the train, and half-way across the right-of-way.

The Fly sought the seclusion of a lumber pile, and slept until eight o'clock, when, waking, he proceeded down the track to the little station, which he found dark and deserted. He raised a window and crept inside. Some crusts in a lunch-pail, found beneath the shelf, soothed the demands of his stomach, which the diet of the past few years had rendered easy to satisfy. A pipe and a cigar box half-full of tobacco found in a closet beside the ticket case

afforded a sense of luxury, appreciated only by experience. The Fly leaned back in a chair and smoked a second pipe, in absolute quiet. Then he drew the shades carefully, and lighted the office lamp and turned it low. Association had rendered station appointments familiar to him, and, after rummaging a few minutes, he produced an old knife, adapted to screw-driver purposes, and, stooping, proceeded to remove a drawer, which was fastened underneath the broad window-shelf.

"We always used to leave the small change," he muttered. "It's a careless trick, too."

While thus employed, he stopped twice to listen to the click of the instrument.

"V-d," he repeated. "That's Vandyke. wonder if they keep a night man here. If they do he's probably sneaked away to a corn-husking bee. I used to."

Click-click-te-click.

"Well, that's funny," he soliloquized. "Dispatcher ought to know the office-list of his trick; an' say," he continued, laying aside the impromptu tool, "I wonder what these people put in that double track for? They ain't near so crowded as they used to be. Haven't had a train in either direction for over half an hour."

Click-click-te-click.

"Break away, old horse, I can not do business with you; I ain't a union man," responded the Fly, resuming his task. The drawer came loose in his hands, and he was enriched to the extent of seventy cents from its contents. "Who is this guy?" he queried, reaching for a ledger. "Johnston. Same old boy. H'm! I remember you, Johnston, you're a liberal man. Thanks! Ham telegrapher, though. Got no ear for music."

He refilled the pipe and was lighting it when Strand's message to Superintendent Wayland flashed along the line.

"Train Fifty-four, running on west-bound track in double extension, will meet Horn's work-train at a point between Vandyke and Hayward. Have—" The pipe fell to the floor.

"Vandyke! Hayward! This is Vandyke! Holy Fly! Does this man show an

order light? Course not! Where the devil does he keep his lamp?" And the Fly tore through the diminutive waiting-room and out into the freight-room. He scratched a match with trembling fingers. "Here, red globe! Good!"

It was lighted in an instant, and the Fly went through a window, glass, sash and shade.

He hung the lantern on the extending bracket-arm, and sped up the track to the switch. He beat the lock off with a heavy spike he found near, and threw the switch to a reverse position. The light surmounting the stand showed red to the main. He paused a moment to plug the lever, then flew back to the station. His finger tapped the key, and, though the touch had become blunted by months of labor in the prison stone-yard, and the action was strained and uneven, sweeter music never greeted dispatcher's ears than that sequence of halting dots and dashes.

"Ixonix—Vandyke—Danger signal out for all trains. East house-track open."

Strand's response came instantly: "Flag east-bound train Fifty-four to clear switch."

Three minutes later the Dutchman was standing at the station, and the Fly was retorting to the conductor's questions with:

"Oh! Let up, will you? You rattle me."

Again he painfully worked the key. "Fifty-four waiting for orders. West-bound train in sight," and then addressing the conductor: "Say, con. cast your eye eastward. There is a fine full moon for you!"

The functionary turned and viewed a bright headlight, emerging from the cut, two miles east of Vandyke.

"What the hell is that?" he cried.

"The train you're getting orders against," responded the Fly.

"But I've got a lease on the south track," protested the conductor, diving into his pocket for the tissue.

"You had, but you haven't," returned the Fly. "That's old Horn's work-train. D'ye s'pose he's going to lose a night's sleep waiting for you people? I opened the gate for him, so you won't be delayed much."

"Huh! Funny deal," muttered the conductor.

Meantime, Strand was repeating a question: "Is this Johnston?"

"No; it's 'Holy Fly.'"

The sounder was silent a moment. Then:

"When did you get out?"

"This morning," said the Fly. "Green threw me off here. Crawled in to hear the parrot talk again. No instrument in my cell at Bellview, you know. Man gets homesick after four years. Heard your message to W. A. W."

"God bless you," clicked the sounder. "Write yourself a telegraph pass over Strand's signature, and come up here on Fifty-four. This company will do things for you."

"Thanks," returned the Fly. "Will come in morning. Had to break window, and my arm's cut. Work-train is in to clear. Send orders for Fifty-four."

After both trains had departed, one in either direction, the Fly tore some leaves from a big tissue book and bound them about his bleeding arm. Then, replacing the abstracted coins in the drawer, he fastened it in its former position. He turned the lamp high, and in the accession of light surveyed his hands minutely. They were cracked and seamed, and the fingers stiff and stubby.

Reaching for the pipe, his eye fell upon the telegraph pass, in his own handwriting. He read it aloud.

"Carry bearer Vandyke to Ixonia.

"STRAND."

He drew a solid, knotty hand across his eyes, and muttered: "Well, by the Holy Fly!"—By FRANK R. ROBINSON, in *The People's Magazine*.

THE MELANCHOLY DANE.

THE new assistant to the professor of modern history at Delphos College certainly was an odd appearing fellow. He was from the far West, a graduate of the University of California, and his age was something like seven and twenty. He looked much older than this, however, the effort largely of the way he combed his hair and also of his preternatu-

rally severe expression. He parted his long black locks exactly in the middle and brushed them straight down on either side, a style that gave him an almost sanctified look. His clothes were in keeping, too, with this solemn makeup, his coat being a long straight bodied frock, his collar a poetical turnover, his tie a loosely knotted scarf, and his hat a high silker. And he always wore gloves when outside the recitation room.

As to his ability there was no question. The students could find little fault with him there, however much they might criticise his garments and his solemn air.

Richard Dane—the boys had straightway dubbed him the Melancholy Dane—had been at the college some four weeks when the professor of modern history met Isabel Page on the long board walk. Isabel was the daughter of the town's foremost citizen, an ardent friend of the old college, and chairman of the board of trustees.

"Pardon me, Miss Page," the professor said, as the two met, "but will your father be at home early this afternoon?"

"It is doubtful, Mr. Carrier," the girl replied. "I think he has a special engagement that will detain him a little later than usual."

"Thank you, Miss Page," said the professor. "Some other day will do quite as well." He hesitated. "I made the inquiry on behalf of my new assistant, Mr. Richard Dane."

"The Melancholy Dane," laughed the girl. "I've heard of him."

"You mustn't be prejudiced by his appearance, nor by what the boys say about him," the professor remarked quite warmly. "His little eccentricities don't count against his general cleverness. He is bashful, and I fancy hasn't mingled much in feminine society. But his queeriness will wear off. I'm sure. And no one can help liking him."

"I've never met him, Mr. Carrier," the girl replied, "but after what you have said I'm sure I'd like to."

"Well, you'll have the chance," laughed the professor. "He is coming to call on your father. He has a letter of introduc-

tion from the president of the University of California which he promised to deliver at the earliest opportunity."

"Let him come this afternoon, professor. I will promise to entertain him until father reaches home. It may not be very long."

The professor looked at her keenly.

"You may not find him as entertaining as you have been led to believe, Miss Page," he said. "At least not as entertaining in the directions you expect."

The girl laughed merrily.

"He will be perfectly safe at our home, professor. Your cautionary hints are quite wasted. Send him along."

The professor looked at her a little doubtfully. Then he shook his head slowly and passed up the board walk to the administration building.

When Isabel Page reached home she gave a quick glance into the library to see that the room was quite presentable, and then sought her own room, where she donned her most fascinating waist, a light lavender that was considered very fetching.

"For the civilizing of the barbarian," she murmured, as she gave a quick glance at herself in the long mirror. And then the door bell rang. She tripped down the stairs and opened the door, a really delightful vision to the tall young man who waited on the porch. For a moment, in fact, it seemed as if she quite took his breath away.

"Is Mr. Page at home?" he presently asked.

"Come in, please," said Isabel, and he hesitatingly obeyed. "My father is not at home at present, but I expect he will be here quite soon."

The caller backed away.

"Thank you very much," he hastily said, "I will recall—I mean I will call again at some more opportune moment."

But Isabel had closed the door.

"Let me take your hat," she said.

He was wax in the sunniest of her smile. She took the hat from his unresisting hands. As she was about to place it on the rack he happened to glance at it.

"Why, that's not my hat," he quickly said.

"It came from your head," said the girl. He ran his hand over his sleek hair.

"It isn't mine. I must have taken it by mistake."

"Is your hat like this one?"

"Well, no. My hat, I think, is a better one. It doesn't look so much like a chimney pot. It fits me better." Quite unconsciously he slipped the strange hat on his head. It was an ugly tile, with a much worn nap and a brim that was awkwardly narrow. "It's too small," he went on as he tried with both hands to settle it comfortably on his head.

The girl suddenly smiled. Whereat he flushed and then smiled, too, and his face was quite a revelation, when it lost its stiffness.

"It certainly can not be yours," said Isabel.

"No," he said, "I must have exchanged with somebody at the restaurant." He looked into the hat. "Why, here's a name. 'Andy Gorman.'"

"Andy Gorman?" repeated the girl. "I've heard of him. He's the town's bad man. I've heard papa speak of him. He's something of a politician, and something of a sporting man, and I think he's been a prize fighter or something like that."

The assistant to the professor of history looked up ruefully.

"Do you know," he said, "I don't half relish the idea of my hat adorning the cranium of this great man. It may puff it up so that it will no longer fit me. Ah, here's something else written below the name. 'Steal this hat at your peril.' That sounds ominous, doesn't it?"

"Yes, aren't you afraid?"

"Afraid of what?"

"Of this bad man."

"Oh, I've met bad men before."

"But this is a very bad man."

"Why, when I meet him I'll hand him his hat and say it was a mistake and there's no harm done. What more can he ask? I'll even apologize, if it is necessary."

"I don't think I'd like to have you apologize. Not to Mr. Gorman."

"Then I won't apologize. But there, perhaps I'd better look him up now. I—I will call again. You have been very kind."

"You'd better wait," said Isabel, "Papa will soon be home. Come into the library."

Richard Dane hesitated.

"But you don't even know who I am. A man who would carry off a hat—and a politician's hat at that—is scarcely a safe man to trust in a library. Nevertheless, my name is Richard Dane, and I am the assistant to the professor of modern history at the college."

And he bowed low.

"I am Miss Isabel Page, and of very little assistance to anybody," said the girl, and they both bowed again.

"Do you know," said the assistant, suddenly, "that I feel quite well acquainted with you? I am usually slow about making friends. I think it must have been the hat. It made me forget about myself, you know. I'm really very self-conscious."

Was this the shy young man of Prof. Carrier's warning? Why, this youth seemed quite at home in her father's house, and quite at ease in her fascinating presence. It is true that his appearance was far from alluring, and yet somehow in talking to him one seemed to forget the straightness of his hair and his coat. He was almost easy in his address and in the nonchalant way in which he leaned forward and conversed with her. And he really didn't seem at all impressed by the honor she had conferred upon him, the honor of a personal interview, the honor suggested by that fascinating lavender waist.

"I'm a good deal afraid of girls, you know," he went on. "Always have been. They—well, they interfere with a man's business. I have a sister, but she's older than I am. She's married and lives a good deal of the time in Washington—she's the wife of one of our senators, you know—and I wouldn't go down there and see her last winter because I knew she'd introduce me to so many girls."

Isabel faintly wondered what impression the remarkable appearance of this singular youth would make on the Washington girls.

"I trust the girls here haven't annoyed you, Mr. Dane," she said.

"No, they haven't," he answered. "I fancy they are not impressed by my appearance. You are not much impressed yourself, are you?"

He asked the question seriously, and she could detect no lurking note of humor in his words.

"No," she replied, with equal gravity, "I am not. But then this is the first time I have seen you."

"Indeed. That wounds my vanity. Why, they've even given me a name. I'm called the Melancholy Dane. But really, you know, I'm not as melancholy as I look."

"I'm glad of that. And may I ask why you wear a garb that carries such a wrong impression?"

He smiled and smoothed down his straight black locks.

"It's to oblige dad," he said. "You see dad has set his heart on making me a professional man. I'm not cut out for it. I want to get into business where there's something doing. But dad insisted, and I promised I'd give him a year of it, just a straight year. And then if I found I couldn't make myself like it I'd quit it altogether. Dad's theory is that a man can learn to like anything so long as he gets into the proper atmosphere. So I made up my mind to get the atmosphere if I could. I determined that there should be no distractions to draw me away from my work. I would assume the professional garb, and above all I would keep the girls at a distance. And I've done it. I'm a mere machine, I've ceased to think. I work on strings. But, say, I'm afraid I'm doing wrong in telling you all this. You won't betray me, will you? You see, I've been wanting to talk for a good many days, and there is something about sitting here in this nice room with a particularly nice girl that has unloosened my tongue. But you won't tell on me, will you?"

"I'll keep your guilty secret," said Isabel with a sudden laugh. This was a very queer young man, and yet there was something almost delightful in his boyish con-

fidences. "But don't you think you are playing a rather unmanly part?"

"Perhaps I am. I know I look like a milksop. But it's only for a year—and to oblige dad. But there, that's quite enough about me. I'm sure I'm trespassing on your time. Your father may be greatly delayed."

He arose, but she waved him back to his seat.

"My father will be here very soon, and then you will be relieved of the ordeal of my presence," she laughingly said. "In the meantime, I mean to punish you for your evident avoidance of the society of young women. Don't you think it shows a cowardly disposition?"

"Oh, I'm a coward all right," he quickly answered. "I'm still trembling over the threat in the crown of that hat out there. That bloodthirsty bad man may be after me at any moment."

"Nonsense," said the girl. "You are quite safe here. Don't be worried. My father will know how to deal with Gorman." She looked him over with a half-pitying smile. "That's a curious scarf-pin you have," she said.

He took it from his tie and handed it to her.

"It is curious," he said. "I picked it up in Egypt. Bought it of a native for a trifle. Professor Jermaine says it may have been a head dress ornament for one of the Pharaohs."

"Then you've been in Egypt?"

"Oh, yes. I was there a year with a scientific party, you know. It was a great lark. We went right into the Bedouin country."

"It must have seemed a little dangerous at times for one of your timid disposition?"

"Yes, indeed. I was scared most of the time. Why, we had a regular battle with them once."

"Perhaps you received that scar over your eye in the fight?"

He flushed a little.

"No," he replied, "I was wandering around the desert one dark night, and I bumped my head against old Cheops. You should have heard the Sphinx laugh. Oh,

but that isn't fair. It's a bump. It's a cut. I got it diving off the shore near Honolulu. I was in a hurry and my head struck the bottom."

"Rather careless, wasn't it?"

"I say I was in a hurry. There was a friend of mine down there. He had cramps and I wanted to get him out. There wasn't any time to lose."

"Did you get him?"

"Yes."

She looked at him curiously. He caught her glance and smoothed his long straight locks.

"Rather an exciting adventure for a timid man?"

"Yes."

Before she could make any further comment the doorbell rang.

"That's father," cried the girl, as she arose and hurriedly excused herself.

But it wasn't her father. It was a caller with a heavy voice, a hoarse voice, a voice that sounded rude and menacing.

"Mr. Dane," the girl called from the hallway, "will you please step here?"

He arose quickly and joined her. He found her confronting a big man with a very red face and a very dark scowl.

"This is Mr. Gorman, Mr. Dane," said Isabel. "He has called for the hat you took by mistake."

"Here it is," said Dane, as he brought it forward and handed it to the big man. "And I'm very sorry I've put you to this trouble, Mr. Gorman."

The big man snatched his hat and then flung down the hat he had in his hands.

"There's yours," he growled as he looked Dane over with an unpleasant sneer. "An' it's my opinion that you knew well enough what you was about when you took my hat."

Isabel's face flushed.

"I am sure you are wrong, Mr. Gorman," she said. "Mr. Dane didn't discover the mistake until he entered here."

But Gorman had been drinking and was determined to be ugly.

"The Willie-boy can read, can't he?" he snarled. "The name was in the hat. It's writ plain enough. The cub stole it, that's

what he did, an' if he'll come outside here, I'll give him a shakin' up that'll put some sense into his fool head."

Isabel's face was aflame.

"Leave the house at once, Mr. Gorman."

He looked at her mockingly, then turned his wicked eyes on Dane.

"Of course, if yer Mamie can't spare you," he said, "I'll look ye up some other time."

Dane suddenly put out his hand and pushed the big man through the door-way. Before the redoubtable Gorman could rally he was pushed down the steps and on to the board walk. Then he pulled himself away, and with a fierce oath struck at the younger man. But Dane nimbly dodged the blow, and drawing back shook out his black hair which twirled about his head like an aureole.

Again Gorman lunged forward and struck at him savagely, and again Dane dodged the blow. This time he retaliated with a stinging thump on the ex-champion's nose, that made him roar with rage. He lost his head completely and struck out wildly right and left. And Dane, cool and nimble, had no trouble in avoiding his onslaughts, and for every wasted blow returned one that counted. And then it all ended when the younger man suddenly ran in and clutched the ruffian about the waist, raised him and flung him heavily into the nearby hedge.

It was a much subdued champion that presently crawled out from his horny bed.

"Get out of here," growled Dane, menacingly, and the big fellow suddenly obeyed. As he passed through the gate Dane ran back and picked up something from the grass. "Here's your hat," he cried and flung it after him.

Then he became conscious that a stranger was watching him, a gray-haired stranger, who advanced with outstretched hand.

"Good boy," he said. "That was well done. It will take the conceit out of that big ruffian. He was getting insufferable. Come in, my boy, I want to know you."

And there was Isabel on the steps looking down at him with shining eyes.

"What an ordeal for a timid youth," she laughed.

"I've wrecked my character forever," moaned Richard, as he strove to pull down his rebellious locks.

"What's this," said the gray-haired man; "do you know each other?"

"Yes, papa. Let me present Mr. Richard Dane, sometimes called Melancholy Dane."
—By W. R. ROSE, in *Cleveland Plaindealer*.

THE AGENT'S BUSY DAY.

"NO, no more railroading in mine," said the hungry reporter as he tilted his chair back and elevated his heels on the desk that the city editor called his when he was there. "There are some things in this world I'm not adapted for. That's one."

The rest of the "Late Watch" gathered around with exclamations of amazement and surprise, and he continued:

"You see, I once applied to a division superintendent for a job and was assured my application would be considered the very first vacancy that occurred. Then I waited. The suspense was not especially trying to me, but I could see I was wearing on the friends with whom I was boarding considerably.

"One day, however, the 'caller,' the man that rounds up the trainmen when they are wanted to go out on a special, came around with a note requesting me to call at the superintendent's office. Of course I complied with the request, and was told they wanted me to act as assistant agent for a day or two at a place called Beaufort, or something like that.

"I wanted to know if I would have time to go and pack my grip, but they seemed to think such a delay would materially prejudice the prospects of the road, so I grabbed the pass and made for the train, which I managed to catch after a brief but exciting chase. Then my 'grief,' as the railroad men call it, began.

"'This train don't stop at Beaufort, young feller,' said the conductor, as he pocketed my pass and proceeded calmly on his rounds. I would have liked to have asked him what I was expected to do about it,

but his countenance was so stern and forbidding I did not dare.

"We were rapidly nearing my destination and something had to be done, so I informed a brakeman of my predicament, and he very kindly volunteered to ask 'Fatty Duff' to slow down a little at Beaufort and let me off. I presume he did so, yet if there was any reduction in the speed of the train it was too slight for my unpracticed eye to detect. The brakeman encouraged me, however, and as there appeared to be no other alternative, when we were nearly abreast of the platform I let go and dropped.

"I did not alight right away, but when I did land the concussion was something awful, and as I rolled over and over it seemed to me I must have gathered up about all the splinters there were in that platform in different portions of my anatomy. I was still gyrating when the last car whizzed by, but I heard the 'hind man's' timely warning:

"Look out, young man, you'll tear your clothes!"

"It was a rickety old station, the walls frescoed with mashed tomatoes. Empty chicken coops, fruit boxes, berry chests and watermelon rinds scattered about the platform exhaled a faded and depressing odor, and the only visible indication of life or death were the swarms of flies buzzing drowsily in the hot sunshine. I picked my way to the office and presented my credentials to the agent, a tall, lank man with a long neck, careworn features and a stiff hat that looked out of place in the midst of such rural surroundings. He was absorbed in a newspaper, and it was some time before he noticed me. At length, however, he threw down the paper, read my letter, and invited me to make myself at home. Then he unbosomed himself:

"I'm sick and tired of this business," he said. "The work's enough to kill a mule, but it's the injustice and lack of appreciation that makes me hot. You can not pick up a paper without seeing a lot of 'rot' about the heroism of locomotive engineers and the terrible responsibility that makes train dispatchers hump-shouldered

before their time, but never a single, solitary word about station agents. Why, to read the papers, a person would think an engineer went through life with his eye glued to the rail and a death-grip on the reversing lever, and that the train dispatcher had to put in all his spare time sopping his head with hair vigor to keep from turning gray in a single night. But look at the facts.

"Any track-walker can tell you that an engineer is asleep more than half the time when out on the line, and that the only way to call his attention to a slow flag or a stop signal is to heave a rock through the cab window, while as for the train dispatcher, we all know what he is—a petty tyrant with an eight-hour trick whose most arduous duties consist in rawhiding us poor wretches out on the line, bulldozing us into sending him a regular tribute of fruit, fresh eggs and butter. Heroism! Responsibility! Well, if it ain't enough to give a person a distaste for strong drink!" and he disappeared in the direction of a saloon about half a mile down the road.

"When he returned he gave me an idea of my duties as assistant agent.

"You're familiar with the interstate tariffs and the transcontinental classification, I suppose?" he said.

"I was obliged to confess my ignorance.

"That's bad," he replied. "You better sit right down and familiarize yourself with them. You'll find 'em all in those files. Besides the tariffs there's 724 supplements and 1,647 amendments, in addition to 2,286 circulars that you should post up on. Then there's the special as applied to the different tariffs and the new rulings—there's 489 of 'em—that have appeared since the last classification was issued. After you get all those down pat, it would be well to devote a little time to the local classification and tariffs—learn the terminal points and get the routing instructions committed to memory. Hello! There's that freight coming at last. Tell 'em there's nothing for 'em. I've got to go across the street and collect some bills—you can check out any freight they've got." And he again withdrew.

"The conductor walked in and said: 'Ask 'im if he's got anything for No. 23.'

"I put the question to the train dispatcher over the wire, and he answered 'No,' very plainly and distinctly. After a while the train pulled out, and I was looking for the 'soup ticket' to report them, when the train dispatcher began calling the office.

"I answered and he said: 'Get No. 23.'

"'They're gone.'

"'Stop 'em.'

"'I say they've gone.'

"'Fetch 'em back.'

"'They're gone, I s—'

"'Shut that key and go and bring that train back for orders!'

"I closed the key and wandered aimlessly out on the platform in the vague hope of seeing the agent or that something might happen. To my surprise I saw that the freight had stopped at the other end of the yard, about three-quarters of a mile away. I could still hear the dispatcher calling, and knew by the vicious sound of the instruments that he was mad. Thoughts of collisions and the possibility of being responsible for a terrible accident flashed across my mind, and I started for that train on a run. The distance was greater than I had imagined, and I was completely blown when I came up with it. The conductor was lying on his back under a car fixing something about the air-brake. I managed to gasp out that the train dispatcher wanted him for orders.

"'Tell him to go soak his head!' shouted the conductor, and then calmly continued his labor. As there seemed nothing else to be done I started back to the station to deliver the message, and had gone but a short distance when the engine passed me backing up to the office. It was going too fast for me to board it, so the conductor and engineer had been waiting ten minutes or more when I eventually reached the station.

"'If it's all the same to you, partner,' said the conductor, with freezing politeness, 'we'd just as soon get out of here. We've got families at the other end of the run,

and 'ud like to get there before they grow out of our remembrance.'

"I walked into the office and told the dispatcher I had stopped the train.

"'Why don't you be all day about it?' he answered. 'There's nothing for them—it's too late to help 'em any now.'

"I was afraid of the conductor when I told him this. His jaw fell, and for fully a minute he gazed at me in round-eyed horror, then rushed from the office and yelled to the engineer: 'Git a move on yerself! Git out of here before he has another fit!'

"After that it was comparatively quiet for a while. I made a feeble effort to understand something of the classifications, but soon gave up the attempt as hopeless. One or two lots of freight and express came in, and a couple of trains passed without accident. I was beginning to think I was getting onto the business, when the agent returned. He looked more careworn than ever as he sank wearily into the one chair the office afforded.

"'Well, how you makin' it?' he asked, and I stated so far, the progress seemed satisfactory.

"Next he looked at the way-bills, and wanted to know if I had unloaded that cow yet.

"'No,' I answered; 'not yet.'

"'Not yet!' he shrieked. 'Great Scott, man, what does Sections 4,389, 87 and 88 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and Section 2, Chapter 3, of the Act of April 3, 1878, say?'

"I was about to confess my ignorance, but he stopped me.

"'Don't waste any more precious time; get that critter unloaded before anyone sees her. She's been in the car over thirty-six hours, and we're liable to \$500 fine.'

"The cow was unloaded immediately. When I returned to the office he called my attention to a bill of 98 cents I had collected on a washing-machine.

"'You corrected that bill before you collected it, I hope?'

"'Corrected it? No. What's wrong?'

"'Oh, a mere trifle; that comes under the Interstate Commerce Law, and by over-

charging 13 cents you've laid us liable to a fine of \$5,000, or two years in the penitentiary, or both—that's all. See what circular 2,201 says: 'Agents who violate any of the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Law will themselves be personally liable to the penalties imposed thereby. Ignorance of the law is no excuse for its violation.' That's soothing, ain't it? And here's a case of brandy you have forwarded to Kansas, a Prohibition State. That's another misdemeanor, but thank God, we will probably escape to the hills before the authorities get onto it.'

"He sprang from his chair and began pacing the floor, muttering to himself: 'Oh, no; there's no heroism required to run a station—no responsibility attached to the position. Fines are laid up for you, jails and penitentiaries yawn for you; but that's nothing—that's merely the every-day routine.'

"He caught sight of the express book and stopped short.

"Those quails," he faltered, looking at me imploringly. 'You examined each bird as the law directs, to see that it had not been captured by a net, pound, weir or trap? You know Rule 86 says agents must acquaint themselves with and be governed by the game laws of their State and Territory.'

"I could not speak, but he read the answer in my downcast face. He extended his hand to me while a look of sublime exaltation transfigured his homely countenance.

"As the agent' he said, and his voice had the terrible calmness of despair, 'I am responsible for your crimes—I am forever undone, but I bear you no malice, it was fate and whatever happens, remember, I forgive you, but,' and he jammed his hat down over his ears and his eyes glared wildly, 'they will never take me alive.'

"Then he strode out of the office and disappeared.

"The sun sank below the western horizon and twilight and mosquitoes invaded the melancholy landscape.

"Presently a freight train came along and halted for water. It so happened that an empty box-car stopped right opposite the

office, and as I gazed into the hospitably open door, a great homesickness and a yearning for other climes stole over me. For a moment I hesitated, but a scream of mortal anguish reached my ears from the direction of the saloon and decided me.

"Softly closing the office door, I crept into the untenanted car, and when the engineer had 'taken up the slack' and pulled out of Beaufort my career as an assistant agent was at an end."—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

A DAY'S WORK.

"DAVID!" said a low voice at the bedroom door. "David, it's time to get up!"

"M-m-m!" groaned David. "I just went to bed. Is it morning?"

The room was gray with the dawn. Mrs. Watson came softly in and set a lamp on the shelf near the head of the bed. "Yes, it's three o'clock," she said. "You know you have a good deal to do today."

The boy sat up in bed, stretching and yawning, but saying cheerfully, "Oh, yes! I'll be down in just a minute, mother."

Mrs. Watson lingered beside the bed. She was a fair-haired, comely woman of nearly forty, but her shoulders were already bent with hard work, and her face was sallow, with deep lines in her forehead and round the mouth. She leaned over to stroke the boy's hair.

"I'm sorry you have to work so hard, David," she said, with an almost awkward kindness.

"I'm all right," answered the boy, repelling her caress, as if half-ashamed that she should give it. "It's good for me. But you're the one that's working too hard."

"I guess it's good for me, too, she whispered. "If only your father were well, I wouldn't mind." A child's waking cry came from below. "Oh, there's Rhoda! She'll wake your father." She closed the door hastily and hurried down stairs.

David sprang out of bed and pulled on the few garments that an eleven-year-old boy needs in the month of May on the farm. Then blowing out the light, he tiptoed down the straight, bare kitchen. Mrs. Watson

was taking a johnny-cake out of the oven. On the table were a faded red table-cloth and a few plates and cups. Bert, the eldest son, a boy of sixteen, was already at the table. David went out and washed his face and hands at the bench beside the back door. Then he sat down to his fried salt pork and potato, and his molasses and johnny-cake.

"There's no butter this morning, boys," said the mother. "It took all we had to fill that last crock." This was not an uncommon deprivation, and the boys said nothing.

"I'll do the milking before I go over to Hi's," said Bert, as he rose from the table. "You'd better get right to planting the corn, as long as you have to go to town this afternoon." Bert was to "change works" with a neighbor that day, and was in a hurry.

It was daylight now, and the tall Lombardy poplars at the foot of the garden stood out gauntly against the yellow sunrise. The cornfield beyond, cold and black where the light had not yet touched it. David went to the corn crib to get the two sacks half-full of shelled corn that he had left there the night before. Taking the corn-planter and the sacks of corn, he went on briskly to the field.

The lines he had made the day before with the marker showed dimly on the dark, level ground. He put one sack of corn at the end of the field nearest the house, then took the other and plodded with his planter to the opposite end. He was beginning to feel the exhilaration of the morning. Up and down the long rows he went, thrusting the V-shaped wooden planter into the ground, jerking it up, and tramping down the kernels with his stubby little shoes. As he went, he suited his motion to a hoarse, crow-like chant that was meant to be song:

"John Brown's body lies a-mould'ring in the grave."

He was a thin, homely little chap, round-shouldered and red-haired. Work too heavy and long-continued for a boy had left its mark upon his undeveloped body,

but his cheerful face and lively blue eyes still held something distinctly childish.

He seemed too young for his task. The work he was doing was not hard, but after two hours of the steady up-and-down motion, and the heavy walking through damp ground, his back ached and his fingers grew numb. When he paused at the end of a row to fill the box of his planter from the sack, he would straighten up to rest his back and wriggle his fingers to get the stiffness out of them. It was still only six o'clock, and the day's work had hardly begun. He went on, to and fro, in the long field, holding himself closely to his task. He wondered if his father would be able to be out of bed today, and what the doctor would say when he came. He recalled what his mother had told him of his Uncle Abner, her brother, a prosperous farmer over beyond Denton, who had hinted that David's father was lazy and not sick; and who had blighted with a sarcastic speech her half-spoken appeal for help. He had not come near them for three years now.

David's eyes snapped with indignation. "Guess if he could see father, he'd know whether he was sick or not!" he said aloud, stamping the corn viciously into the earth. "He's a mean old skinflint, that's what he is!"

But with a child's easy change of thought he soon forgot Uncle Abner, his father's illness, and even his mother's work and worry. In watching the hawks circling in the sky with the sunlight glinting white upon their wings. To and fro he passed, always to and fro, thrusting, jerking and stamping. to the thin, irregular croak:

"John Brown's body lies a-mould'ring in the grave."

The world had gone hard with the Watsons during the last three or four years. Mr. Watson's illness had put a sorry end to all their plans. The farm was not yet paid for, the doctor's bills were heavy, crops and prices were discouraging.

A good deal of the time there had been no money to hire a man, so Bert had done what he could, laboring early and late, "changing works" where it was possible, and hiring help only when the necessity was

dire. Mrs. Watson had been brave and untiring, doing the indoor work of the farm, selling butter and eggs and vegetables, and caring as best she could for her husband and the four children. It seemed to Mrs. Watson the saddest indication of their poverty that David should be taken from school to assume, before his time, a heavy share of the farm work. His bent little shoulders attested only too plainly how well he had borne his part.

On this particular day in May, David's responsibilities were great. He had the planting of the corn to finish and a trip to make to Denton, the market-town twelve miles away, to take a grist to the mill and exchange eggs and butter for the household supplies.

At nine o'clock six-year-old Ella came out to the field with bread and molasses for him and a fruit-jar full of cold ginger water. He ate and drank eagerly, and then lay on his back in the grass for fifteen minutes, gathering strength for another "stunt" with the corn planter. At noon he went in for dinner, a weary, drooping little figure, famished and exhausted.

His mother looked at him anxiously, and sighed. "You'd better not try to finish the corn today," she said to him, when the noon-hour was over. "Stay in and rest till you go to town."

He shook his head without a word, and went out to the field again.

"Bert shan't say I spend my time fooling!" he muttered, as he hurried back to his work.

At three o'clock the corn-planting was finished. David threw himself down upon the grass and lay inert, almost without breathing or thinking. At last he roused himself. It seemed as if he never could get up or even turn his hand over again, but he remembered the task that still lay before him.

"I'll get rested riding to town," he said to himself, hopefully.

His mother helped him to load the sacks of wheat into the wagon and to carry out the butter and eggs. She gave him a tin pail with his supper in it, and put a couple of fresh cookies into his pocket. She

would have kissed him, but he twisted himself out of her arms and climbed into the wagon, saying, in a matter of fact way:

"Well, I guess I'm ready. I'll get back soon's I can. Good-by!"

He drove into Denton at six o'clock. He could see people sitting about their supper tables as he went past. The miller, too, was at supper, so David drove his team up to the mill steps to wait.

In the two big tin pails that hung under the wagon he brought the horses water from the river, and then he fed them some oats in the same pails. At last he was ready for his own lunch, which he ate propped up against the wheat sacks in the back of the wagon.

"Jiminy!" he cried, as he opened the pail. His mother had laid on the top a fat turnover filled with strawberry jam. David ate it first, crunching his teeth delightfully through the crisp crust, then leisurely devoured the humbler fare that remained. He had just finished when the miller came. He helped David to unload the wheat from the wagon and to put in the sacks of flour in exchange.

"Isn't it pretty late for a little chap like you to be so far from home?" he said, kindly.

"Oh, no—guess not," answered David. He did not like to be pitted.

He drove to the store with his butter and eggs. As the storekeeper was putting up the sugar and saleratus that David asked for, he looked sharply at him over his glasses.

Suddenly he turned to a man who was sitting on the counter near by, half-hidden by a pile of boxes.

"Say, Abner," he said. "isn't this boy some relation to you?"

The man, a heavy, cheerful-looking person, got down from the counter with his hands in his pockets, and looked the boy over. David met his eyes steadily, and his tired little face did not change. He recognized his Uncle Abner. "Are you George Watson's boy?" said Abner Davis, in an uncertain tone.

"Yes, sir," David replied, with dignity. He leaned against the counter a little, and

there were pale lines around his lips, but he thrust his hands into his pockets, that no one might see how they were shaking with nervousness and fatigue.

"What are you doing here at this time of night?" questioned his uncle, curiously.

"Getting some flour and things."

"Why didn't you wait until tomorrow?"

"The horses had to work tomorrow."

"Why didn't somebody come with you?"

"Didn't need to," said David. He was no baby, he thought, scornfully, that he had to have somebody with him.

Abner Davis and the storekeeper exchanged glances. "How are your folks getting along?" asked Abner, after a pause.

"All right." David clenched his hands in his pockets and leaned harder against the counter.

"How's your father?"

"Sick."

"What's Bert doing?"

"Running the farm."

"With your assistance, eh?" said the farmer, with a laugh. "Is your mother keeping any hired help in the house or outdoors?"

"No."

Abner Davis walked back and forth a few times with his hands still in his pockets. The storekeeper went to fill David's kerosene can.

"See here," said Abner, at last, "what you been doing today before you came to town?"

"Planting corn," answered David.

"All day?"

"Yes, sir."

"What time'd you get up?"

"'Bout three o'clock."

"And you've been at it ever since?"

David nodded.

Abner whistled softly to himself. He walked to the door and stood looking out. The storekeeper came back from the other end of the store.

"Say, Allen," said Abner Davis, "can you let me write a letter?"

"Certainly," said Allen, "there's the desk. Help yourself."

The farmer sat down and wrote a letter laboriously. He sealed it and gave it to

David, putting his hand on the boy's shoulder. "Give that to your mother," he said, not unkindly.

"Thank you!" said David, and went out.

"Gritty, isn't he?" said Abner Davis, thoughtfully, as he looked at his watch.

"He is that," said the storekeeper. "He seems pretty little to be going round this way, but he's probably older than he looks."

Abner Davis said nothing, but snapping the cover of his silver watch and looking meditatively at the floor.

The way home seemed endless to David. It soon grew dark, and he had to drive slowly. The shadows among the bushes and in the fence corners seemed peopled with crouching tramps or strange wild beasts. He was tortured with a desire to sleep, but feared to nod lest something should spring out at him from the roadside, or lest he should meet a team, and some accident should happen in the dark. His legs ached, his head throbbed, and his back seemed ready to break.

Would he never get home and to bed? He bit his lips and held the reins tightly in his numb fingers.

But once, after he had passed a particularly dark and gruesome hollow, from which weird sounds seemed to come, he hid his face in his coat sleeve and sobbed.

His mother was waiting for him when he drove into the yard. She came out with a lantern.

"Are you all right, son?" she asked anxiously. "It's nearly eleven o'clock."

"Um-hm! All right!" mumbled David. He could hardly speak. His mother said nothing more, but helped him to unharness the horses and put them into their stalls. Together they carried David's purchases into the house.

The boy stared at the lamp, blinking. His red hair was tousled under his cap, and his freckles stood out brown on his pale, drawn face. Mrs. Watson offered him food, but he shook his head, and huddled into a chair near the table.

"The doctor was here today," said Mrs. Watson, "and he said your father was much better. He said," she added, wistfully, as she looked at the limp little form before

her, "that if he could only quit worrying about you boys he'd soon get well." She sighed. David fumbled in his coat pocket. "Here's a letter from Uncle Abner," he smiled, dully, and handed her the envelope.

Mrs. Watson tore it open with nervous haste. She read the letter through, and laid it down with a cry of joy.

"O, David," she cried, "he says he thinks he's been kind of hard on us, and he's going to help us. He says he'll bring a man over here tomorrow to work for us the rest of the season, and he'll pay him. And he says he wants you to come and visit his boys for a month or two—and he wants you to go to school with them in Denton in the fall. O, David! David! Aren't you glad?"

"But David's head had fallen forward upon the table. He was already stupid with sleep. Mrs. Watson took him in her arms and carried him over to the wide old sofa across the room. She pressed the thin, sharp little shoulders against her breast, with tears running down her face. As she laid him down he put up his hand and touched her wet cheek softly.

"I'll be glad in the morning, mother," he said. "I'm too tired tonight."

And he fell instantly into the dreamless slumber of exhaustion.

Mrs. Watson brought a blanket and covered him tenderly. "I believe," she said, with a sob of thankfulness, "I surely believe that the worst of it's over."—By MARGARET ASHMAN, in *Youth's Companion*.

WHAT SPHINX SAW.

"I WONDER what it's like down there?" whispered Wilfred Cunninghame to himself, as he gazed over the edge of the parapet at the hardly visible, swirling waters beneath.

It was significant of the depths of despair to which Cunninghame had descended that he should seriously ask himself this question. It was still more significant that the frigid silence of the river called to him in a voice by no means unseductive. "What is it like down there?" he had whispered, and in his inmost soul he was thinking, "perhaps better than up here, anyway."

A thick yellow fog drifted sluggishly along the embankment, dimming lamps and choking the throat. Hansoms and motor cars swept east and west in the roadway behind Cunninghame, but he did not notice them. To him, these evidences of luxury and wealth were on a far-off planet. What had a starving failure of a journalist to do with hansoms and motor cars? Nothing. His mind was far more set on the question of how to pay his landlord for his garret room, and how to keep body and soul together on a diet of bread and water.

"Fortunately," he muttered, "no one is dependent on me."

But at that moment the words, though he did not guess it, were instantaneously proved untrue, for close by him, in the darkness of the parapet he heard a cry—the thin, quivering cry of a child.

He turned and groped his way a few steps through the fog in the direction whence the voice had come. Black and somber above him he saw one of the Embankment sphinxes loom up, crouching on its pedestal at the base of the Cleopatra Needle, and smiling its inscrutable stone smile. And beneath the shelter of the mighty piece of sculpture he found a small child.

He bent down and peered into the shadow.

"What's wrong?" he queried gently.

A little girl struggled to her feet and toddled forth—a mere baby of 5 or 6. shabbily but not thinly clad, and trailing behind her a wisp of shawl which had been wrapped about her shoulders.

"I'se hungry," the little one lisped, looking up in Cunninghame's face.

"Frankly," said Cunninghame, with grim humor, "so am I."

The child opened wondering eyes.

"I got a penny," she said, unclasping a grimy paw and exhibiting the coin. "A gen'leman gave it me. Could we buy a bun?"

"Could you buy one, you mean," Cunninghame corrected her, a lump in his throat.

With Cockney shrewdness, the child grasped his meaning.

"No," she said sturdily. "If you're hungry, we'll eat the bun between us."

"Thank you," said the journalist, gravely. "But is there no one with you? Are you quite alone? Where's your mother?"

"Never had none," quoth the child, ungrammatically, and in one sense, at any rate, truthfully. "I'se lost, and oh"—her voice trembled, poor mite!—"oh, I'se so hungry, an' so sleepy! Will you take me?"

The appeal was direct, unmistakable.

Cunninghame clasped her hand.

"Come along, then," he said.

"I'se so tired," she pleaded. "Will you put me to bed"—she hesitated, and then added swiftly—"after we've eated our bun?"

Cunninghame picked her up in his arms and marched off towards his lodgings.

Overhead, in the drifting mists, the great carven lips of the sphinx still wore their inscrutable smile.

II.

When Cunninghame lit the gas in his attic, the tiny girl, who had slept on his shoulder all the way from the Embankment, awoke.

"Where's the bun?" she asked promptly.

"Here it is," said Cunninghame, producing it from a paper bag. "You were asleep when I bought it. I got the biggest I could see, though. I thought it would be nicer for you—for us, I mean—to eat it here, at home, than in the shop."

He brought a cracked plate from the cupboard and put the precious bun upon it. As he did so, his eye caught a letter which awaited him on the mantelpiece.

He tore it open, and found within it a check for a guinea. One of his articles had been printed and paid for.

"She's brought luck," he whispered, almost superstitiously, as he gazed at the little girl, whose teeth were already buried in the luscious bun. "Here, wait," he added aloud. "I'm going out to buy some milk and eggs and things. Don't eat the bun all at once. Wait till I come back, and we'll have a feast."

He ran downstairs, cashed the check from the landlord, who was only too pleased to receive an installment of his rent, and give

a few shillings change, and shortly afterwards had returned to the garret, loaded with cheap provisions. On his little gas stove a pleasant meal of bread and milk was soon cooking, and he and Sphinxia—for thus, with rather bitter humor, he had christened the foundling—had a merry meal. An hour later, wee Sphinxia was in Cunninghame's bed, sleeping like a top, while the journalist made himself comfortable outstretched on two chairs.

His last thoughts, before slumber came to him, were: "It's a queer thing, but I'm happier tonight than I've been for months, though I've done the silliest thing in the world—namely, started a family of my own."

Down on the Embankment the sphinx still smiled.

III.

"You expected to see a man, I suppose?" Miss Burton laughed, as she grasped Cunninghame's hand. "Why should people always take it for granted that the editor of a magazine is a man. I wonder?"

"Cunninghame was silent. He certainly had been astonished when the editor of *The Monthly Review* had written, so suddenly, asking him to call; but he was still more astonished to find that the said editor, though by no means a girl, was an exceedingly charming and beautiful member of the fair sex, and considerably younger than himself.

"I have been reading with great interest the articles you have sent me," she went on, motioning him to a chair. "Two of them I shall use. This one"—she tapped a manuscript which lay before her—"I must return. Its tone is too cynical. I myself write all the cynical articles which appear in *The Review*. Besides, you are no cynic."

"Perhaps circumstances make me one." He smiled wearily.

"If you mean monetary circumstances," she said, with disarming frankness, "set yourself at rest on that point. If you can write more articles as good as these I am using, I shall be pleased to accept as many as you can produce."

Cunninghame went cold all over. He did not care to tell this radiant beauty what her

promise meant to him, nor did he mention that last night's meal with his little Sphinxia was the first good food he had tasted for a week.

He faltered his thanks, but she cut him short. "I know a good contribution when I come across one," she said. "I am a woman of business, and I want to buy your services. If you will stay to lunch with me, we can talk over a few ideas for future articles which you could write."

He shook his head.

"I have an appointment with a lady," he said, with half absent-minded humor. "A little girl, I mean—"

"You are fond of children?"

"I did not know I was till last night," he laughed. "In fact, I should never have dreamed of such a thing. But experience teaches. I need not bother you with the story; but the fact is, I have adopted a child."

"And you love her very much?"

Cunninghame had never thought of loving anyone before, and he was surprised to find himself answering enthusiastically: "I think I should break my heart if she were taken from me."

Clever Miss Burton's eyes shone with a very soft light.

"We shall see," she murmured inaudibly, as Cunninghame bowed himself from the room.

IV.

"My experiment was this," wrote Miss Burton, in one of her "cynical" articles in *The Review*: "I obtained from a miserable beggar woman a young child, and placed her near the Cleopatra Needle on the Embankment. I chose this spot because it was midway between the East and West End. I stood near by, to see what happened to the child, and to find the answer to my question: 'Are Londoners Kind-Hearted?'"

"It may be thought that I acted cruelly; but it was not so cruel as it seemed. This child was accustomed to cold and want; and I had clothed her warmly, and, as I say, was in hiding myself near by to see that no harm came to her, as well as to watch the development of my experiment.

"Almost all the passers-by were men. Of these some dozen did not observe the child, half asleep in her corner, at all. Out of the number of those who did observe her, when she awoke, nine were gentlemen—I suppose I must refer to them as gentlemen—in evening dress. Of the nine, six passed on after a hasty glance. Two others spoke to the child, and then passed on, quite indifferent to her helplessness. The third gave her a penny, and thus presumably soothed what he called his conscience.

"Knowing human nature as I do, I guessed that the first man who would pay any real attention to the child would not be a so-called gentleman, but a workingman, probably in corduroy, and certainly poor. As it happened, I was partly wrong. The man who finally took pity on the child was shabbily dressed, utterly penniless, and starving. Nevertheless, he carried off the child to his lodging—whither I followed him secretly—fed her, and actually adopted her—although, as I afterwards ascertained, he was so poor that he had seriously contemplated suicide that very night, and had gone down to the Embankment for the very purpose! Strange are the secrets of the human heart."

Thus wrote the brilliant Miss Burton in one of her cleverest articles, a few weeks later. She did not add, however, the end of her story, which would have interested her readers more than the beginning.

For having followed Wilfred Cunninghame to his home to see that he would look after the child properly, and not merely hand her over to a police inspector, she had made inquiries from the landlord, and was amazed to hear the name of the shabby good Samaritan. It was a name already familiar to her—the name of a writer, some of whose submitted articles she had just been reading. Hence her invitation to Cunninghame; hence her understanding of him.

But the tale did not conclude there, for a few months subsequently "the famous new author, Wilfred Cunninghame"—thus the papers described him now—"has married the charming and gifted young editress of *The Monthly Review*," and so forth.

The foundling, it may be added, lives with Mr. and Mrs. Cunninghame in a pleasant flat in a certain private hotel which looks forth over the Embankment where the Sphinx still smiles its inscrutable smile.—*London Answers.*

GIVING THE DETAILS.

“I’M very sorry to trouble you, madam,” said the bank teller, politely, “but you’ll have to be identified.” He pushed the check across the marble slab toward her as he spoke.

“Identified?” repeated the lady, “what does that mean? Isn’t the check good?” The bank man did not smile, for this was the thirty-seventh lady who had asked this question that day.

“I have no doubt it is,” he said; “but I don’t know you. Do you know anybody in the bank?”

“Why, I’m Mrs. Weatherley,” explained the lady; “didn’t you see my name on the

check? See—here it is.” The teller shook his head wearily.

“You must be identified,” he insisted: “you must bring somebody who knows you.” The lady drew herself up.

“That check,” she said, with dignity, “was given me by my husband. There’s his name on it. Do you know him?”

“I do,” said the teller, “but I don’t know you.”

“Then,” said the lady, “I’ll show you who I am. My husband is a tall, thin man with reddish hair. His face is smooth-shaven. He has a mole on one cheek. When he talks he twists his mouth to one side. He’s the hardest man to get money out of you ever saw—it took me three days to get this check.” The banker waved his hand.

“I guess it’s all right,” he said; “put your name right there—no, on the back, not the face.”—*Dallas News.*





The White Life.

Don't talk behind a fellow's back!
Just be an honest friend,
And face him in the wars of life,
To fight him or defend.
Let Friendship's rainbow brightly span
The smooth and changeless sea
Of Love, the token evermore
Of man's fidelity.

Don't talk behind a fellow's back!
What are his faults to you?
If he has been a faithful friend
Just show your colors true.
For in the best of us there lies
Some trace of Judas' sin
That counsels us to mean deceit,
And bids us cheat to win.

Don't talk behind a fellow's back,
Lest you should veil his eyes
Against a friend that might have led
Him into Paradise.
Remember that though truth is truth,
It does not pay to tell
A brother's faults behind his back
And turn his joys to hell!

Don't talk behind a fellow's back!
Just live a faithful friend,
And Love will bide with you alway,
Till Time and Life shall end.
For where's the man that does not prize
Among each treasured gift
The man who stoops when he is down,
And gives a friendly lift?

—ADELBERT CLARK.

Home, Sweet Home.

The van man took my furniture, and with it he
has flown,
And now within these humble walls is naught to
call my own.
My home is somewhere in the street—on rolling
stock at that—
Oh, will it ever, ever reach my newly-rented flat?

Four walls form not a resting place for man to
sit at ease;
An empty icebox, gasless stove, are not inclined to
please.
When I arrive at yonder flat, oh! will my goods
be there?
Or have I said a last farewell to all I packed
with care?

My latchkey has been handed in, the hall boy
has his tip;
The janitor is satisfied—he's gone to take a nip.
Once more I look the wardrobe through for some
forgotten gown;
My earthly goods are barreled up and jogging
round the town.

Good-by, old walls! Your rental price is higher
now, they say;
The landlord raised it in a trice as I moved out
today.
I wish you luck, as tenants go, and now it's up
to me
To chase that van—for all I know, throughout
eternity.

Give Them the Flowers Now.

Closed eyes can't see the white roses,
Cold hands can't hold them, you know;
Breath that is stilled can not gather
The odors that sweet from them blow;
Death, with a peace beyond dreaming,
Its children of Earth doth endow;
Life is the time we can help them,
So give them the flowers now.

Here are the struggles and striving,
Here are the cares and tears;
Now is the time to be smoothing
The frowns and the furrows and fears,
What to closed eyes are kind sayings?
What to hushed heart is deep vow?
Naught can avail after parting,
So give them the flowers now.

Just a kind word or a greeting,
Just a warm grasp or a smile—
These are the flowers that will lighten
The burdens of many a mile.
After the journey is over,
What is the use of them, how
Can they carry, who must be carried
So give them the flowers now.

Blooms from the happy heart's garden,
Plucked in the spirit of love;
Blooms that are earthly reflections
Of flowers that blossom above,
Words can not tell what a measure
Of blessing such gifts will allow
To dwell in the lives of the many,
Oh, give them the flowers now.

—LEIGH M. HODGES.

His Necktie Up Behind.

How oft it is that when we think
 We're cutting quite a swell;
 That when we think we're quite au fait
 And casting potent spell,
 We feel a sudden, sick'ning thrill
 And have it brought to mind
 That with a cussedness unique
 Our necktie's up behind?

How oft we see a man who thinks
 The world is at his feet;
 Who thinks that o'er all knowledge he
 Has victory won complete,
 But who, if he'd investigate
 Would very quickly find
 That he is strutting here and there
 With necktie up behind?

How oft we see upon the streets
 A man who tries to make
 His neighbors think in point of brains,
 He always takes the cake;
 But who, if only nature should
 Unto him be more kind,
 Would know that 'stead of brains it is
 His necktie up behind?

My youthful friend, pause while I give
 A bit of good advice.
 Before you let your headpiece swell
 Just ponder once or twice
 Upon the fact beyond dispute—
 Each man is sure to find
 Some time the whole world laughs because
 His necktie's up behind.

—*The Commoner.*

Preaching vs. Practice.

He declared that he was loyal to the union
 worker's cause,
 And he ranted of his staunchness without any halt
 or pause.
 He would spout of unionism from the dawn till
 set of sun,
 And he said that as a booster he would surely
 rank A-1.
 He would spout upon the corner and he'd spout
 within the hall,
 And he spouted in the barroom till he'd make
 the ceiling fall.
 When he saw non-union workers he would fairly
 writhe with rage—
 But he clean forgot the label when he spent his
 weekly wage.

He would rise up in the morning with his talk
 works running free,
 And he'd holler unionism till as hoarse as he
 could be.
 He would damn the "scabs" a plenty, but he
 dearly loved the most
 To heap curses loud and hearty on Van Cleave
 and Sawdust Post.

He was always loudly wailing that the honest
 working man
 Got the lemon handed daily by the "scab" em-
 ploying clan.

Early morning, noon, and evening in such talk
 he would engage—
 But he clean forgot the label when he spent his
 weekly wage.

"We are victims," he would holler, "of the hosts
 of greed and graft!"
 He would cuss the man who didn't join the union
 of his craft.

"We've just got to hang together or degenerate
 to slaves
 And go down to death forgotten and be dumped
 in unmarked graves!"

He would orate and palaver till the atmosphere
 was blue

And insist that what he told them all the working
 men should do.

In the union hall he'd rampage like a lion in a
 cage—

But he clean forgot the label when he spent his
 weekly wage.

Clear the Way.

The crest and crowning of all good,
 Life's final star, is brotherhood;
 For it will bring again to earth
 Her long-lost poses and mirth;
 Will send new light on every face,
 A kingly power upon the race,
 And till it comes, we men are slaves,
 And travel downward to the dust of graves.
 Come, clear the way, then, clear the way;
 Blind creeds and kings have had their day,
 Our hope is in the aftermath—
 Our hope is in heroic men,
 Star-led to build the world again.
 To this event the ages ran;
 Make way for brotherhood—make way for men.

—EDWIN MARKEAM.

Set In Her Way.

Sweet Mary Jane sat fourteen days and wouldn't
 deign to rise,
 Although her folks tried every way to make her
 realize
 That it was quite unladylike to sit all day and
 night,
 And never change her attitude or rouse her
 appetite.
 They coaxed and teased and threatened her, and
 still she would not stand,
 And when they tried to raise her up she bit them
 on the hand.
 They didn't want to do her harm or call in the
 police,
 And yet they sorrowed at the thought of Mary
 Jane's decease.
 But Mary Jane knew what was best, she wiser
 was than men,
 She sat until she'd had her set, for Mary was a
 hen.



Wanton Waste.

The Nurse: You've been badly hurt.

The Victim: Whatcha gointer do ter me now?

The Nurse: Rub you with alcohol.

The Victim: Gee, I wish I'd been turned inside out!—*Cleveland Leader.*

An Iron Tip.

"Now, boys," said the teacher, "can any of you tell me how iron was first discovered?"

A hand shot up.

"Yes, sir!" cried Thompson.

"Well, Thompson, just tell the class what your information is on that point."

"Please, sir," replied the scholar, "I heard father say yesterday they smelt it!"

Mrs. Washem: "My old man has gone to work at last."

Mrs. Sweeps: "Glory be! Who gave him the job?"

Mrs. Washem: "The judge."—*Chicago News.*

Not A Bit Afraid.

"The trouble with you," said a rich business man to his idle son, "is that you are afraid of work."

"No, father, that isn't exactly true," said the son. "Just show me the hardest job you can. I'll prove to you that I'm not afraid of it by lying down right beside it and going to sleep."

"How much do you weigh, may I ask?"

"Three hundred and eighty-seven pounds."

"Hold on. Take this berth," exclaimed the other, his hair beginning to stand on end. "Do you know I'd rather sleep in the upper berth, anyway. I believe the ventilation is better."

A Metamorphosis.

During a lecture at one of the summer schools on the subject of "Ventilation and Architecture," the temperature of the room rose to a very high pitch.

"Now, we turn to Greece," said the lecturer.

"So we will," said one of the audience, wiping his brow, "unless you open more of the windows."—*Exchange.*

Three Irishmen were stopping at a second-rate hotel, and one of them imbibed so freely at the bar that he had to be carried to his room, in which also slept a negro in a separate bed. His comrades, as a practical joke on him, proceeded to paint the Irishman's face black. In the morning, when awakened by the proprietor, he got up, and happened to catch sight of himself in the mirror. "Oh, bejabbers," he exclaimed, "if the blamed idiots haven't gone and woke the nigger by mistake!"

Lived on Milk a Whole Year.

"I believe absolutely in this idea of an all-milk diet," said a man. "I lived on nothing but milk for a whole year, and look at me."

"On nothing but milk?" queried a physician. "At what age?"

"During the first year of my life," quietly answered the man.

"I've walked many miles to see you, sir," began the tramp, "because people told me you was very kind to poor chaps like me."

"Indeed!" said the genial, white-haired old man. "Are you going back the same way?"

"Yes, sir."

"Ah, well; just contradict that rumor as you go, will you? Good morning."—*Modern Society.*

What Happened.

Willie had tried by various means to interest his father in conversation.

"Can't you see I'm trying to read?" said the exasperated parent. "Now don't bother me."

Willie was silent for almost a minute. Then, reflectively:

"Awful accident in the Subway today."

Father looked up with interest. "What's that?" he asked. "An accident in the Subway?"

"Yes," replied Willie, edging toward the door, "a woman had her eye on a seat and a man sat on it."

A farmer in Kentucky sought advice from a veterinary about a sick mule. The doctor advised calomel, five times the dose for a man.

"How can I make him take it?"

"You put a stick of wood three-quarters of an inch thick between his teeth, and then you take this rubber tube, put the calomel in it, insert it in the mule's mouth, which is held open by the piece of wood, and blow the medicine down his throat."

"That's easy enough," said the farmer.

Three weeks later the doctor met the farmer, who had changed greatly. He was emaciated, humped, ghastly and bundled in heavy wrappings.

"Why, what's the matter?" said the doctor.

The farmer sighed deeply and spoke feebly. "That mule," he said, "that cussed idiotic, fool mule. You see, I got ready just as you told me, got the tube in his mouth ready to blow, and then," he paused for breath, "then that infernal mule blew first!"—*Ex.*

Taking Care of His Own.

Johnny's mother gave him two five-cent pieces, one for candy, the other for the Sunday-school collection, and as he was walking along with his sister, tossing the coins in the air, suddenly one fell and disappeared through a cellar grating.

"Sis!" he shouted. "Oh, there goes the Lord's nickel!"

What He Really Wanted.

A small boy went inside a store that displayed a sign, "Boy Wanted."

"What kind of boy does yer want?" he asked of the merchant.

"Why, a decent boy," said the merchant. "One who is quick, doesn't swear, smoke cigarettes, whistle round the office, play tricks—"

"Oh, say, Boss," interrupted the boy. "Yer don't want no boy; yer want a goil."

Tommy had been invited to dine at a learned professor's house, and his mother was anxious for his good behavior at the table. She gave him elaborate instructions.

"Well, Tommy, how did you get on?" she asked on his return. "You are quite sure you didn't do anything impolite?"

"Well, no, ma; at least nothing to speak of."

The mother's anxiety was aroused. "Ah, then, there was something wrong. Now, tell me about it, Tommy."

"Oh, it wasn't much. You see, I was trying to cut my meat when it slipped off the plate on to the floor."

"Oh, my dear boy, whatever did you do?"

"I just said, sort of carelessly, 'That's always the way with tough meat,' and went on with my dinner."—*Selected.*

The Death of Gambling.

"All gambling must be stopped within the jurisdiction of this court," thundered the judge.

"Bet you a fiver it can not be done," said the district attorney.

"Put up your money," said the judge, reaching for his roll.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

From Observation.

A poor lady, the other day, hastened to the nursery and said to her little daughter:

"Minnie, what do you mean by shouting and screaming? Play quietly, like Tommy. See, he doesn't make a sound."

"Of course, he doesn't," said the little girl. "That is our game. He is papa coming home late, and I am you."—*Everybody's Magazine.*

Our Correspondents



"WORKING HANDS AND GAMBLING BRAINS."

IN *The Literary Digest*, for July 10th, we find as follows: "According to the Secretary of Agriculture, the troubles of the consumer are due more to the scarcity of farm laborers than to the iniquities of the corporations. Thousands of fertile acres, he says, are lying idle in the Far West because the owners can get no hands at any wage, as he has noticed in his recent trip there."

"That Secretary of ours did not need to go to the 'Far West' or to the 'Near West' to see thousands of fertile acres lying idle every where. Every city and large town and small town, all over the nation, is about surrounded by the wilderness, East, South, North and West, taking the country as a whole. Do you know why? Simply because all along from the beginning of all historical development, land monopoly has taken possession of 5, 10, 50, 100 times more land than we have allowed the working people to properly and fully develop, without the help of the land gambler.

Most of our best situated farm land is today in the hands of 500,000 men, each holding from about 1,000 to 50,000 or more acres of that land. Most of the farm laborers are only wanted for a few months in the year, and they are not wealthy enough to be traveling thousands of miles, twice every year, from the large cities to the large farms, far off, for a transient job. Then, those holding our colossal farms are not in the business to produce any more than needed to bring high monopoly prices for their crops. As a matter of fact, most of the other farmers, with relatively small farms, hold more land than they can use, and have not capital enough for scientific farm development. Then, again, most of the

people in towns and cities are not wealthy enough to consume the quantity of farm products they would like to have, and could have with monopoly rule out of the way.

Farm laborers or hands, factory hands, or any other kind of hands, doing something useful by permission of bosses, corporations, industrial or commercial concerns on a large scale—all that is the product of that land monopoly business that we see fit to have, in each modern nation, today in forms more vivid and fatal than ever before in the history of the human family, with but possibly a few isolated exceptions, for short periods, with some old nations centuries ago.

Reflect for a moment on the meaning of that dreadful word "hands," to indicate men doing the work without which no man, however heroic or saintly, could exist any where on earth! And that word "hands" is used, generally speaking, by the people whose wealth could not be found any where on the face of the planet, without the hands and the brains of the millions of people we condemn into perpetual poverty! And this is progress, civilization, christianity! But what about the quality of that christianity, civilization and progress? We mean the quality in connection with divine ideals.

To convert millions of human beings into hands, into fragments of machinery for wealth production, most of that wealth going away from the hands, from the laborers who produce such wealth! And most of the wealth produced being congested, concentrated here and there in such a way as to crush the consumers of wealth! And, please, who are those wretched consumers, the victims of modern civilization? By the consumers we mean those unfortunate hands and laborers without whom we, who hold the brains of the human family, would

soon be left without any brains or bodies worth having.

We can not conceive any thing more degrading to all of us than to divide ourselves into two classes, that of hands, and that of lords, bosses or any other similar word. It means only this: It means that we all are, in forms more or less vivid—tribute payers or tribute collectors. The fact that some of us may be both, on a small scale, that does not improve the social status. The spirit remains the same in the moral and ethical order. The spirit of brotherhood is broken and destroyed. The harmony of the social organization becomes a farce, a cheat; and chaos is the environment in which we all live, by which we all manage to remain sunk at the bottom of the kingdom of our legalized iniquities. That kingdom is bound to go on until a sufficient number of important people, in the social compact, manage to agree on the first, simple, effective step to be taken, in order to get out of that perpetual circle in the business of legalizing selfishness and wrong. No incidental change in that process will ever do any permanent, substantial good to our perplexed humanity. The change must be fundamental. It must touch, grasp, envelop the primary element in the industrial activities of all of us. It must deal with all men as "men." It should not deal with multitudes of men as hands, or laborers, or consumers.

Oh, if our fine people could only talk sensibly when they deal with our social stupidities and crimes in the ensemble of each national organization!

Unconsciously perhaps, humanity has always been taught to suppress some of our incidental wrongs as a justification for the permanence and intensification of all possible fundamental deformities protected by law. We have thus filled up our terrestrial growth with a vast multitude of self manufactured and petty duties, so that to hide our neglect of the few most essential ones by which alone we could make all human life a rhapsody of joy, acceptable to God, we still prefer a combination of selfish joys and dreadful sorrows. From the man worth but five cents to the one worth one

billion of dollars, we all are yet the servants of our legalized sins. Always improving some fragments of the life of some of us, and always letting the great totality of the life of all of us go to the dogs, into destruction, morally and spiritually so.

All secular and religious philosophies have practically told men as follows: "We are on earth, not to suppress the kingdom of sorrow and sin, but to simply see that such a kingdom is not very bad, and only bad enough to remain the kingdom of sin and sorrow." That does not correspond with the teachings we can obtain from Nature, from God, from Jesus. But then, we wish to have hands at work for the benefit of gambling brains. JOSE GROS.

AN OLD-TIMER ON THE CONVENTION.

In reading the proceedings of the Atlanta Convention, one cannot but be impressed with the large amount of time wasted both by the convention at large and committees on resolutions and amendments, in considering the many frivolous changes desired in the Constitution and By-Laws, by a certain few who are to be found in all assemblages. And to whose mistakes can be laid the many embarrassing positions in which they oftentimes find themselves. The allurements of the limelight has claimed many victims since the world began.

There were eighty-nine bills presented for consideration, and of that number less than one dozen were favorably reported upon by the committees. No doubt but many who introduced bills were upon sober reflection heartily ashamed of them and experienced many embarrassing moments. Still the time wasted, to say nothing of the cost to the Order, could be used to much better advantage, and the delegates would receive much higher commendation from their constituents, were they actuated by a more earnest desire for harmonious action in their deliberations, and less for the limelight. Always keeping in view that the best interest of the Order is paramount to all other feelings. The spirit of "Knocking" which prevails in some of the bills can only be attributed to a childish desire to get

square, as it were, for some fancied slight. Others to create a monopoly of the function of delegates. And one at least, after two years of deep study, was to return its paternal originator as delegate proper two years hence, but thanks to the all-wise custom of creating committees on laws and resolutions, and to whose level-headed conservatism the members therein are chosen for the chances for pernicious legislation is reduced to nil, but taken all in all such bills are very unwise, indeed, as they give outsiders an unfavorable impression, and "nons" especially who will quickly grasp the fact and use it as another excuse for remaining out of the folds, as many brothers leave their copy of the convention proceedings where any one may have free access to it. It is to be hoped that the Toronto Convention will see less of such work.

CERT. 4, DIV. 35.

DUTY VERSUS RIGHTS.

BY THE REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

Since the birth of the American Republic we have accepted as supreme the doctrine of "the right of liberty and the pursuit of happiness." In our systems of jurisprudence, and in our treatises upon statecraft and sociology, the emphasis has been upon the "rights" of mankind. We have been hearing about the rights of the child, the rights of women, the rights of capital, the rights of labor, civil rights and political rights, until the doctrine of human rights has become a thing working endless confusion and hatred.

In sharp contrast with this method of securing better conditions for mankind and a more harmonious spirit among men, is the doctrine taught by God. In the sacred word there is practically no reference to the rights of man—the emphasis is upon the duty of man.

When the strong oppress the weak, we immediately cry out that there has been a transgression of rights. The New Testament declares that the law of love and brotherhood has been violated.

If the rich operator oppresses the wage-earner, reducing him to a starvation plane; if he so manipulates the market and closes

factories so as to prevent the laboring men from enjoying food and comfort, the remedy that the bible proposes is not in emphasizing the rights of the poor, but in thrusting in upon the employer the thought that in the treatment of his men he is to follow the law of love and of brotherhood.

Human rights will never suffer if human duties be performed. The time has come when duty must be emphasized. The duty of the mistress to the maid, of the maid to the mistress. The duty of the employer to the employe, of the employe to the employer.

Duty, then, and not right, is the supreme need of the hour. For the doing of one's duty will carry one farther along than the mere granting of another's rights. Gradually men are coming to learn this important truth. The growing spirit of altruism indicates it. The workingman demands justice, and he is right. But God demands more than justice. His imperative is love. For love is the fulfilling of the law.

SABBATH LEGISLATION.

I have been watching the different articles appearing in THE TELEGRAPHER, on the above subject, with no small amount of interest; and I feel that it is my duty to say something, if possible, to throw a little light on such an important subject.

I notice in the March issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, a brother from Division No. III, Cert. 61, gives us a very strong argument directly against the enactment of such a law. His reasoning is that legislation has no part in pointing out our religious duties, and that we should adhere to the command of one of our greatest statesmen, when he said, "Keep the Church and State forever separate."

In this I heartily agree with our brother, but I hold now, and ever expect to, that he has misconstrued the meaning of those words, as well as the motive and the spirit of same as they were uttered by General U. S. Grant. This point is so prominently brought out in the court in Bloom vs. Richards, that it should be clear even to a child's understanding: "The statute prohibiting common labor on the Sabbath could not stand for a moment as the law of Ohio, if

its sole foundation was the christian duty of keeping that day holy, and its sole motive to enforce the observance of that duty. It is to be regarded as a mere municipal or police regulation, whose validity is neither strengthened nor weakened by the fact that the day of rest it enjoins is the Sabbath day."

For a further explanation as to our right to observe the Sabbath, or any other day set apart for rest, we will take the analysis of Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England: "Instead of human laws being derived from and based upon divine or natural law, it was by the gradual expansion of municipal and positive law that man has come to his present high conception of moral and natural law. The question raised by these two views, is, or is not, law an inborn conception, drawn by the process of reasoning from the immutable and external reservoir of divine justice?" And E. Mulford, "The Nation," page 83, tells us that "Rights are and can be real, only as they are established in the civil and political organization."

Then as a recapitulation take Prof. Walker's Am. Law, 10, 11: "They commit an egregious error who consider jurisprudence as looking into eternity. It begins and ends with this world. It regards men only as members of civil society. It assists to conduct them from the cradle to the grave, as social beings; and there it leaves them to their final judge. I would that this attribute of the law were more generally appreciated.

"Religion and morality embrace both time and eternity, in their mighty grasp; but human laws reach not beyond the boundaries of time. As immortal beings they leave men to their conscience and their God. And though this conception may seem, at first view, to detract from their dignity, I rejoice at it as a consequence of our absolute moral freedom. I rejoice that in this country at least, government dares not interfere between man and his Creator. I know of no higher subject of congratulation than the fact that we have confined our legislatures to their proper sphere, which is to provide for our social welfare here on earth and

leave each to select his own pathway to immortality."

And now as man's high conception of natural or revealed law has occasioned him to set apart what we now term Sunday for the Sabbath day, let our civil and political organizations establish our right to observe it, if such be our desire, and to prevent the tyranny heel of corporations, capitalism and monopoly from forcing us to common labor on the Sabbath day, to maintain our social welfare here on earth, that we may select our own pathway to immortality. CERT. 1213, DIV. 132.

THE ST. LOUIS CENTENNIAL.

St. Louis will devote the week of October 3-9, of this year, to the celebration of the centennial of incorporation. Four great pageants will illustrate:

- (1) The history of St. Louis,
- (2) The municipal utilities.
- (3) The city's educational strength,
- (4) The city's industries.

Three afternoons of the week, Monday, Friday and Saturday, will be devoted to an elaborate programme of balloon and other aeronautic features. On one afternoon will occur the long distance race of spherical balloons. On another the programme will consist of dirigible balloons in contest. A third afternoon will be given the exhibition flights of aeroplanes. Tuesday evening of the week will take place the Veiled Prophet pageant and ball with more than the usual features of interest. Upon other days will occur the ceremonies of laying of corner stones of Municipal Buildings to cost \$1,500,000, and of the Central Library to cost \$1,000,000.

Toward the general expenses of Centennial Week a fund of \$100,000 is being raised. This, however, represents only a small part of the money which will be expended upon the celebration. The city government of St. Louis has undertaken to assemble as special guests for that week the Mayors of American cities. Not fewer than 1,000 Mayors will participate in this celebration. There will be illuminations nightly. The American Mayors' banquet will be attended by 2,200 guests. There will be reunions and jubilee meetings of the

religious, civic, professional and benevolent organizations of St. Louis.

The scope of the celebration is not local or limited to section. It will draw visitors from all parts of the United States. Through methods direct and personal, the Centennial Association will bring to St. Louis from every part of the Union former residents of the city and descendants of such residents. Manufacturers of St. Louis will vie with each other to produce the most spectacular and impressive industrial parade ever witnessed in the West. Every prominent organization of the city, in addition to its participation in the general programme, is planning features of its own to emphasize the one hundred years of progress since the incorporation of St. Louis.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

It is not right that any man who is willing and able to work should be compelled to ask another man if he may work.

It is not right that any man who has sought and been given permission to work should be robbed of a part of his product, merely because the man who owned the tools with which he worked had the power to commit the robbery.

It is not right that women and children should be compelled to eke out the small wages of their husbands and fathers by quitting their homes and themselves becoming factory or sweat-shop workers.

It is not right that foodstuffs should be poisoned and adulterated—as they still are, despite the "Pure" Food Law—merely to swell the profits of those from whom the people are compelled to buy their food.

It is not right that the great part of every huge city should be a place of darkness, disease, misery and death, and a small part a place of light, luxury, frivolity, happiness and life. Especially are these things wrong when the place of misery is the place where the workers live and the place of happiness is the place where live and laugh those who never do useful work.

It is not right that a capable, intelligent workingman should always be compelled to fear he may not be able to secure an opportunity to work, and whenever a panic comes,

if not more frequently, to have his worst fears realized.

Yet all of these things are inseparable from the existence of capitalism—by which is meant the ownership of the tools of production and distribution by capitalists.

Capitalism could not exist without the profits that it takes from labor. And so long as it can increase those profits by reducing wages to the bare living point, hiring women and children in the place of men, and adulterating food, so long will it do these things, and so long will there be panics, poverty, slums—and Fifth Avenues.

We must do away with all of these things by doing away with the thing that produces them—capitalism.

If it were not for capitalism there is no more reason why there should be an industrial depression now or ever again, than there is why a man who has stored his pantry with food should go hungry.

We have a great national pantry—machinery and natural resources—such as no other country has. We even have warehouses that overflow with the goods we have made.

But the trouble is that the national pantry does not belong to us. It belongs to a few men.

They will not let us use their machinery to make the things we want, because, in the present state of the market, they can not see that such use would bring profits to them.

Probably it wouldn't. But it would bring comfort and happiness to us. What is the remedy for these conditions?

Government ownership of all the tools of production (that's the term we use when we mean railroads, mills, factories and other places on and in which men work for wages) is necessary because the ownership must rest somewhere; and it can not rest in the operatives because the machinery is too expensive and they are too poor; it can not rest in the hands of a few, as it does now, without giving that few the power of life and death over the many who must use these tools of production if they are to live; and the only other possible ownership is by all of the people through the government.

CERT. 27, DIV. 33.

THE REGULATION OF RAILROADS.

By H. MONTGOMERY.

Few people who have not made an exhaustive study of the subject of transportation by rail realize how similar the great railroads are to the individual. The network of steel rails which twine and intertwine through the entire country are laid for just one purpose, and that is for the accumulation of wealth, and that only. Railroads are not moved by the needs or requirements of any particular community wherein the outlook for compensation is greater than the expenditures can not reasonably be expected. The president of a great railroad system is the spokesman of the board of directors higher than he and voices the information furnished by his subordinates beneath, and when his management has not been successful in turning out the dollars he must show cause for the deficit. A president of one of the greatest systems in making his report a few days ago made this statement: "We are short one-half million dollars complying with the law as imposed by the State and National governments." The public legislation both State and National has received the odium for the failures of the railroads to show increased earnings for the past five years. Behind the effect of everything there must be a cause. What was the cause of the legislation which the railroads consider inimical to their interest? There are three views upon this subject. One is to permit the unrestricted control of these great public highways in the hands of their owners. Another is that of public ownership. Third requires supervision and regulation, State and National, to the end that the public shall receive a service reasonably adequate and at reasonable charges.

THE UNRESTRICTED CONTROL.

Prior to the passing of the act of Congress, Feb. 4, 1887, providing for establishing the Interstate Commerce Commission, the railroads had unrestricted control of their property. This was a great privilege, and instead of appreciating that privilege they abused it to such an extent that the righteous indignation of an outraged public was aroused which forced action in all

legislative chambers in the entire country. The result of their policy was that there was no hesitancy in granting special rates or special services to individual shippers. The shipper who was a skillful bargainer, and who was in position to divert traffic to a rival line always obtained concessions over the smaller shipper engaged in a competitive line of trade, who could not wield similar power, effecting an act of discrimination, manifestly unfair to the smaller shipper. Then the tendency during this unrestricted period was to practically eliminate competition between transportation companies, by consolidating competitive lines into mergers with gigantic power, thereby placing all shippers at their mercy of any rate or set of rates they desired to impose upon a helpless public. This act of violating the law by the heads of the great railroads encouraged their subordinates to follow in their footsteps. I was in the employ of a railroad which was handling soft coal at that time, and the superintendent had come to the division a few years prior to that time and was engaged in the coal business, being partner in several large mines located on his division. We had strict orders that his mines were to have cars first and if any were left the individuals were to have them. He was removed after fifteen years of service for that company, and was worth a million dollars, and naturally has done nothing since.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

The second view on this subject, that of public ownership, would inevitably be a national calamity. One need only to read up the history of the railroads of continental Europe to get an intelligent idea of public or government management of the railroads. While it might bring absolutely an uniformity of rates, the politics which would necessarily have to enter into the placing of positions would create chaos in the service. There might be a minimum of rates, but not a maximum of services to compensate the public for assuming the gigantic burdens of government-ownership. My many years in the railroad service has taught me that this system would never be a success.

SUPERVISION AND REGULATION.

While the railroads are owned by private capital they are not private enterprises—they are public servants, as the agencies of the government they are discharging a public function. Their stocks are worthless except as they derive value from the charges which are imposed upon the public for the rendering of this public service. If they are allowed to accumulate from the manipulation of these public agencies vast sums of money which must ultimately come from the body of the people, they are to a certain extent trustees of the people and therefore can not object to stating the manner in which these accumulations have been made.

Their officers are sometimes afflicted with error of judgment, common to imperfect humanity, and so far they are excusable, but when the fourth vice-president of a great railroad system will state in public that he "intends to violate the law as soon as this agitation subsides," it is time to taken up to the fact that while the railroads appear to have submitted gracefully to the law, they have not done so, "and being convinced against their will are of the same opinion still."

From the public character of the work in which they are engaged, the public has the power to prescribe rules for securing faithful and efficient service and quality between shippers and communities. It is, however, an unequal contest between private citizens even when he has a right, and the organized power of a great railway or a combination of railways. This void has been filled by the Interstate Commerce Commission; it is the champion of the weak against the strong. The statement of a great railroad official recently that it would ultimately be "abolished," has no foundation whatever, that this official would like to see it abolished can not be doubted. Let us honor the ex-president who had the moral force to direct the Interstate Commerce Commission in the splendid work they have been doing during the administration which has just closed.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ever kept in view that regulation is for the prevention of abuses, and not the administration of the business of the railroads.

The railways are common carriers and as such must refrain from unjust discrimination between patrons, because they maintain a public highway to which each individual in the community is entitled to access on equal terms.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has not overlooked the fact that when public regulation has been carried to the extent of preventing unreasonable charges and unjust discrimination, the owners of the railroads are entitled to have the liberty of its management. The great work of this commission is often underrated, and but little understood. That they have an intelligent grasp upon the working of all railways operating lines today, can be vouched for by all who are on the inside of railroad life, and have an understanding of what they are doing. They do not exact anything which could be termed unreasonable from the railroads in the way of reports, but a full history of every accident and the cause thereof is being made to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and this information is then condensed and published in pamphlet form and distributed every quarter with the end in view that railroads may in the future avoid a repetition of it.

AN APPRECIATIVE MEMBER.

TO THE EDITOR—I received a few days ago the Report of the Seventh Biennial Session of our Order, recently held at Atlanta, and I can assure you that it was with a great deal of pleasure and interest that I read the different reports of our Grand Officers. I am proud to belong to such an organization, and am very pleased to note the business-like manner in which our affairs have been managed during the last two years.

If there is one thing more than another that I admire in an organization such as ours, it is to see it run by men of good, sound, common sense; men who are not merely agitators and talkers, but men who reason everything out, and who have the back-bone to stand out for what is right, and to give everything due consideration before acting. It requires men of good calibre to stand up for our rights against

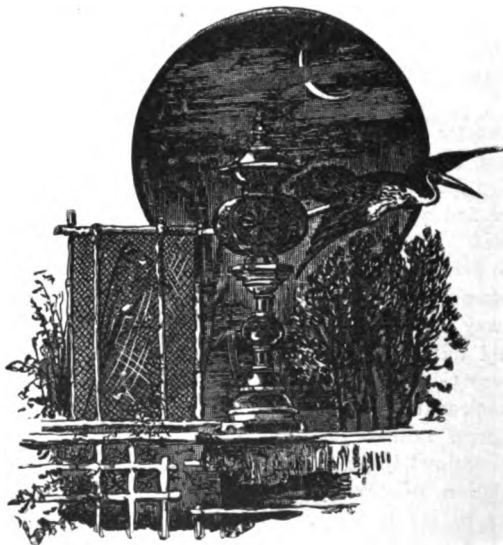
the officials of our different railways, and to uphold our interests, especially during times of financial depression, and this, I consider, our officers have valiantly done, and I don't think a more competent body of leaders could be found anywhere in North America than those comprising our Order.

Our financial standing is also very gratifying, and now that it has reached such a high plane, every member should not only seek to maintain it, but should endeavor to increase it from year to year.

I consider our organization is now on the solid rock, and the experience of each year in the past should be a stepping stone to further usefulness in the future, and although much has been done already, to improve our condition, I believe there are more

good things ahead to follow. The Order is like a wall or bulwark behind a man. A person can always fight better if he has a good strong wall at his back, and so when a member has to fight for his rights, as we oftentimes have to do, we can fight better knowing that we are backed by an organization whose strength is equal to a Gibraltar. In this day of avarice and greed by large corporations and capital, the laboring man would stand a poor show of getting decent living wages, were it not for the good work of organized labor. Please accept, therefore, on behalf of yourself and the other executive officers, the thanks of an humble member of this organization, for the efficient service rendered in the past.

CERT. 22, DIV. 43.





St. Louis Div., No. 2.

At the regular meeting of St. Louis Division No. 2, held Monday night, July 19th, all of the officers and several members were present. Quite a number of applications were received. No. 2 is in fine shape. The genial first vice, Bro. Aug. Grunz, came all the way from Breese, Ill.

A number of railroad lines running out of St. Louis have recently been calling for telegraphers. One line was reported as being short sixty-five men. One dispatcher, several relay men and all kinds of agents and telegraphers have been called for. Business for the railroad telegraphers is evidently looking up.

Bro. I. R. Atteberry, of the Colorado Midland, is visiting in Missouri.

Bro. L. Espinosa, of Mexico, while shopping in this city visited headquarters. He has been stopping with his family in Hot Springs, Ark., for some time.

Bro. C. E. Reynolds, of Cheyenne, Wyo., passed through on the 21st inst.

Bro. Rayborn, of Pittsfield, Ill., was at headquarters, recently, long enough to say hello and get rid of some of his money.

The secretary of No. 2 writes a "scrumptious list" now. You ought to see it. Send him four dollars and he will send you his autograph, and incidentally a card in one of the best divisions of the Order.

Div. Cor.

Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Middle Division—

The headquarters of Harrisburg Division, No. 3, have been moved from Harrisburg to Lewistown, Pa., where the first meeting was held in the new lodge room, Thursday, July 1st, with a fair attendance; evidently a large number of the brothers did not know the time and place of this meeting on account of the change, and did not come out. The meeting place is now about centrally located on the division, and the brothers can come to these meetings from the west as well as from the east, and a large number of the brothers will now take advantage of this opportunity, and we should have a very large number at our meetings in the future.

The meetings at Lewistown will be held on the first Thursday of each month; brothers coming east can come on train No. 30, and those coming west can come on No. 47 and No. 31; returning home those going west taking train No. 89 or No. 15, and those going east can take train No. 84 or No. 12. The train service is of the best and there is no reason why we should

not have a very large attendance at these meetings.

The second meeting in the month will be held as heretofore; the third Thursday in the month a meeting will be held at some point on the division, the place to be named at the first regular meeting in the month, this meeting will be held in the evening, as the meeting at Lewistown is held in the morning.

Lewistown being a terminal of the Lewistown and Sunbury Division of the P. R. R., we extend a cordial invitation to the brothers on this division who are members of Sunbury Division No. 12, to come to our meetings, and we were glad to see a number of these brothers at our meeting this month. Bro. Kase addressed the brothers, giving them some very good advice which we appreciated very much, and we hope Bro. Kase will be able to be with us at every meeting.

We were glad to note the presence of Bros. C. C. Duck and T. J. Moyer at our last meeting, they seemed to have an unusual expression of gladness and joy upon their countenances, and after ascertaining the cause, we found that the stork visited their home and left at each a nine-pound boy.

The question of a system division being established on our system having been placed before the brothers for their decision, it is hoped every brother took advantage of this opportunity to express his desire. This question has been discussed from time to time for the past six or eight years, and we hope the brothers gave it their earnest consideration. The system division is in operation on a number of large systems of railroad, and it is claimed that it is a more up-to-date method of doing business, and that better results are obtained, and that the dues paid in are placed where they are most needed, and in general it is a more simplified manner of carrying on the work.

Your local chairman made a special effort to ascertain the opinion of local chairmen on system divisions, and they stated in every case that it is an improvement and that they would not want to go back to the old system, and this being the case, we hope the brothers will decide to establish a system division on the P. R. R. If it is a more up-to-date and an improved method of carrying on the work, we want it, but if the majority favor the old way and vote to continue that way, of course we must abide by their decision, and the responsibility for future progress and results will rest upon those who vote against the modern method.

The supplement to the June journal, which contains the report of the Grand Officers for the past

two years, and the Proceedings of the convention at Atlanta, should be read carefully by every brother, as it is a very interesting report, showing what has been done by our officers, and giving a detailed statement of the financial condition of our organization; and every brother should make a special study of this supplement.

The telegraphers baseball team of the Mid. Division has been playing quite a number of games this season, and is meeting with fair success in the way of winning games. Pitcher Bro. Burris and catcher Bro. Fike make a strong pair in their positions, and are making a record for themselves.

Bro. W. L. Zeiders and wife, of Mifflin, have returned home from a trip through the West.

Bro. Martz, of Mifflin, who has been on a two weeks' vacation has returned to duty.

We are glad to note the return to duty of Bro. D. M. Shelley, of Duncannon, who has been off duty on account of being sick for four or five months.

Bro. Ritzman, wife and daughter, of Millers-town, have returned home from a trip West, and Bro. Ritzman is again on the job.

Bro. A. E. Lehmer and wife, who attended the convention in Atlanta (Bro. Lehmer as delegate from No. 3), after the convention had adjourned, made a trip through Florida, stopping off at some of the more important cities. They report having had a fine time, and are well pleased with the kind treatment accorded them while in the Sunny South. Mrs. Lehmer took part in organizing the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and became a charter member, and as soon as blanks, etc., are ready for the establishing of locals, Sister Lehmer will make an effort to establish a local on the Middle Division.

Now that another biennial session of the Grand Division is past, and our officers have been elected for another term of two years, let every brother do his best to build up the Order in his section. Let everyone make a renewed effort to strengthen our position and secure the membership of all desirable telegraphers who are as yet nons, passing over those whom we know to be undesirable and reckless in their work, and those who have proven themselves to be unworthy our confidence and friendship. This class are of no benefit to any organization, and do us more harm than good.

CERT. 33.

B. E. V., P. R. R., Tyrone Division—

"No card, no favors."

I notice quite a few nons on this division; get busy and thin them out.

Bro. G. A. Croll, a new man, is working the relief between "MO," Mill-Hall and "MW," Martha.

Quite a number of changes have been made which are as follows:

Bro. H. S. Williams has been assigned to the night trick at Tyrone Station; Bro. N. R. Stiver, formerly third trick at "MW," Martha, having bid in Bro. Williams' old trick at Martha.

Bro. E. M. Kyler, formerly first trick at "OS," Osceola, has been assigned to the first trick at "SA," East Tyrone, temporarily. First trick at "OS" tower is up for temporary bids.

Second tricks at "GN," Gardner, and "N," Powelton towers have been cut out, and were put up for bids as day tricks. Bro. O. W. Pearce bid in the day trick at "GN" tower, and Bro. O. J. Friday the day trick at "N" tower, Powelton.

Bro. M. B. Williams, formerly of "N" tower, Powelton, second trick, which was cut out, has bumped Telegrapher Rothrock at "BA" tower, first trick. Telegrapher Rothrock took first trick at "NA," Hannah. Bro. R. H. Poorman, formerly first trick at "NA," Hannah, took third trick at "NA" tower. Telegrapher C. R. Lord, from third trick at "NA" to "MD," Portmatilda, third trick.

Telegrapher C. R. Richards, from Portmatilda, third trick, to "MW," Martha, third trick.

Bro. Jaul Clarancy, from Martha, third, to Martha, second trick.

J. H. Stevenson, formerly second trick at "GN," Gardner (also cut out), bumped Telegrapher A. J. Whitman at "SI," Vail, third trick. A. J. Whitman is working extra third trick at "SA," East Tyrone.

Telegrapher Stuckey, formerly third trick at "FX," Unionville, has taken second trick at "SI," Vail.

Telegrapher Nick D. Morrissey, formerly at "SI," Vail, second trick, transferred to "BA," Bald Eagle, third trick.

Telegrapher Bennett, at Bald Eagle, third trick, to "NA," Hannah, second trick. Telegrapher M. H. Hall, of Hannah, second trick, picking cherries.

Bro. H. G. Nagle, at "RU," Milesburg, second trick, was off duty one day last month, visiting his home at Williamsport.

A. J. McLaughlin, at "RU," Milesburg, first trick, was the lucky boy to get his relief day on the fifth of July. Understand he pitched an interesting game of ball that day.

Bro. C. A. Fetzer, third trick at "RU," Milesburg, accompanied by his wife, visited his uncle, Mr. C. E. Neff, at Lock Haven, a couple of days recently.

Bro. M. E. Flynn, at NO," third trick, was off duty one night.

Bro. R. B. Woomer, of "SI," Vail, first trick, off duty on the 10th inst., visiting over night with friends at Lock Haven, Pa.; can not say who relieved him.

It has been said that Bro. Nagle, of Milesburg, second trick, contemplates taking unto himself a wife this fall.

A telegrapher on this division was dismissed from the service recently for being intoxicated when reporting for duty. We are very glad to mention the fact that he was not an Order man.

There is another new man from the N. Y. C. on this division. I wonder if he has a card? Haven't heard the name.

We will close this in hopes that some brother will help out next month. "MIDGRT."

Sunbury Div., No. 12.

A new signal plant has been installed at "CA" tower, Catawissa. The signal bridge which is large enough to extend over three tracks, gives quite an up-to-date appearance to the place.

The new interlocking plant at Klines Grove Cross Over will be put in service July 31st. It will be known as "Z" tower, and contains twelve levers.

And on the same date the telegraph office will be moved from the passenger station at South Danville, to the new "KD" tower, located at the west end of South Danville passing siding.

July 26th the use of telegraph for blocking trains between "MD" tower at Sunbury, and Mount Carmel, and between Nescopeck and Wilkesbarre was discontinued, and trains are being blocked by telephone.

Bro. F. R. Dent, of Catawissa, was off a few days on a vacation, which I understand he spent looking after his interests in his cement block works; relieved by extra agent Mr. J. T. Sigler.

Bro. G. R. Blecker, of "CA" tower, was off two days on account of sickness; relieved by extra telegrapher Mr. Ed. S. Breisch.

Bro. T. C. Phillips, of Bluf, spent his relief day visiting at White Deer.

Bro. G. C. Vandling, second trick at Creasy, spent his relief day at Wilkesbarre.

Mr. J. L. McAndrew, a new man on the road, who has been doing the extra work at Nescopeck, has bid in Nanticoke, second trick; relieved at Nescopeck by Bro. W. G. Levan.

I wish to thank Bro. C. L. Keyser for the assistance he has given me in getting this write-up. I would be glad to hear from others.

Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has called to his reward, in the great beyond, Abram W. Berger, the father of our esteemed Bro. E. G. Berger; be it

Resolved, By the members of Sunbury Division, No. 12, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the brother and relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the records of the division, a copy sent to our brother, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. R. JOHNSON,
THOS. C. PHILLIPS,
G. R. BLECKER,

Committee.

Baltimore Div., No. 17.

In order to keep our membership in touch with the convention, our entertainment committee, viz.: Bros. Dr. J. B. Sebastian, H. W. Lair and Wm. M. Skinner, arranged for an "Echo meeting;" asking President H. B. Perham to send a Grand Officer for this meeting. To the delight of all

present, he sent our beloved Vice-President T. M. Pierson, who not only favored us with a most excellent address, but also enjoyed the honor of addressing the Brotherhood of Enginemen and Firemen of the Baltimore Division, in the Maryland Theater—both meetings were well attended, the audience enthusiastic—and the same will accomplish much along the lines of true brotherhood.

It affords us great pleasure to inform all that our good Bro. W. F. Whittle, of Division No. 17, has recently become a full fledged attorney at law—not only was he successful in passing, but he carried with him the highest honors of the class. We extend our most hearty congratulations. May he ever continue to soar upward.

While Division No. 17 is carrying the laurels, we are, indeed, pleased to learn that Division No. 33 is coming to the front, and that Bro. F. F. Sullivan, of that division, has received the nomination for the house of delegates.

All the boys will be glad to know that Bro. T. C. Hunter has returned to his home from the hospital, and that the operation has been successful, and that ere long Bro. "HM" will be sending the wireless from Parkton.

Bro. G. M. Smith is doing good missionary work, and an O. R. T. ring will soon be coming to him.

Bro. A. K. Hoyer has again returned to his home in Harrisburg.

Bros. Rollins and Asher are still champions of the Md. Division Baseball Club; if you are a good player you can be of service, apply to Bro. "RI."

MAYFIELD.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

Brothers, in case of sickness, you will report same to the Relief Committee; territory has been assigned as follows: Bro. R. W. Grugan, "AQ" to "RK," inclusive; Bro. J. B. Rubondall, "VO" to "SQ," inclusive; Bro. R. R. Staver, "NC" to "RO," inclusive; Bro. W. H. Dauberman, "MU" to "N," inclusive; Bro. C. C. Spade, "DY" to "HU," inclusive; Bro. E. F. Biever, "RV" to "ZA," inclusive.

Bro. H. L. Steiger, relief trick No. 2, has taken a month off, going West to see the sights.

Bro. N. A. Steffen, wife and baby girl, were seen on the streets of Herndon, July 3d. Grandpa Adam Steffen likes to see N. A. S. come home sometimes.

Mrs. Minnie Derrick, wife of Bro. H. T. Derrick, spent Sunday, July 4th, with him at "RV." Harry says it is so nice to have your wife spend the day with you, as the lunch basket seems to groan with good things to eat.

Bro. J. F. Wentzel spent Saturday, July 3d, at Herndon.

Bro. H. J. Engle had leave of absence July 2d and 3rd. Telegrapher M. A. Miller worked in his place.

Bro. A. Wetzel had leave of absence July 3rd. Telegrapher E. I. Leister worked third trick at "HU."

Bro. H. M. Auchmuty was seen on the streets of Herndon, July 3rd; wish we could see him on the streets of Williamsport on the second Tuesday of each month.

Telegrapher J. W. Orndorf, third trick at "FY" tower, was off duty July 3rd; relieved by Telegrapher W. H. Kebach.

Bro. C. M. Bickel had leave of absence July 2d, and was seen at Millersburg, all smiles. Telegrapher E. I. Leicester worked his trick.

Bro. W. F. Baileys, of "D" tower, had leave of absence July 12th.

Bro. H. J. Engle was off duty July 11th to 14th, inclusive, on account of sickness in family. Telegrapher F. W. Wetzell, of "HU" tower worked in his place.

Telegrapher W. H. Kebach worked first trick at "D" tower, July 12th.

Bro. H. V. McGee, now working the Postal office at Milton, certainly had his hands full during old Home Week at that place, on account of the increase in work.

Bro. G. E. Shaffer can always be seen at the meeting, and he can always tell you how the Phillies can play "Ball." Just ask him how they stand.

Bro. M. J. Shure is now doing the relief work between "MU" tower and Sunbury.

Bro. E. J. Fetterhoff was off duty during June, taking in the sights of Iowa. He was accompanied by his wife.

Bro. W. P. Brown, who has been working first trick at "OJ" tower for some time, is back on third trick again, on account of Bro. J. W. Orndorf, of Division No. 3, bidding in first trick at "OJ" tower, and filled the position on July 12th. Bro. H. P. Bunnell made a flying trip to Wilkes-barre on his relief day.

Bro. Fred. Friggle spent a week at the home of his parents at Oil City, Pa., last month.

Carry an up-to-date card, and you will be recognized as a man.

Bro. J. C. McCloskey, formerly of Division No. 24, is working in Utah at present.

Bro. T. M. Young was off July 3rd to umpire a ball game between McElhattan and Dunnstown. McElhattan winning two games from Dunnstown. Bro. Tom is manager for McElhattan.

Bro. J. C. Odonnell attended the ball game at McElhattan, July 3rd.

We understand that there is a telegrapher between "K" and "W" who has a student. This man is absent from the office several hours at a time, leaving the student in charge of the office; but he is a man without a card, that accounts for it.

Telegrapher S. H. Young, of Nisbet, Pa., is working second trick at "J" tower.

Bro. A. C. Grieb was a visitor at McElhattan and Pine recently.

Bro. Glenn McCloskey was off celebrating the 4th; relieved by Bro. Dugan.

Bro. Wasser is working relief trick No. 1.

When you have any news items for the write-up, we will be pleased to get them.

The division correspondent begs to say, that some of the assistants have failed to send in items up to the present time; this leaves the assistants' territory unheard from.

Operator H. W. Brown is working in Bro. Steiger's place, on relief trick No. 2.

Operator E. R. Lundy was absent a few days, and took a trip to Canada.

Commodities increasing and our wages standing still. What do you know about this? "Off."

New Haven Div., No. 29.

Although I have nothing against Bro. Quick. I would just like to send him so many notes some month that it would be necessary for him to issue a special edition just for the New Haven Division. But as it is, only a few of the brothers send me notes, and my own mind runs to just one subject during the open season, and I would not dare tell you of some of the "big" ones I have, and have not caught this year. I know only too well that that short and ugly word would be hurled at me, or any other fisherman who tries to tell you about the one he lost when he had two feet of him out of water and only his head was visible at that, and no one around to bear witness. Some more "Fisherman's Luck."

I would like to repeat a little story. In passing by a wall that surrounded an insane asylum, a traveler became engaged in conversation with one of the inmates who stood looking over the wall. The conversation ran about as follows:

Lunatic: Hello, stranger.

Traveler: Hello, friend.

Lunatic: What's your's name?

Traveler: John.

Lunatic: What's you're occupation?

Traveler: Telegraph operator.

Lunatic: How much do you get a month?

Traveler: \$40.00.

Lunatic: Married?

Traveler: Yes.

Lunatic: Any children?

Traveler: Five.

Lunatic: Belong to the O. R. T.?

Traveler: No.

Lunatic: Let's see, telegraph operator, \$40.00 a month, married, five children, not a member of the O. R. T. Come over the wall stranger you're on the wrong side.

As the announcer for all the big shows in our "Opsey House" says, I thank you all for your rapt attention, and—I almost said liberal patronage. I mean your angelic patience.

Below is a write-up of the July meeting from the ever ready pen of our worthy Chief, Bro. L. H. Dowd: T. A. A.

The July meeting of New Haven Division, No. 29, was called to order by Bro. Dowd, at 8 p. m., with nearly all officers present. About thirty-five officers and members were in attendance.

After the disposition of quite an accumulation of business, including several applications, our

well-known Bro. T. M. Pierson, second vice-president, gave us another great treat by covering the doings of the Atlanta convention, explained the principal items of business transacted and good accomplished.

He touched particularly on the size of the convention, it being the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of the kind ever held, which shows the rapid strides of the Order toward perfection and thorough organization.

He spoke of the delegates as a whole, coming from Canada, the busy East, the great West and the "Sunny South;" composed to a great extent of the general chairmen, local chairmen and officers of divisions who have had wide experience in the building and working of the Order; each and every one bent on the working out of problems in the interest of his constituents, and protesting with all his might when he believed a measure under discussion was not for the benefit of his men and his territory.

Bro. Pierson said that the present condition of the Order was something to be proud of; that after such a depression in business for so long a period we find that we have actually made great progress through it all.

It is with pleasure that Division No. 29 looks forward to a visit from Bro. Pierson, and when he comes unannounced it is always a very pleasant surprise to us all. We learn much from his talks and advice, and the benefit of his visits to us can not be measured. For many years we have marched onward to success with this same good advice and counsel ever ready.

Bro. Manion, general chairman, who has been away on quite an extended trip through the South, the West, and the Northwest, returned in time for the meeting. He spoke of his trip, the interesting things he saw, and the conditions of the telegrapher, in a general way, in different sections of the country. Bro. Manion always lets fall the words that come from pure experience and good judgment, stripped of all that is superfluous.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T., instituted at Atlanta, was spoken of at the meeting, and as the ladies of members of Division No. 29 hold charter No. 1, it behooves us to take interest in this question which has been of so much benefit to other organizations.

The wife, sister, or daughter, who holds membership in the auxiliary and who takes an interest in the work will be of considerable value in influencing the husband, father, or brother, to keep up his dues, since, when a member of the O. R. T. becomes delinquent the wife, sister, or daughter, as the case may be, loses her membership in the auxiliary.

In other words, the telegrapher must be strictly up-to-date, otherwise his family can not hold membership in the auxiliary.

The meeting was a very interesting one, and shows that we are strictly alive to our needs, and that we will continue our successes in the future as in the past.

Shore Line Division—

Telegrapher McCloskey, from third trick at tower No. 75, New Haven, to regular extra again.

Bro. French, third trick at tower No. 74, West Haven, to second trick at tower No. 54, Fairfield.

Bro. Rockfeller, third trick at tower No. 73, to third trick at tower No. 74, West Haven.

Bro. Weatherby, from extra list, to third trick at tower No. 73, Woodmont.

Bro. Quirk, second trick at tower No. 73, Woodmont, to third trick at tower No. 75, New Haven.

Bro. McEvoy, third trick at tower No. 72, to first trick, and Bro. Lakin, regular extra, to third trick at Bridge St. tower, Middletown.

Bro. Oliver, third trick at tower No. 62, to third trick at tower No. 72, Milford.

Telegrapher Reardon is holding down second trick at tower No. 73, until bid in.

Bro. Moore has the regular extra now, and is working third trick at tower No. 62, while it is on bulletin, and hopes it will not be assigned for a year or more, as he is stuck on the joint.

Bro. Lore, third trick at tower No. 71, has been enjoying a two weeks' vacation at Atlantic City and other Jersey points.

Bro. Frank McGinnes bid in first trick at "SM" tower, Stamford.

Bro. Manion, returned from the convention, and his Western trip a few days ago, and is looking fine, but is thinking of going back to Utah, for reasons best known to himself.

Bro. Flagg, second trick at tower No. 55, off two days; relieved by Telegrapher McCloskey.

Bro. Kennedy worked in "BS" a few days, while Bro. Leonard relieved some of the dispatchers.

Bro. Hatton, third trick at tower No. 63, was off a couple of nights. Telegrapher McCloskey covered the job.

Western Division—

Bro. John Mills, formerly second trick at Derby Junction, was the successful bidder for first trick, same place.

Bro. J. B. Davids, formerly at Shelton, has bid in Derby.

Bro. C. E. Leahy, second trick at Shelton, has bid in third trick at that place. Second trick at Shelton is now up for bids.

Bro. Schultz, the genial "VT" at "JC" office, New Haven, has bid in third trick at Botsford.

A new man is holding down the third trick at Botsford until the position is assigned.

Bro. Howard Tuttle, second trick at Brewster, is a regular member of the Western Division baseball team.

Bro. L. H. Dowd, first trick at Danbury, is acting ticket agent for three or four weeks during the absence of Ticket Agent F. W. Pierce. Bro. Dunbar is covering Bro. Dowd's trick, and Bro. R. G. Halsted is covering second.

Bro. McAllister, third trick at Bristol, starts, in a few days, on a two weeks' vacation, to be spent at his home in York State.

Bro. Reddish, of Terryville, will leave for San Francisco in a few days, where he will spend a month's vacation.

Bro. Bell, of East Hartford, will start for the Pacific Coast in a few days, for a month's stay.

Bro. H. D. Spencer, of "BX" tower, Waterbury, is spending a two weeks' vacation at his old home in York State.

Mr. F. A. Foster is covering the position in the new station at Waterbury, which was put in service Sunday, July 11th, until position is bid in.

H. A. Reynolds, freight agent at Bristol, left July 14th for a visit of two weeks with his parents at Factoryville, Pa.

Bro. Ed. Kellog, formerly in the service of the New Haven, is now located with the U. D. in the Catskills. Div. Cor.

Providence Div., No. 35.

A stranger in a strange country, far from the land of his birth, but quick to adapt himself to his new surroundings and conform to the new customs which he found on his arrival upon our shores, and quickly recognized the true merit of the organization which represented his chosen profession, as soon as his eligibility was established, his application for membership was quickly handed in, and the June meeting of Division No. 35 saw his fondest hopes realized, by being admitted into full membership in our noble and glorious Order. A fact which should be an object lesson to those nons in our vicinity, who for years have been promising to come in next meeting, etc. It is beyond comprehension why our alien friends coming to our shores are quicker to see the benefits and grasp the fact that only through organization can our conditions be improved, and their sense of justice and manhood will not admit of their accepting favors which would in any way place a stain upon their honor.

Bros. Joslin and Brady were at Watch Hill for several days through the hot spell disporting themselves in the surf, and both report an enjoyable good time. One needs but to notice the coat of tan they accumulated and how the cuticle is peeling off to fully agree with them.

Bro. Dykeman, who bid in the third trick at Niautic, is still held on the third trick at Olive St. tower at Attleboro until filled. Seems as if the boys are "keeping shy" of the place for some unexplained reason.

Bro. DeLong, first trick man at Hills Grove tower, is off on a vacation. The position is being covered by Mr. Mattison.

Bro. Garripy, a former member of Division No. 35, but now of Division No. 54, and stationed at Nelson, Wash., was a welcome visitor at the meeting.

The communication from President Perham, regarding the legal decision upon the hours-of-service-law upon the Santa Fe, was certainly a "good one." It is such news that warms the heart of all true union men.

The personnel of the committee appointed at the July meeting to revise the By-Laws and bring

them up-to-date, insures the complete success of the undertaking.

While the temperature in the meeting room was almost as high as the thermometer could register, the interest displayed by the members present beat it by several yards.

The report of the local board, as given by Bro. Joslin, lost none of its attractiveness by being side-tracked for a "shop extra" at the June meeting, and proves them the right men for the place.

Thirty members present at the meeting, two applications were favorably voted upon and one referred to committee.

Bro. Hardiway, the third trick man at East Junction, was compelled to go to the hospital for a few weeks, on account of serious illness, fortunately no operation was necessary. He is now back to work as good as new.

Bro. R. A. Brown, our most popular secretary and treasurer, has clearly proved his utter disregard for the feelings of the medical fraternity, by insisting upon living, when by all ethics and consideration for their feeling he should have thrown up his hands and passed to the "great beyond" long ago, but "Bob" always was obstinate.

Bro. B. P. Green, who suffered a serious relapse and whose life for a time was despaired of, is again on the gain and expects soon to be up and doing.

It is hoped that my next letter will contain the names of the Ladies' Auxiliary branch in connection with Division No. 35.

C. T. U. A., Bro. H. A. Scott, while on third trick at East Junction, recently proved himself a worthy candidate for a Carnegie medal. Discovering a barn on fire in close proximity to a dwelling house in which two families were living, only by the greatest effort did he succeed in rousing the inmates and getting them to a place of safety, and then organizing a bucket brigade succeeded in saving the dwelling. The barn was a total loss. We understand his application to membership in Division No. 35 is on the way.

Wanted—A charm to lay the hoodoo that is the cause of starter signals being thrown up in face of postal express quite frequently. I would suggest to that non who is building up such a notorious record, and incidentally furnishing ammunition for the railroad officials to use in an endeavor to abrogate the nine-hour law; to try what virtue is in eight or ten hours sleep each day.

Mrs. Beaty, wife of Bro. Geo. Beaty, the first trick man at Apponaug tower, is visiting at her old home place in Middlebury, Vt., for two or three weeks.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. Daniel J. Cushing, and while we humbly submit to Him "whose will be done," we can but feel a deep personal loss; therefore be it

Resolved, That Providence Division, No. 35, extend to the companion and children of our de-

parted brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their great sorrow; be it also

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his unswerving allegiance to the tenets of our Order—his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, the qualities that endeared him to all; be it

Resolved, That our charter be draped for sixty days, a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes of the division, a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

GEO. E. JOSLIN,
J. R. MAXWELL,
W. J. SMITH,
JOHN TRAINOR,
Committee.

Springfield Div., No. 38.

There were forty-seven members (including three visitors) at our last meeting, July 17. Everybody seemed imbued with the proper spirit, and absolute harmony prevailed. Business was conducted with unusual despatch and there were "doings" from start to finish. Without doubt, this was one of the most profitable meetings ever held by this division. The membership was much pleased with the report of the general committee on the Boston & Albany Ry. It is very gratifying to see such fine feeling as is expressed by the membership on this road.

Bro. T. M. Pierson, our most worthy second vice-president, gave us a delightfully instructive and interesting address, and those who were so unfortunate as to be absent missed the greatest oratorical treat in the history of the division. Bro. E. J. Manion, general chairman, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., also favored us with a lengthy advisory address, such as only "Doc" can dispense. Much benefit was derived from the instruction and advice of these veterans, and we cordially invite them to speak to us again when possible, and we promise to be attentive. Bro. Leet, local chairman, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., was also present, but had to leave early to catch his train.

Sisters Sheridan and Costello, from Pittsfield and Worcester, respectively, were with Sister Kinnerman, of Springfield, the "Three Graces." Well done, sisters, come often and by your loyalty shame some of the brothers who do little but find fault with the efforts of the loyal ones. There are only a few of these, but they are noticeable. Now, brothers, you all want to attend the next meeting, if you do not do so you will have cause to regret it. A surprise will be sprung on some of you. Come out all who possibly can. Hoping you will "hearken unto me."

I take this means of expressing my deep gratitude and thanks to all the boys of Springfield Division, No. 38, for their kindness in my great

sorrow, occasioned by the death of my husband, not only for the beautiful O. R. T. floral pillow, but for the generous contribution received.

Yours, with sincerest gratitude,
FLORENCE M. WYATT.

Boston Div., No. 41.

The mid-summer meeting was called to order at 8:15, with a very good attendance in spite of the warm weather. The subject of a sick benefit fund was taken up in earnest and thoroughly discussed, and it looks now as if it was an assured thing, judging from the interest taken in the matter in this meeting. There is no doubt but what it is something that is needed, and the members will doubtless see the good that will rise from it, and once it is thoroughly under way it is safe to say that a large majority of the members will join it. It will do away with sending out papers to aid sick and disabled members, something that should be discouraged just as long as we have money in the treasury to aid our members; but as explained in a previous issue it is hard to say how long our treasury will stand the strain, provided we wish to keep a tidy sum on hand for emergencies. The committee authorized at the July meeting will have something to report in August, and it is hoped, now that the matter is started, that every member will interest themselves in the matter, and by their presence at the meetings push the good work along.

A committee from Division No. 89, visited us at the July meeting, to work with Division No. 41 regarding another open meeting. These meetings have been a success and should be a regular thing. A committee of five (5) from Division No. 41 was appointed, with authority to make all arrangements, and the personnel of the committee is such that it can not fail to be a success. The meeting will be held in Boston, some Sunday afternoon in September, and the hours will be such that the visiting brothers and sisters from other divisions can make good train connections. Further details will be explained by circular.

An example of good fellowship, not only among our own men, but also among fellow-workmen in kindred organizations was shown in the case of one of our members who is on the sick list and in need of help, when Bros. Robinson and Loan, of East Cambridge, handed in thirty dollars (\$30.00), which they picked up practically without soliciting among fellow-employees in their vicinity. This feeling of helping one another, among railroad men especially, is and always has been one of their many good traits and can not be but favorably commented upon.

The items to help this monthly letter that the members were to send in are about as few and far between as the proverbial "angel visits." It is rather hard work for a few to cover such a large territory, but we do the best we can, and if the members like a good newsy letter each month, they should help out with any little items of interest to the division and the Order. The thanks of the division correspondent are due to

Bros. Savage, Bode, Tuck, Cunningham and Laird. for their help in making this letter a success in the past few months.

During the present session of the Legislature, Representative Wm. H. O'Brien succeeded in putting through a bill making it compulsory for the telegraph companies to place upon each message the filing time, thus enabling the addressee to see what time elapsed between the time the message was filed, and when it came into his hands.

The bill was bitterly fought by the companies, and, a loophole being found, they charged for the additional words, incorporating them into the body of the message.

A perfecting amendment, however, combined with a court decision in the State of Maryland on a bill of the same general character as the Massachusetts law, brought the companies into line, and the information is now telegraphed along with the date, at the expense of the companies.

Representative O'Brien is a prominent telegrapher and unionist, having served during the past two years as president of Boston Local, No. 4, Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, and also taken a prominent part in the work of the Boston Central Labor Union.

Bro. Quilty, of West Somerville, is enjoying a well-earned vacation, at his summer home in New Brunswick. Bro. O'Connor, assisted by Francis Rourke, is looking after the dahlias and passing out the pasteboards.

Bros. Cole and Colgate, of Arlington, had a fine fishing trip down in Brownfield, Maine; started July 14th, returned same day, with a fine catch. They used the best of bait, which accounts for their unusual luck. The suit case was rather heavy.

Div. Cor.

New York Div., No. 44.

The regular meeting for the month of July was called to order on July 10th, at 8:50 p. m., our worthy Chief Bro. Van Nostrand in the chair.

Roll call found all officers present except the Second Vice, Bro. Breen. Station filled by Bro. Heller; pro tem.

The regular order of business was rushed through on account of the large and distinguished list of visitors.

Second Vice-President, Bro. T. M. Pierson, was called to the chair, and treated us to a good and very interesting talk. The entertainment committee at this time reported refreshments ready to be served, and a recess was taken to dispose of the ice cream, etc. After the inner man had been refreshed, the meeting was again called to order, and Bro. L. A. Page, general chairman of the Penn. Lines, addressed the meeting, followed by Bro. E. J. Manion, general chairman of the New Haven system, Bro. Omara, local chairman of the N. Y. C. electric zone. Bro. T. J. Gallagher, of Division No. 37, and last but not least our former Bro. Augustus R. Linn, now secretary and treasurer of Division No. 26. It would be an injustice to our silver-tongued orators should I fail to mention them at this time; our line-up is

as follows: Bros. Shields, Surine, Aston, Heller, Hagerty, Gaffney, and the flow of oratory was laid in the shade by our worthy chief singing "Roses."

This meeting was not up to the average in attendance, and I wish to say that the brothers who can and do not attend these meetings are the only losers. The remarks that were made at our last meeting were well worth anyone's time to travel from one end of the Island to the other.

Bro. C. A. Lewis has resumed duty at Jamaica block after an extended trip to Delaware.

Bro. Thos. Scally has given up railroading after fifteen years with the Long Island road, and started in business at Cartaret, N. J.

Bro. P. C. Clawson, one of our own boys, can now be found down on the farm at Tranquillity, N. J.; any one calling will keep an eye out for bull dogs and fox terriers.

Bro. M. S. Scotton spent his vacation in the Katskills.

It is a rare occasion when you will not find the boys on the L. I. R. R. "there with the goods." The attached circular is self explanatory:

THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD COMPANY.

Office of the President and General Manager.
To the Officers and Employees of the Long Island Railroad Company:

On behalf of the management, I extend to you most hearty congratulations upon the record made in handling with success and safety the unprecedented business of the Fourth of July holidays.

From July 1st to 5th, inclusive, our business was as follows:

Number of passenger train movements.....	4,178
Number of passenger car movements.....	16,028
Number of baggage car movements.....	1,040
Number of freight and work train movements	383
Number of freight car movements.....	9,575
Number of passengers carried on trains.....	588,500
Number of carloads of express and baggage moved	381
Number of packages handled by express.....	190,500

The average delay to passenger trains was 2 minutes, 22 seconds per train.

This business was handled without injury to a single passenger, and without serious accident to any train. There were some annoying delays in handling the express and baggage, several fatal accidents to travelers upon the highway, or to trespassers, but none that the employees could have prevented. It is a record to be proud of, and we again congratulate you.

RALPH PETERS,
President and General Manager.

Long Island City, July 8, 1909.

When one takes into consideration the fact that our little road has only a little more than 300 miles of track, and that improvements of the largest magnitude are being made while this vast amount of traffic is being handled, the officials have just cause to congratulate themselves as well as the employees.

It naturally occurs to one not familiar with the conditions to ask the question how can they do it? How can they handle more business in five days than many other roads handle in a whole year, and do it safely and with dispatch?

The answer in part is simple—the L. I. R. R. is for the most part a scheduled road. The engineers, firemen, conductors, trainmen, stationmen, telegraphers and signalmen, all who have to do with transportation work under schedule conditions. Nearly if not all of the men who have to do with the movement of trains, are union men, and that means that 95 per cent of them are right on the job doing the right thing at the right time, knowing full well that when they promote the interest of the goose that lays the golden egg they are furthering their own interests.

The employees are indeed glad to know that their services are appreciated, and the 95 per cent above referred to will continue to try to merit the approval of the president and all of the other officials.

Of course, with the telegraphers on Long Island, as well as elsewhere, there are a few who don't care anything about the company, future welfare of their children, themselves or anything else. This class is usually called "nons." Are you a "non?"

Some of the changes in the station department to which our attention has been called:

Bro. Van Nostrand is now at Manhattan Beach, and will probably remain there all summer.

Bro. Johnnie Grissom has relieved W. L. Ba-teau as agent at Brookhaven.

J. J. Murry is working second trick at Hammel Junction ticket office for the summer, and Bro. Tom Devoe has accepted a like position at Rock-away Park.

Bro. J. D. Webster has bid in Glenhead agency, and that will be his permanent address from now on.

Bro. C. C. Carey is giving Bro. Baker a helping hand at Amagansett, during the rush season.

Relief Agent Cunningham is working extra in "GO," Long Island City, when not out on the road.

KNOCKER.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Conemaugh Division—

Bro. J. E. Boreland has just returned from a trip of two weeks to Atlantic City; relieved by Miss Keister, a new arrival.

Bro. W. S. Henderson has started on a two months' vacation to Denver, Colo. We all extend to him our best wishes. Relieved by Mr. G. F. Butler.

We have a few backsliders and nons who insist on staying out in the cold. The walking delegates are giving them no rest.

During the recent street car strike at Pittsburg, Pa., the boys of the west end were busy on all wires, keeping the shuttle trains moving between "RO" Block Station and Allegheny.

Bro. Kurilla spent his relief day visiting his parents at Charleroi.

Wish the nons could only see the detriment they are to themselves and others. Is it greediness that causes them to pocket what others have secured without giving a helping hand? It isn't that they can not see what the Order has done, but their manhood has dropped to the point of living off their ill-gotten gains.

Miss McFarland was seen in Blairsville on July 5th. Miss McFarland is another who has promised to join the ever-increasing Order.

Bro. Cribbs spent July 3rd with friends at Vandergrift.

Bro. C. B. Garrison is again on duty after a very serious case of blood poisoning.

We are glad to see the nons enjoy the privileges the Order has gotten, would be more pleased to see them join our forces and secure more.

Bro. Satterfield was recently in Blairsville, renewing old acquaintances.

Quite a number of the brothers and sisters were seen around the lemonade and peanut stands at the Railroad Picnic at Blairsville, July 5th.

Don't forget the telegraphers' picnic to be held at Greensburg on July 20th.

We understand that a pleasure trip was made to Metcalf by some of our boys and girls on July 8th. Metcalf is located on the valley side; mile post unknown at present writing.

Bro. Bentel made his first trip to Blairsville, June 29th. He met a number of the boys off the east end on this trip.

Would like to see more of the telegraphers attending meetings regularly.

Are you living up to our motto, "No cards, no favor?"

A CINDER.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Delaware Division—

The warm days of July are again causing the boys to wish for a cure for "that tired feeling."

The recent terrific electric storms have put quite a number of the phones out of commission, and linemen have been putting in full time allright. Upon one occasion the very familiar train wire was put in service which certainly sounded like olden times. The question is: Are these phones put in to "stay?"

Bro. Morrison has been appointed to Rehoboth for the summer season.

Quite a number of the boys spent the Fourth at Rehoboth watching the cool waves at play, while some of the sporty class attended ball games and horse races.

There are several new faces on the pike here of late, and most of them are nons—better get after them boys.

Bro. Taylor spent his relief day at Hebron, as usual.

One of our brothers, some time ago, was sent a message reading like this, "On account of congestion of cars in Delmar Yard, etc.," which was addressed to a freight train coming south, telling the conductor to leave his cars at another point. The receiver's copy read like this, "Account of Congress in Session at Delmar you will

leave your cars at ———." The conductor said he did not know what "Congress" had to do with Delmar, but he would leave the cars where they directed any way. Now, this was what I was told by one of our brothers.

The writer certainly appreciates the few items sent him by two brothers this month, as we are all piled up down here with "taters." One of our old reliables has gone back on us and does not help out like he used to. We suppose he's busy, too.

Bro. Freeny spent his relief days in Baltimore; relieved by Mr. Brasure. We are all glad to welcome Mr. Brasure back with us, after an absence of several years.

Bro. A. C. Hayden, of Prices, has been sick and off duty for some time; relieved by Bro. Allen. We are glad to report him much better at this writing.

Mr. J. B. Roe has been working a few days at Delmar freight house; relieving Mr. Jones.

Bro. Holmes, of Massey, was visiting in Centreville, a few days in July.

Bro. O. Willen, of Millington, was in Laurel, a few days with his parents.

Bro. Thomas, of Centreville, was off a few days this month; relieved by his assistant, Bro. Coursey.

It seems almost impossible to get any of the "doin's" off the D. M. & V. branch, and we have all those boys carrying "up-to-date" cards, too, excepting a few. Div. Cor.

Maryland Division—

The new office at Glendale "GA" block, has been assigned its regular men. Telegraphers Milton, first trick; Dunbar, second trick, and Mickey, third trick.

Mr. Bonnett was sent to Stony-Run, "SY," to post for third trick, which he bid in, but upon his arrival there gave it up on account of there being no suitable place to board.

Mr. Jeffries, who we understand has been off on leave of absence, has returned, and been placed on second trick at Stony-Run.

Bro. Shoffner, formerly of the Texas Ry., bid in second trick at Severn, which was made vacant on account of Mr. Johnson accepting Lamokin, second trick.

Telegrapher McDaniels, an old C. T. U. of A. man, who has been holding third trick at "DX, Lanham, has resigned to take a position with the Postal at Washington, D. C.

Bro. Ober, of "JU," Anacostia, who has been off for several weeks has returned. Glad to see him on the job again.

We understand that "KI," Elkton, has been raised to \$60.50 all around.

Telegrapher Disney has returned from his vacation, and while away withdrew from the "Bachelors' Club." Wish he and his better-half success.

The new roster of the Maryland Division came out July 1st, with Mr. Curry at Bay-View block heading the list, instead of Mr. Bowman, de-

ceased. Mr. Curry has been in service thirty-nine years.

We note with pleasure that Mr. Mayhugh, who met a painful accident at Patuxent several weeks ago and was in the hospital at Washington for sometime, is back with us again on the extra jobs. Although he has not entirely recovered, we hope to see him in good health soon.

The relief man on lower end of B. & P. has more men to relieve than he has days in a month, and on this account last month extra men were used to help him out.

The nons of which there are quite a number along this pike are slowly coming our way. Get busy and bring at least one in from your vicinity.

Bro. Tom Cassisy bid in "SO," Stanton block, which was made vacant on account of Mr. Jakubowsky leaving the road, for parts unknown.

Mr. Barcus, of Stemmers Run, bid in first trick at Peach Bottom. We wish him success.

A new stunt in locomotion passed over the road several days ago, in the form of a motor car. It made rather speedy time.

The new system of numbering advertisements of vacancies and giving each applicant a receipt which was started a few weeks ago is being met with approval along the line.

Bro. Denny, of Wilmington, has returned from his vacation, feeling much improved in health.

Bro. Cosden has been absent from Wilmington several days, on account sickness. Hope to see him out soon. Coa.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

July 13th the committee was called to Oskaloosa to meet with General Manager Cutter. The meeting was held at 7:30 p. m., in Mr. Cutter's private car, and was in no way satisfactory to the committee, as Mr. Cutter simply told them the Iowa Central was not in a position to go into the making of a new schedule, giving its agents and telegraphers a general increase in wages. Mr. Cutter admitted that nearly all the other employees had been granted standard wages, but stated that the company could not afford to grant same to its agents and telegraphers. The committee has asked for another conference with Mr. Cutter, and to be relieved, so the business can be gone into properly. Should Mr. Cutter refuse to go further, the matter will be appealed to Vice-President Day, and getting no relief there, affairs will be turned over to the organization for settlement.

At the meeting held at Marshalltown, Sunday, July 18th, at which a federation of seven labor unions was formed, the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was represented by First Vice-President J. A. Newman, and several members of Division No. 71, located at different points along the line. The federation of the different organizations, it is hoped, will result in much benefit to the different unions. All the unions are interested excepting the trainmen, conductors and engineers. Division No. 71 is certainly glad to be connected with the balance of these orders.

The July meeting was quite well attended, although a number of the boys were again turned down on transportation. This transportation matter was taken up with General Manager Cutter, and it is hoped the boys will have no more trouble in getting passes down to the meetings. Get your requests in, in plenty of time to get your pass by mail, as there will be none issued by wire. The bulletining of stations was also taken up, and it was agreed that stations should be bulletined in the future. Heretofore, bulletins have been as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth.

Bro. Cleary, one of the telegraphers at New Sharon, was one of our June members. We understand that he has severed his connection with the Iowa Central and located elsewhere.

Bro. A. J. Morris, of Brighton, has been on duty several days, on account of sickness. Night man Bartlett is doing the day stunt, and the night office is closed. We understand that there were three offices closed a few days since on account of sickness. Men are not quite so plentiful as the companies try to make out.

Bro. H. E. Aye, located at Cramers, has been transferred from Division No. 76 to Division No. 71.

Bro. H. A. Sweigard has resigned the agency at Little York. Do not know whether he has landed anything else or not.

Bro. Clyde Hunter, of Berwick, has been taking a two weeks' vacation, and was out to the last meeting. Relieved by some one formerly with the M. & St. L.

Bro. E. A. Cross is holding down Little York at present. We understand that he is not overly pleased with his job.

There has been a change in telegraphers at Hampton. Clark is now on first trick, 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.; Vaughn on 3 p. m. to midnight; Roberts, midnight to 9 a. m. Here are three notifs for us to line-up.

The non at Ackley, nights, got let out on account of too many United States mail failures, and dispatchers having to call too much to raise him. Relieved by Mr. L. E. Lewis. Lewis claims to belong to Division No. 2, but we have not yet seen what it takes for us to believe it.

Agent H. F. Chapman has been transferred from Abbott Crossing to Peoria. We understand that he goes there to take a job in the freight house. Relieved by Bro. J. B. Odem, from Zearing. Can not say who got Zearing.

Telegrapher Nutz has been working the message wire at "SK," Oskaloosa, for the past month. Tom Ray, who had been working days, was put back to working nights. The company tried working two telegraphers days, and none at night, but it was not satisfactory.

Dispatchers W. A. Heritage and J. K. Cunningham are off on vacations. B. W. Landfear is working in J. K. C's place, but can not say who is on east end.

Bro. S. J. Nessa, of Latimer, was at Morits, S. D., a few days on business a short time. Bro.

S. S. Young, of Corwith, acted as relief, while Miss Hazel Young held down Corwith.

Mrs. J. J. Flynn and daughters, of Belmond, have gone to sunny California, to spend the summer months, and let Bro. Flynn batch it. The brothers will not know him next time he shows up at meeting, he will be so thin.

Bros. Benson, of Kanawha, and Nessa, of Latimer, have both invested in new L. C. Smith typewriters. The auditor ought to have very little trouble in getting them to answer correspondence promptly now.

A special train composed of the private cars of the Iowa Central, M. & St. L., Alton and Clover Leaf, passed over the line recently, bearing the higher officials of the four roads, who were on an inspection tour. Messrs. Lutz, Dennison, Cutter, Kenly, Kruse, Sheely and Moffatt, also toured the line, looking over the property of the road and crop conditions.

The company has invested in a dozen monstrous freight engines, which are to be used on the east end; they are said to be twice as powerful as the ninety class, the largest on the road heretofore. The freight and passenger cars are also being repainted and renumbered, and things are taking on a look of prosperity never before seen on the "Hook."

Did you get your new card on schedule time? If not, don't delay any longer, but get one, for remember: "No card, no favors." COR.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Division—

Another month has passed away and it is again time for a write-up, so here goes.

We understand that Mr. W. H. Wilmot, third trick at "MS," Coal Port, is off duty a few days on account of a sprained ankle, and that Mr. Maloney, second trick at Dickinson is filling his place. A Mr. Baird, from Phila. and Erie Ry., working Mr. Maloney's trick.

Bro. Goddard who has been very sick, is now able to be around, and we all hope to see him back with us soon.

Bro. Tompkins, third trick at "WC," Washington's Crossing, has left the service and gone home for the summer.

"SK," Stockton, office has been moved about 400 feet north of the station.

Mr. Z. Barber, first trick at "K" tower, got "P," Phillipsburg, third trick, on bulletin, which was made vacant by Bro. Holly leaving the service. "K" first or "WC" third tricks have not been bulletined as yet, on account of a shortage of men. Second trick at "K" tower, which was vacated by Mr. Moritz, a former L. V. man, was bid in by Bro. Mimick. Bro. Mimick formerly worked for the L. V. at South Plainfield. Mr. Leslie, days, at "J," Phillipsburg Junction, is off on a vacation to Los Angeles, Cal., account of the Elk's convention. A Mr. Wilson, from New York Division, is filling in at present. No relief on the upper end for second and third trick men, account Bro. McKelvey holding down "K" first trick,

Bro. Palmer and Bro. Smith were forced to work three days, twelve hours each on account of Bro. Person having taken sick. Mr. Decker and Bro. Heffner forced to work three days of twelve hours each on account of Mr. Wire being sick.

Business booming, but no telegraphers! Why? Not enough coin.

We understand that several men have been forced to work twelve hours per day, two and three days a week. Several men have been dismissed from the service for being intoxicated, and asleep while on duty. We are glad to say that but one of these men carried a card. Now, boys, don't sleep on duty, let the nons do that, for some of them can do enough for all hands.

Div. Cor.

Boston Div., No. 89.

The daylight meeting for July will be a pleasure to record, both in point of business and attendance, nearly all of the regular officers were present. One candidate was balloted on, one transfer and three petitions for investigation. Not a bad record for July. Some business was laid aside to allow more time for the speakers. The different committees made their reports, and to the irregular attendants it was a surprise, indeed, to know that so much is going on at our meetings.

The committee appointed to confer with the officers of the Telegraphers' and Towermen's Relief Association, recently organized by some of the members of this division, begs leave to advise all members to join this association, which pays a substantial relief in time of sickness, for a nominal fee within the reach of all. There have been quite a number of cases of sickness during the past few months in the division, and the treasury is feeling the effects of it, and can not continue long under such heavy drains without some relief from outside sources. Therefore, anyone interested can have a copy of the by-laws of this association mailed to him free, upon request to Bro. J. J. Foley, secretary, South Braintree, Mass.

The presence of worthy Vice-President Pierson, accompanied by worthy Bro. Manion, was an unexpected surprise at our daylight meeting. Had we known sooner of their coming, no doubt, the hall would have been packed, but as it was we had a good attendance. Bro. Pierson favored us with a lengthy and interesting address. He held attention for nearly two hours. Bro. Pierson always has something interesting to offer, and this was no exception to the rule, in fact some of the older heads were somewhat surprised at his store of knowledge of affairs in general, and the O. R. T. in particular. He related the noble stand the Order took during the recent financial depression in not allowing any reduction in wages, notwithstanding the reduction in the hours of service, which was, practically speaking, an increase of wages something heretofore unheard of during a financial panic.

He dwelt at length upon the backslider, the faint-hearted, and the non, who can not see the principles involved in organization, and by the way of illustration mentioned the sad case of a worthy brother who, although stricken blind, could see far better than a good many with perfect optics, for he maintained his membership, thereby protecting his family if not himself. Bro. Pierson was instrumental in raising a large sum to aid this brother and family, but ere he had a chance to use it, he passed to the great beyond. He died peacefully, knowing he had done his duty to his fellow-brothers, his family and himself. Thus, through the visiting brother, we learn what is being done throughout the several States, the good accomplished, etc. Bro. Pierson thanked one and all for their hearty support and his reelection to vice-presidency, and expressed the hope of being with us again some time in the near future.

Bro. Manion was next given the floor. He also had something interesting to say, as he always has. He expressed a desire to see the brothers get together and discuss schedule matters, so as to be able to instruct the general committee just what changes are necessary, what additions to make. There can not be too much said on this matter, especially to the habitual faultfinder. Come to the meetings and have your say before the schedule is revised, thus avoiding the aftermath of complaint.

At this point a recess was taken to allow the brothers to shake hands with the visiting members.

Midland Division, East of Willic—

The telegraph office at Woonsocket Junction has been closed.

Bro. Burke is back at Norwood tower, after a brief illness.

The tower at Putnam is only 33 per cent solid.

Bro. Sullivan, of Woonsocket Junction is looking for a steady job.

Bro. Jay Travers has landed East Douglas for keeps.

A good delegation from Franklin attended the Daylight meeting. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to call to her heavenly home Katherine Riley, the dearly beloved daughter of our worthy Bro. Jeremiah Riley; and

Whereas, We realize that while the promise of her future in this world was exceptionally bright, the realization in the great beyond is immeasurably brighter, and while our hearts are overflowing with sympathy for our brother and his family in this their bereavement; be it

Resolved, That while expressing our sympathy and sorrow, we commend them to Him who doeth all things well, with an unfaltering trust, that they will be sustained and soothed by the realiza-

tion that while their loss is great their daughter's gain is infinitely greater; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent our bereaved brother and his family, a copy be published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, and a copy spread on the records of this division.

J. H. McDERMOTT,
F. W. BICKERTON,
J. RUDOLPH BARFELT,
Committee.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular July meeting was held in the K. of P. Hall, Fraley St., Kane, Pa., Monday, July 19th, at 10:30 a. m.

There was a good attendance, especially of the sisters of the division, among whom were Sisters McGraw, Emma and Clara Thorsten, E. V. and Nellie Hanley, of Tiona. Bros. Patch, Lindquist, Schroff and Barner were present.

Five new members were initiated as follows: W. J. McCartan, of Renovo; N. A. Webster, of St. Marys; T. S. Barner, of Kane; W. Hovis, of Sheffield, and Frank W. Crawford, of Kane, making our membership just 104 good solid O. R. T. members in Division No. 110. "I wonder what has become of that man who predicted that Division No. 110 had its back broken about two years ago?" Let him read this and believe in the good saying that "Right must and will triumph over all obstacles." With Bros. Goodwin, O'Leary and Edwards at the helm and plenty of others who could handle our division with credit, co-operating with them in every effort, we can look with satisfaction and pleasure on our growth.

Plymouth Rock says:

"Let every member raise his voice and give a hearty cheer,
We're now above the hundred mark, and we're here because we're here."

Bro. Griskey, "Our Luke," of third trick at "WY" tower, Kane, is enjoying a month's vacation, visiting Shawmut, New York City and Bloomsburg, the latter place being his home. He was relieved by Telegrapher S. W. Johnson, of Wetmore.

Telegrapher Burdick, of "OD" tower, Erie, is off for a ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Brown, of Ludlow.

Bro. Brown has bid in second trick at Belle Valley. Bro. Jordan, of Ludlow, is working second trick at present.

Bro. H. Lord, of Elgin, is enjoying a ten days' vacation.

Bro. Ed. James, of Garland, is off for ten days, visiting old friends at Corning; relieved by Telegrapher Hammel.

Bro. Johnson, of second trick at Garland, also enjoyed a ten days' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Hammel.

Bro. Lyons, of third trick at Jackson, has returned to work after a vacation of thirty days. He was relieved by Telegrapher Carlson, of Wetmore.

The telegraphers played a game of baseball with the Garland team. The telegraphers' team consisting of Operators Cupp, Johnson, W. Lord, H. Lord, Price, St. Clair, Edgett, and Wilcox, the latter from "RT" tower, Corry Junction, B. & A. V. The Garland team trimmed our boys by a score of six to two. Although it was the first game of the season for our boys, they did fine work.

Telegrapher Mrs. McKinney, of third trick at Pittsfield, is off for ten days; relieved by Telegrapher Hammel.

Sister Nellie Hanley, telephone operator at Tiona, is visiting relatives in Kane.

We would like to hear from all of the brothers and Sisters regarding what they think of having the second annual picnic in Kane. I wish every member would advise me by mail so it could be announced in the journal next month. Kane has a beautiful park, which could be secured, and perhaps we could get a ball game with the Kane team. Please communicate either to Bro. Goodwin or Bro. O'Leary, at Emporium; or Bro. Edwards, of Westport; or Bro. Sullivan, division correspondent, Shawmut, Pa. We would like to have the opinion of all members on this matter.

Bro. Confer, of Shintown, left the telegraph service, and has taken a position as section foreman, at Hulings, for the P. R. R. While the telegraph department has lost a good man, the M. W. department has gained a first-class trackman, and we all wish Bro. Confer every success.

Bro. Sullivan, who was formerly at "HY," Huntley, is doing the fifteen-hour stunt as agent for the P. S. & N., at Shawmut, Pa.—putting out thirty cars a day, and wearing out two pairs of shoes a month. His greatest enjoyment is to prepare the write-ups for the journal, and although in a manner away from the members, his heart is with them, and who knows but that the P. S. & N. may be heard from in the near future.

The next regular meeting will be held in Emporium, Wednesday, August 10th, at 8:30 p. m., and we hope to see a good many members present.

We are glad to hear that all are in good health and spirits, and hope this condition will continue indefinitely. "PLYMOUTH ROCK."

Shamokin Div., No. 117.

We are constantly receiving inquiries, from the boys along the line, relative to the petition for two relief days per month, which was circulated several months ago. We know no more the fate of this petition than does any of the other telegraphers on the division. But, Mr. Non doesn't seem to think so. He has an idea that, being a member of the O. R. T., we should make it our personal business to see that this paper is safely carried through and presented to the superintendent and general manager, with immediate results. And, why shouldn't he think so? He has the brazen nerve to write up a woeful tale of lament, telling of the good things telegraphers on other lines are enjoying, etc., etc., and then en-

closing it in an envelope, carefully avoiding any marks or other means of identification, and sending it to us with a little note: "Please start this from your end." Why doesn't he add what is in his mind and say: "I'd start it, but I'm afraid the fellow who does might be fired."

We have lots of these spineless chaps on this division. They are all smiles when the superintendent or some other official is around, but at the same time they pick all kinds of stones and then search around for some good brother, who always plays above board, to do the firing, while they lie under cover until the storm is past. If perchance we gain a point, everything is rosy; but if we lose, then the O. R. T. is at fault.

We are not so devoid of feeling as not to wish for the success of this recent petition for a monthly holiday or two, but if you do not receive what you have asked for, you have no one to blame but yourselves. If you are too cowardly to stand up with the brothers on the firing line, or too selfish to contribute your mite to help defray the expenses of the Order that has been battling for you for many years, then you deserve nothing at the hands of your employer, and no one is better aware of the fact than is he. Therefore, please do not weary us with your tales of woe; we are in no mood to listen to you unless you can come like men with your applications properly made up, and, if you come eighty or ninety per cent strong, we can assure you that these begging petitions will soon be a relic of the past.

I often find it a duty to call some good union man's attention to the goods he is buying. Many never look for the union label. What kind of clothing do you wear, is it union made? Are you wearing a scab hat, and how about your shoes? Your newspaper, I presume, is all to the mustard. And, by the way, I think there are only two English dailies in the country that are truly union papers: The *New York Call* and the *Chicago Daily Socialist*.

Mr. Samuel Bowers, agent at Haucks, is retired on the pension list. Mr. E. J. Howell has been appointed agent.

Mr. Lantenbaucher, of "BC" office, transferred to Atlantic City Division. Mr. Miller, second trick at "BC" office, has left the service.

Mr. Portner, at Tamaqua, has resigned, and has accepted a position with the Excelsior Coal Co.

Bro. Davis, of Mahonay Plane, was injured by a fall, and is laid up. J. C. McNeil is relieving Bro. Davis.

Bro. Campbell, of Gordon, relieved for one day. Telegrapher N. H. Maurer is attending court at Pottsville this week.

Telegrapher Keating, of Shamokin, is working at "KN," Shamokin. Mr. Meenhan is working in Keating's place at "D" office.

Bro. Lyons, of "NB" Junction, was a Minersville visitor recently.

Bro. Klinger, of "NB" Junction, called on his mother at Lewisburg a few days since.

Quite a number of the brothers took in the great double-header at the Williamsport Ball Park, on Thursday, and saw the champion Billtown team defeat the strong Lancaster nine, twice.

Bear in mind, we are still in the market for notes, and don't forget our next meeting.

CERT. 17.

North Adams Div., No. 139.

We were not represented in the July TELEGRAPHER, as you are well aware, and the reason is that I did not get the communication written in time, although there were but few items of interest to the membership. I wish some of the members would kindly send a few items occasionally, and in that way assist the correspondent. is now running an Auto Garage at Johnsonville, and Bro. Akin bid in second trick at Troy, "DE" office.

Bro. H. V. Akin, formerly third trick at Johnsonville, has returned from the South, where he was pitching for the Southern States League, making a success up to the time he sprained his arm. We understand that he liked the South very much.

Bro. VanWert, who resigned some months ago, is now running an Auto Garage at Johnsonville. so any brother wishing a fast and cheap "Joy" ride will call on Van, at 4501 South Vender St.; phone No. 1-23.

Bro. Murphy made 335 miles in one week to cover the spare work. Guess that's "going some," when you figure on a man's having much sleep.

Telegrapher Mead is working second trick at Schaghticoke, while Bro. Butler is covering the second trick at Troy station, where it is about equal to a Bonus wire, but he is certainly making good.

Bro. Duncan, of Buckland, will give an exhibition of an agent at work in North Adams, on the Fair Grounds, during old home week. A large attendance is desired to help cheer "DN" up.

See by the *Budget* that Mr. Hitchcock, formerly of the Santa Fe, is working spare at Rotterdam, while Bro. Raine is acting as instructor of telegraph rules.

Telegrapher Hennessey, of Greenfield (spare), is working second trick at Johnsonville, while the job is being bid in. Understand that Bro. Manning is after Johnsonville, second trick.

C. T. D., Mr. Bourne, has just returned from his vacation, and Dispatcher Price, who held the chair of C. T. D. during his absence, has returned to the sheet, which was covered by Bro. Manning.

Bill Clark and Dispatcher Culver will make a trial trip in the largest balloon that ever rose, on September 6th, during Old Home Week at North Adams, and Dispatcher Barry will run the wireless machine from Greylock Mt., while Billy will send messages from the balloon.

Bro. Moak, of Siberia, starts in a moving picture show at Mechanicville, October 1st. So

any members that happen to be in that place will kindly acknowledge that and attend.

There was an error in the write-up in the June journal. We wish to beg Bro. Moak's pardon, as the journal had it "Sister" instead of brother.

Agent Palmer, of Reynolds wishes to buy a wireless set, which he can install at that point to get the weather report more accurately. Any body having one to sell will wire him.

CERT. 1421.

Grand Trunk Ry.

Having been asked by a number of members lately as to what became of the Telegraphers' Eight-Hour Bill which was supposed to have been presented for discussion at the late Session of Parliament, I may say in way of explanation that owing to the recent sitting of the House being, as all know, a very short one, our bill along with a number of others was laid over, and is to be brought up at the next Session of Parliament we hope to meet with approval of the majority, and made law.

In discussing the service question, perhaps it would not be out of order to refer to the nine-hour service law, recently passed in the United States. When the law in question became effective a number of the roads from the start construed its meaning rightly and worked their telegraphers nine consecutive hours per day, while a number thought they were complying with the law if they, for example, worked a man, starting at 7:00 in the morning, two or three hours, relieved him for one or two hours, then brought him back for two or three hours, and so on until the day closed. However, as the latter construction was not the correct meaning and spirit of the bill (the intention was that telegraphers were to work nine consecutive hours, and then be relieved for the day), a test case was made on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. last month, resulting in the United States court rendering a decision to the effect that the Telegraphers' Service Law meant nine consecutive hours and nothing else. No doubt our Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. L. W. Quick, will go into the particulars of the case fully in this issue of the journal. Every one should read it.

The above should be interesting to every Canadian railroad telegrapher, as the Telegraphers' Eight-Hour Bill awaiting discussion in the Canadian Parliament states that the hours must be consecutive, and not broken up in small periods covering from twelve to eighteen hours per day.

With respect to card renewals. A goodly number of our members have remitted their dues already and are in possession of the current card. Those who have not as yet remitted will confer a great favor to the undersigned by doing so not later than August 31st, as on that date the Grand Division revises the mailing list and only those having paid their division dues and mutual benefit assessments are, according to the constitution, in good standing and entitled to the journal.

We hope every up-to-date member will take interest in the work of assisting in rounding up the nons. If application forms, or information as to rates, etc., are required, a post card addressed to the undersigned will be sufficient to put you in possession of same.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally,

D. L. SHAW, B. S. and T.

Southern Division—

We understand that Bro. J. Boughner, day telegrapher at Simcoe, has joined the benedict class. Congratulations. The cigars will do at any time. Bro. Boughner, when away on honeymoon trip, was relieved by our worthy Bro. Smith.

Bro. Doan, of New Sarum, is taking a couple of weeks' vacation, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Turnbull, of Corinth. Wonder why Mr. Turnbull don't add "Brother" before his name? Our worthy Local Chairman, W. P. Hoffman, of Paynes Mills, returned from the Atlanta convention looking hale and hearty. Billy says it was a great convention.

Understand Day Telegrapher Mr. Anguish, at Glencoe, has left the service, and was relieved by Telegrapher Fennell. Another we are surprised don't take out a card in our organization.

Now, everybody wake up and show the world at large that the Grand Trunk boys, while they may not say much, are a real live bunch. Keep at the poor nons until we can show the Southern Division close to 100 per cent O. R. T.

CERT. 714.

Kansas City Southern Ry.

Northern Division—

Bro. S. A. Phillips is working third trick at Mena yard office, while Mr. M. L. Thomas is working in the dispatchers' office. Mr. R. H. Redmond works first trick yard office, and Bro. A. J. Novey, second trick.

Mr. O. G. Crawford, the regular telegrapher in dispatchers' office, is working first trick in place of Mr. Hyde, who is laying off a few days. There is a new man at Heavener, nights.

A telegraph office has been opened at Steam Shovel, near Heavener, with Telegrapher W. M. McCarty in charge.

It is important that each member read the article in the June Journal relative to the Bond question.

While personally I have never had a grievance with our present Bond Co., I heartily indorse the plan set forth, and I would recommend that each member put his shoulder to the wheel, as it is for our benefit and uplifting. Why tarry on the question? You are assured by Bro. Quick that your money will be refunded if for any reason the project does not go through, and if we fail in this effort the good cause will die until some future generation resurrects it. If it proves a

success you will receive your interest and just benefits therefrom. Put your thinkers to work, and drop a \$10 or more with us. We need it to assist you. CERT. 149.

Southern Division—

Bros. Vickers and Ferguson, of Beaumont office, were ticking in the sights at Port Arthur on the 5th. Hope they enjoyed their short stay down on the "Banks of the Sabine."

Mr. W. L. Hester is doing the owl stunt at Zwolle, having relieved Mr. Dunnam.

We understand that Bro. Wheeler, of Mansfield, nights, is taking his summer vacation, being relieved by Mr. Dunnam, formerly of Zwolle, nights. We wish Bro. Wheeler a good time during his recess from the "Key."

We are informed that Bro. Paisley, at Many, nights, is back at his old stand, after having spent a few weeks very pleasantly with his family and friends.

We are extremely glad to say, we will have the pleasure of calling Messrs Mester and Dunnam "Brothers" after the July pay-day. We would that others might "Go and do likewise." If we were one 100 per cent strong we might be able, through our representatives, to impress upon the management the justness of increasing our pay checks, so we could meet our bills promptly.

We are informed that Mr. Melindy, formerly clerk and telegrapher at Beaumont, has been transferred to Fisher agency, relieving Bro. Simpson.

It is rumored that there has been a transfer at Barham. Bro. Brooks taking a vacation. We are unable to say who relieved him.

I am moved to believe that I owe the boys on the north end an apology, owing to the fact that in the July journal I scored them rather severely on account of their not having previously given us a write-up, but on examination of the June journal I discovered they had quite a nice lot of items, and I was certainly much pleased to read it over, thereby learning something of what the boys are doing on the north end. Hope they will overlook my hastiness in writing as I did, and sincerely wish that they may continue to give us a nice write-up, for when coupled to our items from the south end the "Old P. G." will be handsomely represented.

Bro. H. E. Long spent the evening in Beaumont recently. Understand that he called on Bro. Ferguson.

Understand that Sister Ida Pattillo, of Leesville, W. U. office, will be transferred to Shreveport, to work in W. U. office there, as soon as can get relieved at "MO" office. We regret very much to have Sister Pattillo leave our midst, but trust she will see fit to keep in line, as she has always done.

Bro. W. H. Tolman, so long stationed at Wasey, La., is taking his summer vacation, but am not able to say who is relieving him.

Bro. J. S. Gledhill, who has been laying off for some time, has again resumed duty as agent at Juanita, relieving Bro. McBeath.

Bro. W. T. Merchant, at Texarkana, is taking his summer vacation, and is being relieved by Bro. Newell, he, in turn, being relieved by Mr. Phillips from Trigg St. Bro. Baird relieved Mr. Phillips on second trick at "X."

Mr. Downs, of Shreveport, dispatchers' office, is off on his summer vacation, being relieved by Bro. Babcock, regular night man, he, in turn, being relieved by Mr. Briggs, of Kansas City.

The burning of Zwolle depot on the night of June 21st, caused by a lamp exploding, was a rather serious loss, it having destroyed everything in the building. Bro. Manhein proved his efficiency as an agent by handling everything successfully with no assistance. All records of the station were destroyed. After having worked so hard and faithfully, he is now enjoying a vacation in Tennessee, being relieved by Bro. H. R. Brooks.

No doubt all who read the August journal, will observe that there is a somewhat limited write-up. This was occasioned by the good "Brothers" not helping me out with news. I am greatly indebted to our worthy local chairman for several items. Also obligated to Bro. Malone, of "D," who bethought himself to send me an item. Now, "boys," do not hesitate to send in any item that you may know of, as it will greatly assist me in representing you creditably in the columns of our journal. I notice, by reading the journal closely, that all the correspondents have considerable trouble in getting the boys along the several lines to send in news items. I sincerely hope that Bros. Womack and Smith will, along with our local chairman, send me some "dope" each month by the 20th. With the few items that I can pick up and those that the local chairman and his two "assistants" can send in, I am under the impression that we can have a fair representation in the journal. I sincerely admonish the brethren that received my letter of some weeks ago, that they will not fail to respond thereto, as it will be a great help to me to get items.

CERT. 271.

Union Pacific Ry.

Nebraska Division, Western District—

Many things have happened since our last write-up, not the most insignificant of which is the gratifying increase of net earnings for the railways of the United States for the spring months, which exceeded those of the same period of 1906, and only fell below the phenomenal earnings of 1907 by about 6 per cent. Truly everything will come to the man who waits.

We are confronted with another problem, which I suppose has confronted men from time immemorial: How are we to deal with the man who won't wait? There are two kinds of fellows, you know. One is so slow that when Gabriel blows his great blast he will ask Gabe to excuse him while he ties his shoe strings, and the other will wait for nothing. I can see a way around the slow fellow—he will simply be left, but this other fellow—why actually I sometimes wonder

if he had a little garden planted, if he would not go out and pull up the little beans as they sprout in order to help them along. After all, he is worse than the fellow who is slow. Of course, we meet these natures every where, and they get into the Order too. When they get hold of the lines they often pull the thing up by the roots, because it don't come around fast enough for them. Wonder if we can not strike the happy medium-gait—and keep it?

There is a time-worn hint that I might give, though it will not do any good. The best way to keep down this anxiety for a pipe full of luxurious excitement all the time, is to get busy yourself. It is the fellow who is actually experiencing the difficulties and watching the victories in the process of being won, that feels there is progress being made. Your trouble, brother, is you are up on a high hill, so to speak, asleep in a tent, or perhaps lying there awake listening to the din of battle around you, and simply awaiting the news of victories won. What do you know about the fierce charge made by the enemy on the other side of the hill? What do you know about the serious wounding of a brave general which sent terror through the bravest fighters and caused your men to hesitate? You better at least get out side where you can watch the struggle, and you will marvel sometimes at the progress being made, and incidentally your patriotism will rise and your extreme haste will be forgotten. Don't imagine that the fellow sitting there listening so sympathetically, is your friend. He is the spy in search of good material for traitors, and though he may not think for a moment of making you one, he will help you to spread dissension.

I suppose that you have noticed that our insurance assessments are now payable at the beginning of each term, the same as our dues. No argument now, you will either be in good standing with the M. B. D. or not. Which are you? I am sure that after looking at the gratifying report of the Grand Secretary, showing such a substantial growth of this department, as well as such a growth of the Order in general during the recent depression, you will want to remain a part of the big movement, and will feel like taking him by the hand and assuring him of your appreciation of the able manner in which the funds have been handled.

Quite a number of changes have been made on the district in the last month or two, but I have hardly been able to keep up with them and attend the press of other business before me. One of the most important and to us one of the most regrettable comments to be made, is relative to the fact that so many of our best men, best Order and railroad men, evince a disposition to leave the work. In all probability they will be much better off, for they are going into business for themselves, and we surely maintain that a man with a few years' successful experience as station agent will not have any trouble handling a business of his own. But we regret to see them

leave us. We hope the time will speedily come when the men will be allowed a sufficiency of experienced help, in order that they may do the work properly. We understand that there is no incentive for a man to try to keep up the work at a two or three man station with only a twenty "per" helper, who makes more work by his lack of familiarity with the business than if he were not there. Time was when we could sit up half the night to do this work, but the nine-hour law has stopped that, and the consequence is our good men are leaving us. You used to wonder how so and so at the next station kept his work up so well, while you had the same amount of help, but could not keep even. Allowing for his larger experience, which would enable him to do more telling work in the same length of time, I believe you will find that there used to be a good many who worked hour after hour at night to do so. Since this can not be done any more, and we have no show, the boys get disgusted and quit. Perhaps it will not always be so.

Bro. Jensen moved to Overton, upon the resignation of Bro. C. W. Nichols, which leaves the east end without a correspondent, and Bro. Smith has asked me to advertise for a correspondent for the First District, as he does not wish to appoint any one. This should be volunteer work which, in his opinion, will make it better. Any one who cares to accept the position will notify Bro. Smith, who will line some of the boys up as assistants and keep our correspondents' column up to standard.

Owing to the lateness of this article, I will omit any local news this time, for if it misses this month's journal the news would be too stale by month after next. However, the next write-up hope to have all kinds of news to give, for several old heads are lining-up. And, by the way, I know of a certain young man who started in with George Washington Seivers a little over a year ago, who as soon as he attained his year's experience wrote for application blanks. Who ever heard of an old head doing that?

Kindly remember that this is the term in which we were to have a solid line-up. It is just one year ago since we started out for it, and we are almost there. CERT. 765.

Wyoming Division—

Any noticeable tendency upon my part to economize in the space used this month, I hope may be justified by the recent information made public by Bro. Quick to the effect that the matter for fraternal columns far exceeds the present capacity of the journal's pages set aside for that department. Besides, these are vacation days, and we all prefer the shaded nook or the fishing rod, to pouring over stuff such as I dish out each month.

We can not afford, however, to overlook entirely things that interest us so vitally as does this organization, and I hope I may be pardoned if I ask the question, have you paid up for your insurance and card? We should all endeavor to get our cards so quickly each term that our

numbers show us to be among the very first of the many thousand members throughout the country to pay our dues. For instance, my card for last half is 172, showing that only 171 members got their cards ahead of me. We should make it a point to always observe the number of a brother's card and thus see how prompt he is in paying his dues.

The Wyoming Division, if she can just hold her own, now, is in splendid shape. Nons are few, very few, and there is not to exceed half-dozen undesirables; and that represents pretty accurately the nons. I expect to see a committee to Omaha ere long so we should all take care that our respective stations are kept up-to-date.

To my surprise, Borie tower opened with but one man. He appears to be working one hour on and about three hours off for the twenty-four hours. You notice it is not bulletined and this, I presume, is due to the difficulty they would have in properly classifying the position. It could neither be called a day or a night job. There is undoubtedly a flagrant disregard of the nine-hour law there, and some steps should be taken to adjust things.

Div. Cor.

Kansas Division—

Mr. H. A. Hawkins has just undergone his fifth operation, and at the present writing is reported as not doing very well.

Mr. T. E. Adams relieved Bro. Stoddard at Bonner Springs, while Bro. Stoddard took a whirl at Topeka. Mr. Adams also relieved Bro. Farrel at Perry.

Mr. F. C. Lister, night clerk from St. Marys, is relieving at Ogdensburg and Menoken.

Bro. Meierotta, who relieved Sister Doering at Topeka, tangled with the powers that be, was relieved by a Mr. Hill. Hill went the same route, and was relieved by Bro. Stoddard.

Bro. Fisher is relieving Bro. Ross at Wamego. Mr. Kirkpatrick, from the U. S. Signal Corps, is relieving Bro. Fisher.

Bro. Leger is spending a ten days' vacation by visiting with Mrs. Leger in Beatrice. Mr. Tucker was borrowed from the Rock Island for the occasion.

Bro. David, of Menoken, is in the hospital at Kansas City, having a round or two with fever. Bro. Davis also has a very sick child. Mr. Race and Mr. Lister are relieving.

Bro. A. E. Miller, from the Burlington, is relieving Bro. Hauer at Barneston. Bro. Miller has been engaged in business at Barneston for some time.

Bro. Armstrong is relieving Bro. Carson at Ft. Riley, while Bro. Carson takes in the fair.

Mr. E. A. Terry, a new arrival, is relieving Bro. Cosley at Armstrong, while Bro. Cosley takes in the big fair.

Bro. Armstrong also relieved Bro. Hadsell at Talmo.

A Mr. Lower is acting as relief telegrapher at Detroit. We understand that Sister Jette is senior applicant for Detroit.

Mr. Maxwell, of Black Wolf, has an up-to-date in his jeans these days. Bro. Denison having shown him the light.

Bro. Nickel, of Lucas, holds the record this month, he having to his credit the applications of Bros. Campbell, Rhodes and Fulkerson. If only a few would do half the work done by Bro. Nickel we would have a solid membership within ten days. Just borrow Bro. Nickel's receipt and go after a few of them, meanwhile take off your hat to Bro. Nickel.

Understand Bro. R. W. Abbott, who resigned to go into the Railway Mail Service, has changed his mind, and is working on the Colorado Division.

Bro. W. V. Sage, of Culver, has been on the sick list. Bro. Campbell is relieving him.

Thanks to Bro. Nickel and Bro. Denison. The non-members on the west end are being thinned out rapidly. There are still a few left, who though very prolific with promises, fail to land. You have not done your duty brother, until you work on them. If they insist on traveling the route alone, why should you favor them as some brothers are in the habit of doing. "No card, no favors." By remaining non-members they are injuring your chance at betterment. Why should you go out of your way to favor them?

Mr. Hooven, of Belvue, does not carry a card, although he has repeatedly claimed to be a union man at heart. We notice though that he enjoys running around over the line while his helper runs the station. Would a union man be guilty of this?

If you have a non-member working with you, don't take "No" for an excuse. Ninety-nine out of every hundred excuses are manufactured for the occasion.

If you have any notes on your mind, any of the local officers will relieve you of your burden.

H. A. White, formerly of Topeka, but who is now working one of the moon light tricks in the far West, spent a few days looking up old flames in this part of the country.

Bro. J. A. Meier, of Beverly, is another one of Bro. Nickel's victims.

Coa.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

Central Division, District Three—

Feeling rather encouraged by the fact that we have at last broken into the journal again and the boys having sent along a supply of news items, here we are again. We must thank the brothers who so kindly contributed news items and request that others follow their example and in this way we can have a good write-up each month.

Bro. A. G. Campbell, of Kemnay, is again doing manifold duty at the Junction town. He has located his script and expects to apply for the agency at Macklin Station on the Pleasant Hill Branch, and will be prepared to buy off any brother who has him beat on seniority when this station is advertised.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Nolan's wife is sick, but pleased to say that the latest reports are favorable.

Bro. J. W. Masters, of Rocanville, is away on his holidays.

Bro. G. D. Collins, of Broadview, is away on sick leave. He has gone to New Brunswick; relieved by Bro. Smith, the night man.

There has been a shaking up of night offices, Moosomin and Whitewood being closed, and Wapella and Kemnay opened. Kemnay seems to be a hard place to keep open, the hotel at that point being rather crowded, the poor "owl" can not get suitable quarters.

Bro. Findlay has just returned from Maple Creek, where he had gone on account of the illness of his family.

Bro. M. H. Simpson is attending the fair at Seattle, being relieved by Bro. Geo. Hyde.

Bro. W. S. Hooper, of Griswold, is away on holidays. We have not heard which is his vacation point.

Bro. G. S. Morris has returned from holidays, and reports a splendid time.

Bro. J. H. Forrest is back from the train dispatchers' convention. The only complaint he has to make is that the time was too short.

Bro. Robert Peard is spending his holidays in his summer cottage, No. 00000 Joy Hill, 18th street, very much north. He reports the shooting good.

CERT. 250.

I have something to say which I am sure will please the C. P. R. boys. Our general secretary-treasurer, Bro. Morris, has been elected president of the Brandon Trades and Labor Council, and that body is undertaking to build a trades and labor temple. It will be three stories high by thirty-eight feet wide and about one hundred feet long, and will contain three magnificent halls for rental purposes, which are expected to bring in a revenue of about \$2,100 a year. This hall is being erected by a stock company known as the "Brandon Labor Temple Co., Limited," capital \$15,000, divided into 15,000 shares. The par value of each share is \$1.00, and no more than one hundred shares will be sold to any one person. A board of directors has been formed, of which Mr. Morris is chairman, and he would like the C. P. R. boys to buy as many shares as convenient. If each brother takes only five shares we would become by far the largest shareholders. Bro. Morris asks our worthy third vice-president, Bro. Campbell, and General Chairman Robertson through these columns to head the list by subscribing for one hundred shares each.

We all know that Bro. Morris is endeavoring to bring about a movement that will convene all local chairmen of our system once a year at some convenient place, which would mean a small tax to defray the extra expense, but the great benefit that would be derived from such action would have the effect of greatly strengthening and making more perfect in many ways the administration of our affairs, and it is his great desire to have this,

the first convention of its kind on System Division No. 7, held in this new hall, in the construction of which he is playing such an important part.

Any brother who desires to push along this worthy cause will please cut out the form below with the number of shares desired and send it to Bro. Morris, who will arrange to have certificates issued promptly. Bro. Morris expects to pay very fair, if not handsome, dividends to shareholders of this company. Get in on the ground floor before the shares go up.

SUBSCRIPTION BLANK.

Capital Stock, \$15,000.

Par Value of Shares, \$1.00 each.

.....1909.

BRANDON LABOR TEMPLE CO., LTD.:

I hereby subscribe for.....shares of Capital Stock of BRANDON LABOR TEMPLE CO., LTD., at \$1.00 per share. I inclose 25 per cent (or full amount) as first payment, balance in thirty, sixty and ninety days.

.....
.....

(Make money order payable to the Union Bank of Canada, Brandon, and forward to Bro. G. S. Morris, 721 Eleventh Street, Brandon, Man.).

Central and Western Divisions—

Our regular monthly meeting was held June 20th, in Flanagan Hotel, Saskatoon, and a good attendance resulted in a first-class meeting. We who are privileged to attend regularly were much pleased to see such a good representation from the extreme eastern end of the district. With the improved train service that we look forward to for late autumn and winter, we hope to see even better results generally.

It is gratifying to note that the members endorse the latest step in providing a local fund, the assessments being in most cases promptly paid. When we consider the number of locals there are on System Division No. 7, the effect of this undertaking on our general treasury will at once become evident. The members will note that this district has such advantages that we have considered a much smaller fee than is paid by other locals, sufficient for present requirements. This, of course, was based upon actual requirements, and expecting a unanimous response from the brothers. When this is considered, I am sure the few who are yet to be heard from, will be glad to show their approval by remitting promptly to your local secretary-treasurer.

We note that two men are doing the relief stunt, so that we should have no difficulty in obtaining the required vacation. We can not all go to Seattle, but wish a "bon voyage" to the lucky ones.

Your correspondent has been back from his eastern trip but a few days, so if this letter is not up to date, kindly make allowance for an absence of four weeks.

Before closing, it might be in order to mention the fact of our receiving a letter from Mr. C. A. Cottrell, our late chief train dispatcher, thanking the telegraphers of this district for their support and co-operation during his short stay with us. Mr. Cottrell has gone to Revelstoke, and has received our acknowledgment ere this. We are pleased to greet Mr. Chapman, who has been transferred from Moose Jaw to fill the vacancy. With best wishes to all, and looking forward to a record meeting in July, towards which we ask all to assist, I am

Yours faithfully,
Div. Cor.

First District, Western Division—

During the past month changes have followed each other in such rapid succession as to make those among us who aspire to future greatness wonder what the morrow will bring forth.

First and foremost comes the removal of our late chief, Mr. R. F. Chapman, to Saskatoon; succeeded by Mr. N. S. Fraser from Revelstoke.

In the dispatchers' office something like a general shuffle has taken place, especially on the west end. The changes in detail are as follows: West End, first trick, Bro. R. F. Sewell from Medicine Hat; second trick, Bro. A. G. Gish, hailing from Nelson; third trick, Bro. L. F. Shores from the "Hat." Bro. G. Hilliard, late third trick west end, left recently for "pastures new" in the South. Bro. R. R. Smart, also of the west end, leaves shortly on a well-earned holiday through the States and Eastern Canada, returning to take a trick at Medicine Hat. Bro. R. J. Collins, late third trick east end, transferred to Cranbrook. Mr. Lawless, from the "G. T. R.," Montreal, appointed relieving dispatcher.

"MS" Yard Office has its usual share of changes. Bro. Caswell is now holding first trick; second trick, Mr. Miller; third trick Telegrapher Boyle; split trick, Telegrapher McConnell. Mr. A. F. O'Brien, late of the yard office, has been promoted to the position of dispatcher. We congratulate him on his promotion. Mr. Stunt a new man on the "412," vice Bro. Moriarty, resigned.

East End. Indian Head—Bro. Boyd, alias "Shaughnessy," is working days, vice Bro. McClure. Bro. McClure, who returned recently from a holiday at the coast, secures the position of relieving agent recently bulletined. A new man is working nights at Indian Head, also named McClure.

Bro. Bienvenue, agent at Balgonie, leaves for the East on vacation this week. Rumor has it that "Two shall return where there went forth but one." That, of course, remains to be seen.

Pense nights is held by Mr. E. Broster, a new man from Montreal.

Portal Section—Wilcox agency has been bulletined. Bro. McColl is looking for something with more pay and less work. We wish him luck.

Bro. A. S. Inglis has at last come to anchor with his traveling menagerie, having secured the agency at Milestone on bulletin.

Moose Mountain Section—Bro. W. D. Stillwell, of Stoughton, lately returned from vacation; Bro. Hanley relieved him.

Osage recently reopened with Bro. Lambert, a new man from the East, in charge.

Bro. Wasson, of Howard, is away on a summer vacation. Bro. Hanley is relieving him.

Bro. Cordingly and bride, of Francis, returned from the East a short time ago. We are glad to welcome them both as old acquaintances. Bro. Inglis relieved.

Bro. Dowling, of Sedley, is leaving for the East on vacation. Bro. G. A. Swan, Grand Division, is relieving him.

Kronau has been bid in by Bro. Ayers.

Bro. Anderson, agent at Arcola, passed through recently, on his return from Seattle, where he spent a week seeing the exhibition.

In gathering the information for the above write-up, we find that the greater part, if not all of the new men on the district are telegraphers of some years experience, who either hold up-to-date cards or have done so in the past, only allowing their membership to lapse on account of hard times. Such men are fully alive to the advantage of an "up-to-date," and need little or no persuasion to come in again. This being so we feel confident that the good brothers who are in immediate touch with such men will remember their duty to the Order and do their utmost to fill up the gaps in the wall.

In conclusion we wish to extend our hearty thanks to the brothers who rendered such valuable assistance in the way of notes and items of interest, and to apologize for any alterations or omissions we may have been guilty of. Although the above is not a complete line-up, nor as comprehensive as I should have wished, we trust in our next write-up to remedy any such deficiencies.

CERT. 2428.

Western Division, District Number Three—

On account of the absence of your correspondent, we missed our June write-up, which we regret very much. Though our notes may not be crowded with cleverness, they serve the purpose for which they are intended, that is to show that we are all up to date on this district and have no room for nons.

Bro. Finkle, our worthy local secretary and treasurer, is enjoying some well-earned holidays in Bruce.

Bro. Walkley is spending his holidays in Seattle and B. C. cities.

Bro. Higgins is also taking in the Seattle Exposition.

Bro. Fred Bye is now working days at La-combe.

There are quite a number of changes among the brothers on the west end and your scribe would be delighted to have a few notes for our next write-up from one or more of the worthy

brothers west of Calgary, in fact, from any where on the district; send them along any time before the nineteenth of the month, they will look good in the official organ. It is not alone for the benefit of the brothers at home, but those who have been amongst us at some time, and who are deeply interested in every line of THE TELEGRAPHER'S contents.

Those who have had an opportunity of enjoying the hospitality and fraternity such as was dispensed by the Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club during the grand session in Atlanta in May, can only regret that there are not more such noble organizations in all our large centers. Words fail to convey the spirit of good fellowship and unity that was brought about through the untiring and unceasing energy of that worthy body, uniting delegates in company and pleasures, in particular the wives, sisters and children of delegates from the United States, Canada and Mexico, who otherwise would have little, if any, means in such a large number of people of mingling under such pleasant circumstances.

All the delegates who were present feel, I am sure, a deep sense of gratitude to our worthy brothers and sisters who left nothing unturned to assure all present of their genuine Southern hospitality. We are living in the hope of reciprocating at our next biennial convention in Toronto, Ont., in 1911.

Before closing let us say a few words in behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Let us get a charter on this district. By the time this appears each brother will have received from Sister G. W. Malone, Grand Secretary, a copy of the constitution and statutes. Get your wives, mothers, sisters and daughters interested and carrying up-to-date cards in the Auxiliary so that we can get a charter at once.

Div. Cor.

CARD OF THANKS.

I hereby tender my sincere thanks to the members of the O. R. T. who have been so kind to me and my little children in my great loss, and whose voluntary contributions have been of such a material aid.

Gratefully yours,

ETHEL ELMHURST WEIR.

New York Central Ry.

ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.

All Members:

Richville, N. Y., May 21, 1909.

Wish to call your attention to the following letter, which I received from Bro. J. H. O'Brien, agent at Gouverneur, N. Y., defining his position in regard to the O. R. S. A. Because of the information contained therein, I have taken the liberty to publish his letter in full for your perusal and earnestly request that you study it very carefully.

Am of the opinion that the answers to the questions contained herein will explain something that, perhaps some of our members have been

uninformed on and, coming as they do from the local secretary of the O. R. S. A., they can be considered as authentic.

Copies of the letters which Bro. O'Brien refers to, over the signature of the general chairmen of the B. & M. and New Haven Railroads, are in my possession, and explain the working of the O. R. S. A. on these roads in a much different manner than as explained by the O. R. S. A. people.

Fraternally yours,

F. A. RICH,

Local Chairman.

Gouverneur, N. Y., May 16th, 1909.

MR. F. A. RICH, L. C., O. R. T.,

Richville, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In view of the fact that it has come to me on a number of occasions recently, and from a number of different sources as well, that certain members of the O. R. S. A. have said that I approved of that organization and was going to cast my lot with them, and believing that my name is being so used to help them secure applications from those who are now members of our Order, I feel it my duty to make a statement at this time defining to you my position in regard to the matter.

In the first place I desire to say, most emphatically, that any report to the effect that I have at any time promised to become a member of that craft, or that I have said I approved of the O. R. S. A., is a falsehood, pure and simple. The most I have ever said along that line is this: "If you can convince me that the O. R. S. A. is the better organization of the two, I will fill out my application."

While I am always open to conviction, and believe everyone should be, I have not been convinced as yet that the O. R. S. A. is the better of the two, or even a movement of which I could approve in anyway, under the conditions that now exist.

My investigation into the O. R. S. A. dates back to a time before that organization was started on this division, and from documents now in my possession I was able to form something of an opinion of it, and this opinion has not been shaken since this movement commenced here, but after a long visit with President Morton, of the O. R. S. A., in which I learned considerable of apparent value; from studying carefully the O. R. S. A. constitution and other literature which they have circulated (including an invitation to their meeting of April 8th), and watching the tactics they have adopted, my opinions have been not only strengthened, until now I am only the more strongly convinced that I can not see my way clear to connect myself with that craft, neither can I see how any other good O. R. T. member can do so.

I believe the O. R. S. A. to be a labor organization, but one which had no use for the strike clause, and I believe there are many others, including some within their ranks, who believe the O. R. S. A. is a labor organization.

And why not? Is not their constitution similar in many respects to the constitution of labor organizations? Have they not provided for their grievance committees? Have they not a strike clause? Are they not looking for schedules? If not a labor organization, are they explaining this to all of their prospective members, or only to those who might not be agreeable to organized labor? My first doubts of it being a labor organization were aroused from a careful study of their constitution, noting carefully the strike clause, and the arrangements for a Protective Fund. What an arrangement to protect members, and yet how misleading unless carefully studied!

During my interview with President Morton, I told him of the letters I had, giving a record of the O. R. S. A. on the B. & M. and New Haven lines. He said the statements contained therein were false, but he produced no evidence to substantiate his statements. I told him that while I could not see my way clear to join him I would not "knock," and I have been rather silent regarding O. R. S. A. matters. But the use of my name in connection with their work has caused me to "sit up and take notice," and I now propose to place before you certain information which may be of benefit to you in your work for the O. R. T.

Some of our members, as well as non-members, seem to carry certain ideas which are misleading to them, and with a view of obtaining certain information from the O. R. S. A. people in writing, I wrote Mr. C. M. Dewey, secretary, Carthage, on April, 28th, asking him to answer certain questions, questions which any prospective member should ask before joining an organization of any kind. Below are the questions and the answers I received on May 7th, after writing him on May 5th for a reply to my letter:

No. 1—Q. Is the O. R. S. A., strictly speaking, a labor union?

A. No, sir; it is not a labor union.

No. 2—Q. If so, are they affiliated with the American Federation of Labor?

A. No, sir; decidedly not; we are not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

No. 3—Q. How old is it, and what is its present membership?

A. The O. R. S. A. is three years old; but only a little over a year old on the N. Y. C., and not seven months old yet on the R., W. & O. Membership of from 700 to 900 on the entire N. Y. C.

No. 4—Q. What lines does it cover, and with what lines have you schedules?

A. Covers the B. & M. and the N. Y., N. H. & H. in New England State, Rutland and N. Y. C. & H. R. R. and D. & H. Co. Has schedules on the B. & M. and N. Y., N. H. systems, and we expect to have one on the N. Y. C. within a few months from now.

No. 5—Q. What provision is made for funds to further the interests of your organization, and properly protect your members?

A. Initiation fees and the dues that we receive are used to further the interests of the organization and protect our members.

No. 6—Q. Can you furnish me with a copy of the last financial report?

A. I am sorry to say that I am unable to furnish you with a copy of our last financial report, but if you insist on having it before you feel that you could become a member of our order, I will be glad to try and get you one from our president.

No. 7—Q. If I should become a member of the O. R. S. A. and still retain my membership in the O. R. T., in case the latter organization should resort to extreme measures (that is a strike), in the adjustment of grievances, could I under your constitution retain my membership in your organization if I should support the O. R. T. in such troubles?

A. There is nothing in our constitution to hinder you from doing what you please in the O. R. T. if you care to retain your membership with the O. R. T.

No. 8—Q. Have you now, or is there prospects of amicable working agreement between your order and the O. R. T.?

A. No, not yet; but we are in hopes to have a working agreement with the O. R. T. as soon as it can be brought around.

No. 9—Q. Do you feel that the O. R. S. A. is in position to give agents better representation than the O. R. T.?

A. Yes, sir; I feel that the O. R. S. A. will be in position to give the agents and bonded men better representation than the O. R. T., in the near future, but you must remember that we have not been in the field as long as the O. R. T., but, nevertheless, we are pushing right along, far ahead of what the O. R. T. was ever able to do in the length of time that O. R. S. A. has been in existence.

No. 10—Q. If so, in what way?

A. In more ways than one, ask your committee what was told them at their meeting in March. From past experience, what has the O. R. T. done for the agents and bonded men as a whole? Nothing that I can see, only made it worse for agents as a body, but it has helped those who are operators and that is all.

Let us consider these answers and see what we find:

Answer No. 1 may come as a surprise to yourself as well as to some of the O. R. S. A. members who understand that organization to be a labor union, and to our members who realize that the only material benefits we have ever received has been through labor organizations, and not through social ones.

Answer No. 2 should receive careful consideration. The tone would indicate that they were not only not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, but that they have no use for that body. Are our O. R. T. members opposed to the A. F. of L.? Do they approve of organizations which are?

See answer No. 3: According to Section 86, O. R. S. A. constitution, 50 per cent of the class of employes represented must be members of the O. R. S. A. before that body can present a set of rules or schedule to their employers. What per cent of all the bonded men of the N. Y. C. does 700 to 900 members represent?

In connection with answer No. 4, I would call your attention to the attached letters from Mr. J. B. Bode, General Chairman, O. R. T. Committee, B. & M. R. R., under date of July 8, 1908, reading, in part, as follows:

"To begin with his (Morton's) organization has never received recognition from the B. & M." Also letters from Mr. E. J. Manion, General Chairman O. R. T. Committee, New Haven R. R., dated July 8, 1908, and December 31, 1908, the latter reading, in part, as follows: "The O. R. S. A. have no agreement with the N. H. road, nor have they any schedule with the B. & M. Their committee have tried two or three times to secure a schedule, but as yet have made no progress. The best they have done is to get the general superintendent to agree to extend to exclusive agents (those not covered by our schedule) some of the favor contained in our schedule, which apply to agents in the telegraph service." These letters explain fully the standing of the O. R. S. A. on these two lines. If they have schedules as they claim, perhaps Mr. Dewey might be able to furnish you with copies of them.

Regarding answer No. 5, as you know, there are several who have joined the O. R. S. A., who claim they signed an application blank, but, although they never paid any initiation fee they received their cards, etc. If this is true have those who did pay received fair treatment? Is this in keeping with Section 96 of the O. R. S. A. By-laws? Can the interests of members be properly protected by such methods?

Answer No. 6 requires no comments. The secretary of the O. R. S. A. has evidently not looked closely enough into the standing of the organization to know what its financial standing is.

Answer No. 7 is well worded, but it does not answer my question. There is nothing to hinder one from committing crime if he elects to do so, but he must stand the consequences if he does. According to Section 40, O. R. S. A. constitution, any member uniting in a strike, or participating therein, except as provided by the laws of the order, shall be expelled without recourse. Why did Mr. Dewey not answer this question?

In asking O. R. T. members to become members of the O. R. S. A., is it being explained to them that they can not support the O. R. T. in case of trouble and still retain their membership in the O. R. S. A.? I think not.

The latter part of question No. 8 seems unnecessary, as the first three words of the answer answers my question fully. There is not at present an amicable working agreement between the O. R. T. and O. R. S. A., and as the latter organization is not a labor union the O. R. S. A. people no doubt know there is no prospects of

such an agreement. But no doubt they do "hope" for it.

Not expecting a negative answer to question No. 9, I am not surprised at the answer, but rather amused instead. From the information contained in the letters from the O. R. T. General Chairman on the B. & M. and N. H. lines, I am at a loss to understand what accomplishments Mr. Dewey refers to.

Why does the O. R. S. A. secretary not answer question No. 10? Does he know that our general chairman, our general secretary and treasurer, as well as our local chairmen are agents? Apparently so, and they apparently know that these officials are competent men, and working as much in the interest of the agent as the operator.

The agents on the N. Y. C. can say whether or not they have received benefits through the efforts of the O. R. T., whether conditions now are better or worse than they were before we organized. It is for the agents to judge, not for Mr. Dewey, unless he has the proof to back his statements. Therefore, his question as a reply to mine deserves no consideration.

With agents filling our richest offices, and an agent as local chairman, I can not see why agents can not get as good representation through the O. R. T. as through the O. R. S. A. Perhaps the O. R. S. A. name is attractive. But what is in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

After reviewing the foregoing questions and answers, I think you will agree with me that if the questions and answers are placed before our membership, many who have already joined the O. R. S. A., as well as some who may be contemplating doing so will find food for thought.

It is not my intention to "knock." I have said this before O. R. S. A. members at some of our O. R. T. meetings, and quoting O. R. S. A. answers to proper questions can hardly be considered as such. Let us be fair and above board in our dealing with them; and ask them to show the same consideration.

I hope our members will be given to understand where I stand in this matter, in order that they may receive no false impression from conversations they may have with others. I also hope that they will look carefully into this O. R. S. A. question and convince themselves where that organization stands before they connect themselves with it, and thus make sure that by joining that organization they are not taking a step they will have cause to regret in time to come.

Yours for the best interests of the

Agent and Operator,

J. H. O'BRIEN.

Grand Central Terminal and Electric Division—

The members who were not present at the June night meeting missed an enjoyable evening. At nine all business having been transacted, Chief Telegrapher Holbrook turned the meeting over to the Entertainment Committee. After hearing some good advice from the "Grand Old Man,"

Bro. "Ted" Gallagher, of Division No. 37, came the pool-playing contest, the final game being played off by Bros. Holbrook, of Division No. 8, and Bro. Gallagher, of Division No. 37, the latter carrying off the prize. Then came the great event of the evening, the macaroni-eating contest. There were only two entries, Bros. Pequinney and Myers. After an uphill fight, Myers gave up. Pequinney having four pounds three ounces to his credit.

Bro. Jas. P. Stickels is enjoying a two weeks' vacation, taking in the sights along the Hudson in his new launch.

G. A. Burkland, formerly with the N. Y. S. & W., one of our new extra men, has done the right thing by taking \$8.50 worth of our stock, a good example for some more newcomers.

Understand our genial captain has a few applications stowed away, but as his boys got in bad at "W," he has to wait for the "stuff."

Bro. Joe Curran is laid up with a sprained ankle. Joe is missed on the ball team.

Mr. Louis Elwich has been away for a few days, demonstrating a railroad puzzle he invented a few days ago.

Bros. Crosby and Joe Lewis enjoyed themselves very much on Sixth avenue, last pay, at least they would not notice "yours truly" as he passed them.

As predicted last month, our baseball team has made good, winning five out of six games so far.

Members changing their address should notify Bro. Blim, general secretary-treasurer, or request the local chairman to do so. This will prevent your mail being returned to headquarters, which causes much confusion and extra work.

A great many of our boys are spending their vacations in the Catskills; must be some attraction up there.

The same old line-up in Harlem evenings. Enough said.

Bro. J. E. Howe makes frequent trips to Tarrytown. It's not for the air he goes there.

Bro. F. F. Rooney has been sick and off duty for several days. OLE BLACK AND BLUE.

Beech Creek Division—

A permanent lodge has been established in Clearfield, the first meeting being held in Mechanics Hall, Clearfield, July 13th. Bro. G. S. Stover, agent at Dimeling, has been appointed assistant local chairman and he is certainly doing his best to keep up the good work by encouraging the members and converting the nons. Bro. C. G. Marshall was appointed secretary and treasurer. Report of the meeting in next month's journal. All members should make a special effort to attend some of these meetings. Those fellows who say "Why don't they do something" should be present and have a personal talk over the affairs, also help to do "something." Now, brothers and sisters, let all who possibly can turn out, as you know two heads are better than one if one is only a cabbage head.

Several third tricks have been closed lately, which has been the cause of some displacing. Phillipsburg closed third trick, and Bro. W. W. Forcey displaced Bro. R. R. Aigler, of Winburne third trick, he taking second trick at Viaduct; Bro. Wetzel took second trick at "SX" tower; Bro. Deater first trick at Birch; Bro. Geswender first trick at Mowry, and Bro. Shearer second trick at Birch.

Mill Hall closed third trick. Bro. H. E. Shuman has taken second trick at Mill Hall; Bro. Fredericks is on third trick at Beech Creek; Bro. Miller has first trick at Panther, and Bro. Frazer is doing third trick at Winburne.

Bro. W. W. Forcey has bid in third trick at "WH" tower and is now on the job.

Clearfield Junction closed third trick, leaving Bro. W. N. Falconer and Telegrapher Sherry to work nine hours each.

Bro. C. D. Meek has taken Gorton first trick; Bro. W. W. Bickets second trick at Viaduct; Bro. R. R. Aigler third trick at Dimeling; Bro. J. T. Fisher second trick at Gorton, and Sister B. H. Seid second trick at Stark.

We are pleased to note that positions on this division of late are being awarded to oldest bidders. There was considerable dissatisfaction among the boys for awhile on that account. Not much use in seniority if not made use of occasionally.

By the time this is in print we expect to be able to address Mr. L. G. Darr, agent at Mitchell, as brother, as his application is now in. We expect soon to have quite a few of the nons in the fold.

Another student is reported as posting on first trick at Youngdale.

Sister M. E. Kennedy, of Viaduct first trick, is on a two weeks' vacation. Relieved first week by Telegrapher Bierly; second week by Miss Quiggle.

Bro. C. D. Meek, of Gorton first trick, was off one week; relieved by Miss Schnell.

Bro. F. B. Sterling, of Curry second trick, was doing relief work for a while last month, relieving Bro. C. A. Lachas, of "WB" tower second trick, two weeks, and Bro. S. H. Casner, Mahaffy station, one week. Bro. Sterling was relieved by Telegrapher G. B. Miller. Bros. Lachas and Casner are on their vacations. Bro. Sterling was off three days celebrating the Fourth, relieved by Telegrapher W. H. Lytle, of Kerrmoor.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. R. H. Murray, of Deer second trick, has left the service of the N. Y. C. R. R. The vacancy at Deer was filled for a few days by Bro. H. E. Shearer.

Sister C. V. Holt, of Curry third trick, was off a week last month, celebrating the Fourth and visiting relatives in Pittsburg. Relieved by Telegrapher S. W. Eters, of Gillintown.

Bros. Hoover and Watson, second and third tricks at Rush, were off a few days last month; relieved by Telegraphers L. A. and B. C. High.

Bro. W. L. Maines, of Cataract third trick, has been ill for some time. Relieved by Bro. M. O. Work.

Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur, of Walton third trick, is also ill. Relieved by Telegrapher McQuown. We are glad to learn that both of these brothers are improving, and we hope soon to see them back to their old posts.

Bro. L. M. Poorman, of "SX" tower first trick, is off a week visiting his parents and attending some good ball games at Lock Haven.

Bro. H. A. Hunter, agent at Curry, was off a couple of days last month; relieved by Telegrapher W. H. Lytle.

Bro. E. J. Sheeche, of "J" tower second trick, was on two weeks' vacation last month; relieved by Bro. M. O. Work.

Bro. D. R. Bitner and wife of Beech Creek spent one day in Williamsport last month.

A new station is being built at the place formerly known as Hayes, but now Orviston. The new station will be a great improvement over the old one and is badly needed there.

Bro. McCartney, of Deer first trick, is off a couple of days on a pleasure trip.

Sister M. V. Murray, of Gray second trick, off one trick; relieved by Telegrapher C. B. Mignot.

Bro. E. C. Foust, of Walton second trick, and Bro. F. A. Rougeux, have fine potato patches this summer.

There is only one position bulletined at this writing, Deer third trick.

Wish to thank Bros. J. B. Beauseigneur and Sterling for items. On account of Sister Kennedy being away, we failed to receive items from her this month.

Bro. D. R. Bitner, while removing the forms from his new concrete wall, ran a nail into his foot, which is causing him much pain. The wall is completed, ready for the carpenters to begin the erection of the building, which Bro. Bitner says will be a mansion.

Bro. Fredericks is working first trick at Mill Hall for two weeks, while Bro. T. E. Fleming is rustiating in the mountains and Atlantic City. Bro. C. W. Miller is working third trick at Beech Creek while Bro. Fredericks is at Mill Hall, and Bro. B. G. Gamble is holding down "YA" tower third, while Bro. Miller is at Beech Creek.

Bro. L. H. Wilson, of Browns tower, took two weeks off recently in order to spend his money. Says he gets no chance to spend it while working every day in the year.

Many changes are still occurring on the Beech Creek, from the effect of closing offices, due to slack business on the road.

The Sunday special between Beech Creek and Watkins Glen, is becoming very popular; every person should avail themselves of this opportunity to visit the wonderful works of nature at such a low rate.

While out driving last Sunday evening, the horse of Mr. Z. H. Peters became unruly, and to avoid a runaway Mr. Peters jumped out and broke his ankle; we are sorry to have to use the word "Mr." instead of brother, as he was one of our members for a long time, but allowed himself to become a delinquent. We wish him a

speedy recovery from his injury, and a hurry back into the Order. Mr. Peters is agent at Avis.

Bro. F. E. Roffe, of Mill Hall, is not improving in health and is still unable to return to work. He has been sick and off duty for over a year; we trust he will soon regain his health; he has our sympathy.

Bro. Martenis, our local chairman, was compelled to remain home one day recently on account of too much rheumatism; he could not get out of bed; he says rheumatism is no trifling matter.

Have you paid dues for the current term? If not, why not?

The regular meetings at Clearfield on the second Tuesday of each month are going to be a howling success; come out to the meetings and get acquainted with one another; better feeling exists where you are personally acquainted; get each other's ideas.

Bro. Graham says he likes the work at "SR," and is glad he bid it in; he also likes the town of Jersey Shore.

B. E. Lansberry, one of our dispatchers, has been spending his vacation in New York City.

Send your items to Sister Holt, at Curry, who has been appointed correspondent for the Beech Creek. Get them to her not later than the 20th of each month.

Div. Cor.

Western Division—

The meeting held July 17th in Syracuse was fairly well attended, but more members could have been there. The Committee on Entertainment furnished ice cream and cake, which was highly appreciated by all, and the committee was given a vote of thanks, which helped some. The delegates' reports were interesting. The action of the Grand Convention in establishing a Ladies' Auxiliary was discussed and was favored by all present. It was decided that the next meeting in Rochester, which will be August 21st, and the next meeting in Syracuse, which will be September 18th, will be thrown open to the mothers, sisters, wives, and daughters of the members of the O. R. T., who are those eligible for admission to the Ladies' Auxiliary. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a good attendance at those meetings, and that members will do all in their power to have the lady members of their families present to hear about the Ladies' Auxiliary. Do not forget the dates, ladies, for we take it for granted that you read those notes—Rochester, August 21st, and Syracuse, September 18th. Come to those meetings.

The subject of a ball in Syracuse in the near future was discussed, and all were in favor of holding one. On motion the Chair appointed Sister Gorman, Bros. Diller and Enright the Ball Committee. We hope that every member will do all in his power to make this a success. Come to next meeting and let us hear any suggestions you would like to make.

Div. Cor.

Harlem Division—

The meeting held in the little attractive town of Philmont, Sunday afternoon, July 25, was well attended, about forty or forty-five brothers turning out. Business of importance was carried on, followed by light refreshments.

Commencing July 1, the Putman Division came under the control of the Harlem Division, under Superintendent Van Tassell. This will make considerable more work for the clerks in the superintendent's office. There is a rumor that the superintendent's office will be moved from White Plains to Brewster, and that Superintendent Bardos, of the electric zone, now located in Grand Central, will have his office in White Plains.

Bro. Andrews, of Copake, enjoyed a week's vacation sight seeing at the capital and metropolis. He was relieved by Bro. Seaman, regular relief assistant.

Bro. Smith, the agent at Pawling, enjoyed a week's vacation at the "old homestead" at Crarryville, but was obliged to extend his visit another week on account of being seized with an attack of the gripe. He was relieved by H. S. Ferguson, regular relief agent. Hope to see Mr. Ferguson with an up-to-date card soon.

A Mr. Gray checked in as agent at Dover Furnace, vice Mr. Gillcrist.

Bro. Thayer, of "BA" tower, Ghent, spent a few days East visiting friends. Relieved by Mr. L. P. Masterson.

Bro. Philips and family, of Armenia, spent a couple of weeks at the camp at Indian Lake, a very attractive camping place with plenty of fishing and fine scenery.

Bro. James and Burt Corrigan were off a few days on account of the death of their brother, Thomas, who was a very popular brakeman on this division. The brothers of the Harlem extend their sympathy to the family.

Bro. Linehan is acting agent at Wassic in the place of Bro. Seglesken, who is covering the agent's position at Sharon, until a regular agent is appointed in the place of Mr. Shaffer, who formerly held the position, but who is now doing field work.

Bro. Sincerliox, of Wassic, enjoyed a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Seaman.

Bro. Frank Groversteen, of Philmont, spent a few days camping at Kinderhook; relieved by Bro. Gillcrist.

Mr. White, who is doing the owl trick at Dover Plains, recently took a few days off; relieved by Mr. Shaffer, former agent at Sharon.

It is rumored that Bro. Wooding, first trick at "BA" tower, Ghent, who held a controlling interest in a large store in Philmont, has sold out.

Mr. N. Best, the freight agent at Millerton, enjoyed a couple of weeks' camping at Mont Riga; relieved by Bro. Gillcrist and James Dogle.

Bro. Seglesken, the yardmaster and telegrapher at Dover Plains, took a couple of days off; relieved by Bro. Gillcrist.

Bro. Tuttle, of "X" tower, Brewster, was forced to take a few days off on account of the necessity of an operation being performed on his nose. Bro. Scolpino is relieving and Bro. Gillcrist is covering Scolpino's trick at Croton Falls.

Bro. Magely, of Hartsdale, enjoyed a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. Seaman.

Bro. Masterson, the agent at Valahalla, one of the five popular Masterson brothers on this road, enjoyed a week's vacation in White Plains and Millerton; relieved by agent Ferguson.

A third man has been put on at Copake, through the heavy season of baggage and summer travel.

Sister Shults, of Martindale, has been off duty a number of weeks on the sick list.

Bro. Fowler has been enjoying a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Seaman.

Bro. Jim Day, of Brewster, has been a frequent visitor at the Polo grounds this summer, watching "Bugs" and "Big Chief" in harness.

Bro. Lee, of Boston Corners, is the owner of a large auto and is spending his spare time riding around the scenic hills and dales. Bos.

Hudson Division—

They say there are things that can not be explained, but this was not the case at our July meeting. Everything was fully explained, and all present came to the concrete conclusion that the result of the meeting would bear fruit for the system. While it was only presumed to be a local meeting, it developed into almost a system division meeting, there being four of the general committee present in the persons of General Chairman Woolley, and chairmen of their respective divisions O'Meara, Murty and Haugbey. Bro. Marcinkowski started for the meeting, but started a day late. We are sorry that he missed it, for there was much food developed for reflection.

At the conclusion of the meeting the drawing for the five-dollar gold piece came off, and was won by ticket 575, held by Brakeman Higgins.

Bro. Gordon has joined the All-Stars at B. S. 8, and is assisting Bro. Shultz in setting up the difficult combinations that are so often called for at this point.

Bro. Heggerman just escaped the Put. in time to get on the Old Hudson and landed at 72d St., third trick. Bro. Heggerman is the star outfielder of the "O. R. T.'s."

Bro. W. A. Smith, from 93, thought he would go where there was something doing and decided that B. S. 12 was the place. It is a safe bet.

Ex-Bro. A. F. Rafter is picking plums, having landed first at "28," Sing Sing.

Among other assignments I notice J. J. Allen third to 16, E. Turner third at 26, and W. N. Simpson second at 48.

Bashful Bro. Schlick at 39 has a rare collection of postals from the sisters' all over the country, and one of them from the far West is coying with Bro. Schlick in a manner that leads him to believe he has found his soul mate.

Bro. F. H. Thompson owes his life to Bro. Pierce. In crossing the Ainsville Creek Bro. Thompson took occasion to make goo-goo eyes at one of Ainsville's prettiest, and at a most interesting moment Bro. Thompson fell into the creek. Bro. Pierce came to his rescue.

Bro. Riley, of the "O. R. T.'s" is possibly out of the game for the season on account of spraining a tendon in his leg.

Bros. F. M. and A. Smith have joined the river motorists and have secured one of the fastest crafts on the Hudson. They are preparing to accompany the Half Moon on its memorial trip up the Hudson.

Extra Signalman Barton, at "CG," I "13" was let go on account of missing his orders lately. Extra men take notice.

Although reported to the contrary, Bro. Bruhn was at the meeting in July.

Will cut out making my usual plea for a few notes to help make our division notes interesting. CERT. 525.

Mohawk Division—

Mr. Gordan M. Galusha, of Schenectady, N. Y., one of the so-called telegraphers turned out by the now defunct telegraph school of Albany, N. Y., has retired from the service and it is reported that the N. Y. C. operating officials now sleep more peacefully. While the telegraphers are inclined to regard his passing with the simple thought of one non less, Gordan meant well enough, but after several attempts at railroading, it must be conceded that his railroad career can not be called an unqualified success and that his early retirement will prove best for all concerned.

Bro. Earl Burke, of Syracuse, has transferred from B. S. 5 to B. S. 40, second trick.

It seems too bad that we cannot have a write-up every month like other divisions. It will take but a few minutes to send Bro. DeLong a few lines which will give us a first-class lot of items.

Bro. Salisbury was ill on the last meeting night, and could not attend.

The second and third trick men can now attend the day meetings at Schenectady and should make a special effort to do so and keep in touch with each other and with the work of their division.

Bro. Burke, B. S. 5, has bid in second trick at B. S. 40.

Bro. Myrick seems to have a lot of business in Fort Plain.

Telegrapher Baker, of third trick at B. S. 2, has been granted a three-months' leave of absence. He promises when he returns to pay up and hold the card again.

Bro. Thomas, third trick at B. S. 5, is going back to second trick.

Bro. O'Connor, of "FK" office, Schenectady, has resigned to go in business for himself. We all wish him success in his new venture. That every one of you have paid dues for the current term is the earnest wish of Div. Cor.

St. Lawrence Division—

Local Chairman F. A. Rich is off on a four months' leave of absence and is relieved by Mr. F. H. Miller. We hope that Bro. Rich has a good time on his long vacation.

Bro. Barnard, of Stittville, is doing station work only, for a short time; understand the telegraphers will be in a cabin at the end of the new double track and Bro. Barnard will not have to "pound brass" at all.

Wm. Tapley, son of the well-known conductor, is the summer station agent at Trenton Falls.

Glad to hear that the wife of Bro. E. P. Jones, of Barneveld, is convalescent, and we hope to hear of her complete recovery soon.

It would appear from back issues of THE TELEGRAPHER that we were entitled to space but every other month; the "goods" were forwarded, such as they were, but got file "W. P. B." and didn't get out.

Wish someone would send in some better ones, perhaps they would survive better than some of mine have; try it anyhow.

The double track between Stittville and Utica is in use now, under slow orders. It seems good to see them go by on a double-barreled pike.

Bro. A. J. Rohr is back on his job, and wears a smile that won't come off; he and Mrs. Rohr wish to extend thanks to those who gave them the cut glass piece at the time of the wedding; they prize it very highly.

Telegrapher Haigh, of Remsen, is sick and off duty.

Telegrapher Botsford is working as second man on first trick at Remsen. His brother is also working third as a helper, I understand.

Bro. C. H. Giltz is working third trick at "MJ" tower. Div. Cor.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

While "yours truly" was denied the pleasure of attending the last meeting held at Bluefield, W. Va., July 17th, I understand it was one of the best held on the system for some time past, and I want to congratulate the boys on their renewed interest. We should all make special effort to get to the meetings, as they are the places to get good and reliable information concerning the labor movement. There are many things in store for us, just as good as the eight-hour day; we need more relief on many matters, and our leaders are giving these subjects consideration. Those who are well posted and keep in touch with the movement understand what these things are.

The telegraphers are pressing forward, notwithstanding opposition from all sides. If we were given so many good things without a struggle we would not appreciate them, so let us continue to fight for what we get. We have never had many of the good things we need handed out to us. If we get anything in this way it generally was a "lemon." We get plenty of them, other kinds of fruit come in other ways.

Our organization and each member of it has been signally honored by the custodian of our funds being placed in charge of the "Cash Drawer" of the City of St. Louis, Mo., which is the fourth city in size in the United States. Again the O. R. T. is called on to furnish an able man to take up work of the late Max. Morris, Eighth Vice-President of the A. F. of L. When the Railroad Department of the A. F. of L. was formed they began to look around to find a man who was competent to nurture and guide into strong manhood this new born infant. Our great labor leaders were not long in finding a man capable of this great undertaking, he was right on the ground, he is always on hand when anything is started to uplift the workmen. The O. R. T. again furnished the man, and Bro. Perham was placed in charge. With so many honors and such recognition of ability in the officers of our organization, is it any wonder that our boys should feel proud of their membership card in a movement officered by men of such type? Is it any wonder our boys are taking hold of the labor movement with renewed energy, and is it any wonder that dues are sent to Bro. Lankford more promptly and that members are attending their meetings? Our boys used to be nervous, they were easily scared, even a "phone" would excite them, but through our leaders this great and important question has been settled for good and all, so far as we are concerned, and we are now confronted with the "Automatic Block," but let me assure you fellows that this question will also be settled, and the length of time it will take to do it will depend on how well you support the labor movement.

These reports are certainly gratifying; it shows some appreciation of the hard work given by our officers, and I want to urge you to keep straight ahead, don't worry about what the other fellow is doing, or when he pays his dues, or when he goes to the meetings, you be there with the goods and do your part, and the other fellow will be on hand allright. It is individual effort that made us 42,000 strong, and this same thing can complete thorough organization in America.

Each of you stand solid behind your organization and your officers, and give your hearty co-operation and moral support to the sister organizations. Don't let a man stay around your station unless he is thoroughly union. See that he supports the labor movement in his particular line. There is a place here for each man in his own department, and he should do his duty, every man added to one of the other organizations makes us that much stronger. GEN. COR.

Radford Division—

Judging from the reports that have been received from the meeting of the Grand Division in Atlanta, any one should feel proud to belong to such an organization as the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and he should feel proud that we have for our officers men who are acknowledged as leading citizens of the United States.

Few of us realize what Bro. Perham has been to every telegrapher in the United States. He has successfully met every issue and fought it to a finish with organized capital, since he has been president. Yet, we find men in the telegraph fraternity, who are not members of the Order, that is working daily for their uplift and meeting the onslaughts of capital in order that we can live in comfort and not be slaves to the capitalist. If they could accomplish anything for themselves or any one else, or if there was an organization to which they preferred to belong there would be some excuse for them, but to remain a non-member from pure niggardliness or on account of some petty grievance while their fellow-men are fighting the battles that solve the troubles with which they are daily coming in contact, is certainly not taking the stand of one at whom the world delights to point as a man. It is the duty of every one who calls himself a man, to help carry the burden. If those who will not affiliate with their fellow men could convince them that their course is right and that they are accomplishing something by it, there would be an excuse for them, but for them to bear the odium of scab, non, etc., and the contempt of their fellow-men for the sake of the paltry sum of one dollar per month is enough to make their fellow-men treat them with contempt, yet they are not treated with the contempt they deserve.

The non list on the N. & W. is entirely too large. We find men (or at least they call themselves men) on each division who at one time called themselves Order men, on the non list each month, simply because something was not done to suit them, and when the new agreements are made they expect as much as those who by their time and means do all they can to make better conditions in the telegraph department. We hope that these men will soon see that the only way to accomplish anything is to put their shoulders to the wheel and help to right their grievances, instead of remaining out where they can not hope to accomplish anything, but instead, incur the contempt of all their fellow-workers.

COR.

Shenandoah Division—

We are very glad to say that our appeal to the brothers of the Shenandoah Division for news did not fall on deaf ears, as several of the younger brothers responded with a few items, which were greatly appreciated.

Bro. C. A. Saum, the agent at Rileyville, was relieved while on his vacation by Bro. Samuel Scott. Bro. Scott going from there to Shepherdstown to relieve Bro. E. B. Spedden for a few days.

Bro. E. A. Wiseman, the agent at Lithia, is on the sick list; relieved by Bro. J. W. Melton.

Bro. W. L. Cullen, third trick at Greenville, has resumed duty after being off for some time.

Bro. Grubb, second trick at Walnut Cove, is on the sick list, with Bro. J. S. Gant relieving.

Bro. McIntosh relieved Bro. Early, the second trick man at Charlestown, for a while, then Bro. Kelly, second trick at Shenandoah Junction, for several days.

Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler has gone from Starkey, where he relieved Bro. J. R. Young, the agent, to Pine Hall agency to relieve Bro. F. S. Shultz.

Sister L. T. White, second trick at Lithia, was relieved a few days by Bro. R. Y. Melton.

Bro. Snyder, the second trick man at Berryville, was relieved by Bro. Skelton, while taking his vacation.

Bro. J. R. Young, the agent at Starkey, who had been on the sick list for a while has again returned to duty.

Bro. J. O. Dillard, the second trick man at Grottoes, was relieved for a few days by Extra Man L. L. Strickland.

Bro. Hughes, second trick at White Post, relieved Bro. Lane, second trick at Rippon, for a few days.

While we are not doing what could be called a rushing business on this division, things are steadily improving and from the outlook at the present time the indications are very good.

Owing to the recent change in the time table several new positions have opened up.

Boyce, second trick; Troutville, third trick, and Pine Hall, second trick.

Bro. McIntosh relieved Bro. Thomason, third trick at Riverton, for a few days, and then relieved Bro. Grubbs, second trick, at same place, for a while.

Bro. Yates, first trick at Riverton, was relieved a few days by Bro. Skelton.

Bro. G. Z. Abrihams, agent at Buena Vista, has resumed duty after being on the sick list for about a month. Bro. Taylor, who was relieving, has returned to his first trick at Buena Vista.

To the non members of the Shenandoah Division, I will say: Why not line up again? The majority of you have been members and should know the great benefit you derive through the efforts of organized labor without anyone having to tell you. You should also know that by again putting yourself in good standing, you are not only helping the Order and Division No. 14, but yourself as well; you not only show that you do not wish to accept the concessions and benefits gained by the Order without doing your part, but that you want a say in the ways, etc., of the advancing and uplifting of the craft. What would happen if we were all to drop our cards? "Not necessary to say what, for you all know." We hope that you will all come forward and get the necessary little piece of pasteboard, and ere the next journal comes out that the old Shenandoah will be once again solid. We have some very good men on our non list at the present, who we would like to see back in the Order, and who, I am sure, once they stop and think it over will become convinced that they should

not be without a card for their own benefit as well as the benefit of their fellow-craftsmen.

During one of the heavy rain storms in June the Southern had a wash-out, detouring several of their passenger trains via C. & O. and the N. & W. between Glasgow and Basic.

We are very sorry to say that the bulletins of discipline have not caused the improvement that we should like to see. We hope that all the brothers will take a look at those bulletins and try to avoid making the same mistakes, incidentally saving themselves from suspensions.

At the present time most of the section forces on this division are working a full force of men.

J. H. B.

Scioto Division—

Owing to improvement in business in general and the pushing forward of double-track work on the Scioto Division, some telegraph stations that have been closed for several months have been reopened to facilitate the handling of traffic and work trains. It is predicted that several offices will be closed when the double track is completed.

Conductor Dan Alvis, who was shot by a hobo at Blockton, W. Va., is recovering, but it will be several days before he will be able to report for his run. His would-be assassin is still at large.

Bro. J. S. Porter, who has been working second trick at Wheelersburg, Ohio, for the past few months, has been transferred to Webb, W. Va., second trick.

Bro. D. H. Billups has been appointed agent at Naugatuck, W. Va., vice W. H. Pinson.

Our non list seems to be improving. Several names that have been on this list for many months do not appear. The Cincinnati District is solid with one or two exceptions.

There are a few regulars on the Columbus District who are laying up their extra dollars, presumably to get new cards.

Bro. A. A. Clutts, the agent at Bannan, Ohio, with his family, spent his vacation at Wheelersburg, Ohio.

Bros. S. T. Sheridan, the agent at Kingston, Ohio, is reported among the unfortunate depositors in the defunct Kingston bank. The failure of this bank was a considerable shock, as it was considered one of the soundest of its capacity in the State, having about 600 depositors, many of whom were retired business men who had settled in the village to spend their remaining days in comfort.

Bro. H. H. Kick, the agent at Glen Hays, W. Va., was relieved by Bro. J. W. Pratt, July 6th, on account of sickness.

Bro. G. F. Ferrell, who has been agent at Naugatuck, W. Va., for a number of years, and who was displaced by W. A. Pinson, a few weeks ago, was reappointed and bumped off a few days afterward by Bro. D. H. Billups.

Bro. O. L. Peake is relieving Bro. W. T. Williams, the agent at McDermott, Ohio, while the latter is on vacation.

Bro. R. S. Kyle, of the dispatching force at Portsmouth, took his vacation in early July, extra dispatcher relieving third trick.

Mr. Geo. Davis, of Kingston, Ohio, is the new supervisor on Columbus District, vice J. B. Forquer, resigned.

Vacancies filled: Naugatuck agency; Duvalls, Ohio, second and third tricks; Higbys, Ohio, second and third tricks; Piketon, Ohio, second and third tricks.

Offices closed: Miner, Ohio; Locks, Ohio; Sorgents, Ohio, nights.

Bro. A. G. Sheridan, first trick at Renick, Ohio, took his vacation July 1st; relieved by M. A. Brown.

Bro. S. T. Sheridan, agent at Kingston, Ohio, spent his vacation with friends at Cambridge, O.

Bro. W. A. Johnson works Duvalls, Ohio, third trick until advertised and filled, on account of the transfer of Bro. D. H. Billups to Naugatuck, W. Va., agency.

Bros. Guy Calhoun and W. R. Ellis bid in Higbys second and third tricks. *CERT.* 750.

Michigan Central Ry.

Saginaw and Mackinaw Divisions—

Bro. Loehr, of Milwaukee, is away attending his brother's funeral; relieved by Mr. Kennedy.

Bro. Swan has gone from Owosso Junction to North Lansing, on bulletin. Bro. Murray took the relief agent's position, which was formerly held by Mr. Galbraith, now agent at Mackinaw City.

Bro. Sargent, third trick at Owosso Junction, gets second trick by bulletin, and Bro. Mayer, third trick at Mason, gets third trick at Owosso Junction.

Bro. Campbell, agent at Laingsburg, resigned to accept a position as agent with the M. U. R. at Mason. The M. U. R. seems to know where to get good men, as they have taken several of our men from the Saginaw Division.

Mr. Miller, agent at St. Charles, resigned to accept a position with the So. Pac. at Omaha. Mr. Coy, from Lewiston, takes St. Charles.

Mr. Putnam, a new man on the road, is filling third trick at Mason, until filled by bulletin.

A station master and also a ticket clerk have been put on at Mackinaw City, during the summer months, which will give the telegraphers there a show to keep cleared up.

Mr. Steinhoff, from Bay City, is spending his vacation at Bay View.

The Bay City dispatchers are now enjoying their yearly trips over the road on the locals—*nit.* *CERT.* 89.

West and Joliet Divisions—

The exceeding warm weather has rather decreased the division news this month. But will say we had a very successful meeting at Hammond, on June 10th, which was very well attended. Bro. Culkins was with us and gave an exceeding good outline of the convention. Different subjects in which the division members are

directly interested were discussed. One subject was made very plain, and that is that every member should be prompt in the payment of dues, which are to be paid January 1st and July 1st of each year. Let us see if we can not live up to this to the letter. Send in dues when they are due and do not wait to be left out in the cold, which will certainly be done and you will forfeit your membership in the Mutual Benefit Department.

We notice that there are a few extra telegraphers being employed, and we are glad to say so far that the majority are members in good standing.

The dispatchers are about through making their semi-annual inspection trips, and will be back in their old places soon.

Of late there has been three permanent positions on this division bulletined.

Would like to state that your correspondent would be pleased to have any items of interest sent him, and assure you that they will be gladly accepted.

The sad news of the death of our Superintendent Telegrapher, Mr. E. H. Millington, reached us on the 23d inst., and on the 25th, at 1:30 p. m., he was buried at St. Thomas, Ont. Out of respect to his memory arrangements were made to open our message wires from 1:30 p. m. to 1:35 p. m., on that date, which were carried out to the letter.

In his death we not only lose a good, honorable, upright man in his official capacity, but more than a friend to every telegrapher who did his duty. On official inspection when it was Mr. Millington's duty to go over the road in his private car he always met the telegraphers with that glad hand that wins most every man's heart, and he has often been heard to remark that it was a pleasure for him to meet his "boys" at least once a year. *UNCLE DUDLEY.*

Main Line—

Items of news on the Michigan Central are rather scarce.

A few of the telegraphers are taking vacations. Bro. Rourk, second trick man at Dowagiac, is being relieved by Bro. Helt.

Bro. E. F. Slowey is at Ann Arbor, helping out during the busy season.

When the students go home for the vacation, Ann Arbor is a very busy place.

Brother Kitchen is filling in second trick at Albion, during Bro. Slowey's absence.

J. A. Howell, who just entered the service of the M. C., has gone to Charlotte to take second trick hours.

Bro. J. J. Wilkinson, of Parma, is taking a vacation.

An item in last month's journal called Don Eagle, brother. Mr. Eagle is not yet a brother, but has promised to come in out of the cold soon.

There are quite a number of new men on the road at present, and some of them do not

hold up-to-date cards. Get after them, boys. When a new man shows up at your office find out at once if he is a member, and if not see that he becomes one, and in this way we will keep our ranks solid. The Michigan Central is hard to beat for organization, and we want to keep our record good.

Some of the telegraphers on this road are taking the Civil Service examination for service with Uncle Sam, in different capacities. The good wages, short hours, vacation and steady advancement is a great advantage and inducement for our men to enter the service. Let us hope that the railroads will see it to their advantage to increase the pay of their men and otherwise improve conditions, and make it an inducement to remain in the service. CERT. 123.

Middle Division—

Bro. Palmer, the third trick man at Dowagiac, has returned from his trip out West, where he and his wife have been enjoying a midsummer vacation for the past month. He is now working first trick at Dowagiac, relieving Bro. Schell, who, with his wife, is taking in the sights at Niagara Falls. Telegrapher Hamilton is relieving Bro. Palmer.

Bro. Loveland, first trick man at Kalamazoo, has been off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Robinson. He returned to work a few days since, but is off duty again on account of the death of his son. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Loveland in his bereavement. Telegrapher Matthews is relieving him.

Bro. Enright, second trick man at Lawton, is off duty on account of illness; relieved by Telegrapher Phillips, son of former Chief Dispatcher Phillips, who is now at Bay City as chief dispatcher.

Dispatchers Case and Mead have exchanged tricks for a while. Mr. Case is working the air line, days, and Mead the main line day stunt. They work from 7:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Dispatcher Wholihan is relieving Night Chief Gardner, and Frank Allen relieves Mr. Wholihan.

Bro. Potter, who works third trick at Tekonsha, is off for ten days, visiting in Niles and Marshall; relieved by Telegrapher Shoemaker, a new man on the road. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to his eternal home the father of our esteemed Secretary, Bro. C. Reif; and

WHEREAS, We with our brother deeply mourn his sad loss; be it therefore

Resolved, That the officers and members of Division No. 16, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Reif and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this their sad hour; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER, a copy to our esteemed

Ex-Secretary, Bro. C. Reif, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

AUGUST CARLSON,
A. V. BRAZEAU,
R. E. SUEAIL,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and especially the members of Michigan Central Ry. System, Division No. 16, for their kindness during the sickness and death of our son and brother Ernest L. Amley, and for the beautiful floral offering. It was his desire that we thank all who contributed so freely to the handsome purse raised for the purpose of sending him to the West, and we wish to join our thanks with his.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH AMLEY AND FAMILY.

New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

Western Division, Third District—

When reading this please stop and consider how many of these items you contributed. If you do this I think probably next month we will have a notice from almost every office. It is impossible for the writer to find out what occurred along the line without being informed by the members. Give me the happenings from your office as some of the boys would like to know or see your name once in a while; not only brothers of Division No. 18, but brothers from other roads who know you will be glad to hear of your whereabouts and to know what you are doing.

At almost every place along the line the men are in their usual places, which shows that they are giving the company good service, and if there are any exceptions we hope they will fall in line and take an interest in their work, which will help us to improve conditions when the opportunity presents itself.

There are still a few nons who are willing to partake of the luxuries secured by the O. R. T. and to accept favors, but they will hang out and not help bear the burden, and at the same time they are after or have secured through the O. R. T. some of the best jobs along the line. We make another appeal to those who are not up to date and we hope they will come in before another writing.

We are well pleased with our new local chairman, who is also our general chairman. Bro. Hixon seems to be the man long needed, especially on this division, and with proper assistance from all concerned he will render us valuable service. But he alone can do little toward bettering our conditions. He needs the help of all members, and all the help we can give is but the interest we should take in our own welfare for the future.

At the special meeting at Leipsic, July 15, Bro. Hixon, general chairman, was unable to be present, on account of his wife being sick. We

all regret his absence. There was not so large a crowd in attendance at this special meeting as there should have been. All members should make a special effort to attend these meetings; they are very important, or they would not be called. There should be a representative from each office when possible. Our superintendent and chief dispatcher will allow all to go who ask when it is possible to do so, provided it can be arranged within the nine-hour limit. On account of this meeting the regular meeting of July 21st was called off. There is a woeful lack of interest among some of the members. A number of members living but a short distance from Leipsic will not even ask for a pass to attend.

On July 16th the writer received a card from Bro. C. H. Russell from New York City, with a photo of the criminal court of that place advising that his headquarters were within. It couldn't have been a very bad case, as I notice he is now at Oakwood.

The second trick at Colby has been bid in by Telegrapher Guy Morrison, who will probably be in line by the time this is in print.

Bro. R. D. Russell, the agent at Old Fort, is off duty attending court at Tiffin; relieved by Bro. Redman, first trick man at Claypool, who was down this way on account of moving his family from Fostoria to Claypool.

Bro. P. D. Russell made a flying trip to Continental a few Sundays ago.

Bro. C. A. Zimmerman, of Colby made a trip up the Big Four to Carey, where he visited relatives and brothers of Division 138.

Telegrapher Wisley, of Iliis, has resigned the agency at that point, bid in the second trick at Fostoria. He will go there as soon as relieved.

Bro. A. T. Hixon, of Continental, is off for three days, attending a conference with the officials in Cleveland; relieved by Telegrapher G. C. Bailey, who then went to Payne and worked second trick one day to allow the second and third trick men to change tricks. Telegrapher Bailey is relieving Bro. W. A. Hike, local chairman of the Fourth District, a few days.

The men at the one-man stations are receiving more benefit from the Sunday rule than they have heretofore enjoyed and they are surely entitled to it.

Telegrapher Karrieger, who was working at New Haven, was called to Fort Wayne on short notice some time ago to handle the message wire, but is again back at New Haven, being assigned there regularly, I understand.

A new man named Harned relieved Karrieger at New Haven.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. D. H. Caldwell, is off duty a couple of weeks, traveling in Maine; relieved by Mr. H. O. Wilson. Also, the first trick dispatcher of Third District, Mr. L. Hartzler, is off a couple of weeks, traveling through California. He is being relieved by Mr. Evans, formerly third trick dispatcher on the Fourth District.

We are all glad to see Mr. Evans back on this end.

Dispatcher R. Gale is off a few weeks, which he is spending in Canada. He was relieved by Dispatcher Robernette from the Fourth District, who was relieved by E. G. Whittaker. Mr. F. Saunders is in Mr. Evans' place.

Bro. J. A. Newman, first vice-president, passed over the road a few days since, on No. 3. Bro. Hixon got on the train and rode down the road for some distance with him, explaining the situation on the "Nick," and receiving considerable benefit from Bro. Newman's advice.

Bro. C. H. Russell and wife attended the agents' convention at Portland, Maine, July 17th to 20th. They went via N. Y. C., returning via the Grand Trunk. There were 160 people in the party and he advises that it was a fine trip.

There have been quite a number of changes in the offices at Bellevue. The yard office force at "BE" was cut down to three men, Bro. Klugh working first, Bro. W. A. Stover second, and a new man by the name of Wells third trick. Bro. J. E. Baker, formerly "BE" yards, was transferred to first trick "BX" at Bellevue passenger depot, changing Bro. D. W. Gilbert from first to second and Telegrapher Kineworth from second to third trick. ZIM.

Buffalo Division—

Our committee holds a meeting with the officials July 12th. Hope it may prove of value both to ourselves and the company.

West Seneca telegraph office was closed June 13th and a few days later the telegrapher at Ripley was taken off and the agent does his own wire work.

Bro. Shaver, at Erie, has been appointed ticket agent at Erie, on duty twelve hours and acts as telegrapher. Bro. Clark is assistant ticket agent twelve hours nights without wire work. Mr. Steiger, third trick man at Erie, is put on extra list by this change.

Bro. Misener, formerly first trick at West Seneca, was given third trick at Angola. He was bumped by Bro. L. W. Slee, who went back to extra work.

Mr. Bixler, formerly second trick at West Seneca, relieved Mr. J. H. Reynolds, third trick at Buffalo Junction, who was away on vacation. Later Mr. Bixler went to Brocton and is working first trick at that place until the position is bid in.

Mr. G. G. Shaver is on second trick at Westfield, on account of the position at Ripley being closed.

Bro. F. G. Kelley, third trick at Conneaut yard, is off for a few nights; relieved by Mr. Crossin.

Bro. Chesley, first trick at Northeast, and Mr. Shaver, second trick at Westfield, took in the circus at Erie, July 3d.

Mr. J. F. Now is working first trick at Wallace Junction while Bro. R. W. Ferry, our chairman, is at Cleveland with the committee.

Mr. D. G. Dudley worked second trick at Silver Creek while Bro. Mulkins was away on vacation. CENT. 89.

C. M. & St. P. Ry.

Third District—

Vacations are all the go just now.

Bro. O. C. Talbert, of Galewood, third trick, is visiting at St. Paul, Dubuque and Davenport.

Bro. C. E. Sturgis, of Galewood, second trick, is going to register and try to "win a home" out West. He is also going to Seattle to visit the Fair.

Bro. Chas. Herman, is off for a few weeks. We understand that he is going to visit Denver.

Mr. Angus McGillis is going to spend a few weeks near Lake Superior.

Bro. C. M. Reed, from Roudout, got the extra day work at "CG," and another Reed is working extra at Roudout. He is from the C. & C. B. Division.

Bro. D. A. Beaner, of Shermerville is West, looking up a station that just suits him.

Mr. N. T. Sharmon is back from his farm in Michigan. He has been working extra at dispatchers' office and Galewood; is going to get back in line with us soon.

A new man named Halverson is going to relieve at third trick at Galewood.

Bro. Shambhart, of Hebron tower, second trick, has resigned and gone West. He is located at Lombard, Mont. Bro. Willie is working second trick temporarily at Hebron tower.

Bro. C. A. Larson, the agent at Fox Lake, was on the sick list a few days not long since; relieved by Bro. Merriman.

Bro. Adams, agent at Grays Lake, is anxiously awaiting relief. He wishes to go West and register for the land drawing, and look at the Fair in Seattle.

Bro. J. S. Speer, the agent at Roudout, has painted his house and added some improvements that look very nice.

Dispatcher and Mrs. G. T. Carroll are spending vacation at Niagara Falls.

Mr. M. S. Carr, who was formerly a dispatcher here, is doing the extra dispatching while the regular men are on vacation.

For the benefit of those whom I have not been able to tell personally, will state that Superintendent Clausen says he feels that the boys are not taking advantage of their opportunities—that is, fitting themselves for promotion. If this hits any or all of you brace up. On the other hand I have been informed that some have tried to fit themselves and have bid on jobs that would be a promotion, and have been turned down without a trial, and men from other divisions or other roads have been placed in the desirable positions. To such I would say take the matter up and use Mr. Clausen's statement to advantage, if you have the ability to fill the position. Those who are too cowardly to push a grievance do not deserve very much—another thing that is very annoying is the procrastination exercised by many concerned in the settlement of a grievance; why not wake up and adopt the motto "Do it now," also apply this about your dues. Have you paid 'em yet?

CERT. 1129.

River Division—

Bro. C. D. Galliven, of South Minneapolis, was appointed fifth telegrapher in "C" office, Minneapolis, relieving Bro. A. M. Kehr, who is now doing a heavy stunt for the W. U. at St. Paul.

Bro. F. G. Maloney has been appointed second telegrapher at Island Track Switch.

Bro. G. H. Swanberg, of Signal tower, secured the first trick at South Minneapolis, on bulletin.

Telegrapher O. C. Peed, from Chestnut St. (St. Paul), got the third trick at Red Wing, on bulletin, and Telegrapher H. A. Caddington was appointed to the owl watch at Chestnut St.

Bro. J. P. Myers has been appointed to the night trick in the dispatchers' office at Minneapolis.

Telegrapher E. G. Nash, from Blackbird Junction, secured third trick at Homer, on bulletin.

Telegrapher J. B. Stahl, of Durand, Wis., has been appointed third telegrapher at Wabasha.

Bro. W. G. Kenyon was recently appointed third telegrapher at Signal tower, and was relieved on the second trick by Bro. R. C. Sanborn, of Merriam Park. Bro. Lester is relieving Bro. Sanborn, at Merriam Park, until the second trick at Signal tower is filled by bulletin.

We were all deeply grieved to learn of the death of Bro. O. C. Franke, of Weaver. He was taken suddenly ill at Weaver, with what proved to be typhoid fever, and was removed to a hospital at Wabasha, where he died on July 10th. His mother, who was with him to the end, took the remains back to the old home at Cleveland, Wis., for interment. He was a bright and cheerful friend, always considerate of the welfare of others, and in his sad death the River Division loses one of its most careful telegraphers, and the organization one of its most enthusiastic and energetic members.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. O. C. Franke, and while we humbly submit to His holy will and know that our brother has been amply promoted, we deeply feel the loss of his presence; and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our respect, love and appreciation of the high character and blameless and useful life of our departed brother; be it

Resolved, That the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul System, Division No. 23, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved relatives its sincere sympathy in their bereavement which we share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next regular meeting, a copy sent to the relatives of the deceased brother, and a copy submitted to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. J. LEAHY,
S. H. LESTER,
E. F. FITZGERALD,
Committee.

Wisconsin Valley Division—

Bro. VanGilder is working second trick at Tomahawk, while Bro. Ludlam is taking a short vacation.

Bro. Ludlam is acting agent at Irma. Mr. Hanover is on his vacation.

Bro. Sundit has been working third trick at Tomahawk, and is now working second trick at Merrill. Mr. Harris, first trick at Merrill, is now working side wire, days, in dispatcher's office.

Telegrapher Heath is working the first trick at Merrill.

Bro. L. A. Marchee has secured the position as telegrapher at Minocqua. A BROTHER.

C. & C. B. Ill. and R. & S. W. Divisions—

It has been some little time since items have appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER from these divisions, on account of no news having been sent in, but I am now located where I will be able to get the news if there is any.

There has been quite a number of positions bulletined on both divisions, and a number of changes made as follows:

Second trick at Delavan, twelve hours service; Bartlett Station; third trick at Racine (permanent); third trick at Beloit (permanent); second trick at Corliss (temporary), and the day and night telegrapher's positions in dispatcher's office (temporary).

Galewood, second trick; Kirkland, third trick; Kittredge, first and third tricks; Freeport, third trick; agency at Florence; second and third tricks at Kirkland.

Bro. Woodford and Burrows, first and third trick men at Kittredge have left the service. Bro. Switzer secured the first trick at Kittredge, on bulletin. Do not know at present who gets the other trick there.

Bro. Fretz secured the second trick at Galewood tower, on bid, and was relieved at Freeport by Telegrapher Greene, who worked two or three nights at Freeport, and then left the service.

Telegrapher Rose, who was relieved at Galewood by Bro. Fretz, went to tower "B25," Itasca, relieving Bro. Carrol for a few nights, and from there to Burlington, to relieve the last trick man there, so I understand.

Telegrapher O. M. Walz is at present working the third trick at Freeport, but can not say whether he got it on bid.

It is understood that a telegrapher named Johnson, from the south end, has the second trick at Beloit. This was the trick to be bulletined instead of the third trick. Have not heard where Bro. Miller is going from there, but as he has been wanting to lay off suppose he will welcome the opportunity.

The second trick at Elkhorn, held by Telegrapher Walz, has not yet been bulletined, but suppose it will be in the near future.

Bro. O. M. Moyer, third trick man at Savanna depot, has been sick and off duty. We have not heard who relieved him.

The brothers on the C. N. N., I. C., C. G. W. and C. M. St. P. have formed a Telegraphers' Club at Freeport, and request that all those who can do so make an effort to attend the meetings there. They are held once a month, and the date and place of meeting can be ascertained by calling up Bro. Sweeney at Freeport. This club is merely a social club for the benefit of all brothers on roads mentioned, and is planned on the same principles as the Key City Club at Dubuque. There is always a number of the I. C., C. G. W. and C. N. W. boys at these gatherings, and interesting meetings are held. The boys on these roads are a good bunch and will treat all members fine.

Next month would like to have a much bigger write-up, and wish all of the boys who get hold of news would advise Bro. Correll, at Savanna, before the 20th of each month, and he will forward to me. JOHANN.

Northern Division—

Bro. Hauser, agent at Rubicon, is taking his annual vacation and Bro. Schwalbach, from the third trick at Granville, is doing the agent's duties at Rubicon.

Bro. Thiele, first trick at Hartford, is on the sick list, and Bro. O'Neil, of second trick, is taking his place. Mr. Jones, son of Bro. Jones, from Cambria, is working second trick. Bro. Melcher is holding down third trick, which he got on bulletin.

Bro. Lasch, of first trick at Schlesingerville Junction, is off on a two-months' vacation. Mr. Sellen, an old-timer is relieving him.

When we ask the nons to join us we get the same old cry from some of them, to the effect that they have no money. But they are always ready to take all we can get for them.

We understand that some of the boys are behind with dues, which looks bad. Be prompt in the payment of dues, as it benefits all concerned.

Berlin lost their depot by fire on the morning of the 6th. All the books and records of tickets went up with it. Suppose we will see a fine depot built there now. Berlin deserves one, all right. Div. Coa.

LaCrosse Division—

Some of our side brothers and brothers now located elsewhere may think we are taking a vacation of late, but such is not the case. Our write-ups went in somewhat late—evidently too late for publication in our journal. We will get this one in on time and in the future try to do better. A great many of the brothers have been too busy to even read a daily paper, on account of increased business. Of late there has been a steady movement of passenger and freight business westward. We are very short of telegraphers at present, and have been for some time past. In the next journal we will endeavor to get things in line and give the brothers a few notes of interest. Div. Coa.

C. & C. B. in Iowa Division—

Bro. Jesse Murphy, of Underwood, is off a few days on account of sickness at Herndon.

Telegrapher Jeffries is now working at Council Bluffs yard. He was relieved at Herndon by Bro. Wright from Maxwell.

Bro. O. E. Hanssen, of Newhall, has resigned the agency there and gone west. Newhall is now on bulletin.

Bro. F. W. Ray, of Marion, and Bro. H. H. White, of Atkins, celebrated the third at Ames.

Telegrapher O. H. Darby, of Madrid third trick, was relieved by Bro. P. H. Zenor during the Fourth.

Telegrapher G. L. Bucknam is working the agency at Bouton for the present, during the absence of Bro. C. E. Miller.

Bro. Bright, second trick at Elwood, laid off and took in the celebration at Toronto, the third. Relieved by Bro. Bielstein.

Bro. M. L. Blakeslee, of Herndon, has gone west and is at present with the Union Pacific Ry. at Alliance, Neb.

Bro. Hart, of Elwood first trick, was compelled to lay off the fore part of July on account of sickness. Bro. Bielstein relieving him.

Bro. J. L. Troller, of Bayard nights, is laying off and enjoying a three weeks' vacation. We are not able to learn who is relieving him.

Bro. T. C. Peterman is dispatching the third trick east of Perry during the temporary absence of Mr. Kindig. Telegrapher Hill is working the side-table.

Bro. F. W. Ray, of Marion "MA" office, nights, is taking his annual layoff; relieved by Bro. Jas. Keenan; Telegrapher G. Rowe is relieving Bro. Keenan at the east yard.

Bulletin No. 89 of July 24th says, "Sleeping on duty will not be tolerated." Correct! Anyone who does not care enough for his job to keep awake now, ought not to have a job at all.

Bro. L. M. Lewison has resigned the agency at Huxley and has gone to St. Paul. Telegrapher Gustafson is doing the agent's stunt at Huxley until Bro. O. H. Huyck, from Hale, takes charge. Bro. W. C. Knight, from Clinton, has been appointed agent at Hale.

The dispatchers in Marion are taking their annual layoff. Bro. R. L. Leamon is working the branch second trick; Bro. R. L. Kindig is relieving Bro. Leamon at Marion yard office, Bro. L. R. Carbee relieving Bro. Kindig, and Bro. Parmenter relieving Bro. Carbee at the east yard.

Bro. J. Bolstein, was recently appointed to the third trick at Maxwell; Bro. H. H. White got Cambridge; Telegrapher E. H. Platte is now at Herndon. Bro. F. W. Ray has been appointed to the extra day work at Marion. The night office at Atkins, Clinton days, and extra night work at Marion "MA" office are on bulletin.

We notice several along this division who have the word "telegrapher" in front of their names. This is well enough, but you must remember it would look a whole lot better if you would exchange it for "brother." You fellows

who are non-members hurry up and join, and you who are delinquents must hurry and pay dues. Remember the old adage, "In union there is strength."

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek, second trick at Delmar Junction, started to lay off the third of July, but was forced back into service after three days' off, on account of a shortage of men, Bro. Betherum being sent to Oxford Junction second trick, placing Bro. L. A. Kell to first while Bro. M. Stewart is acting as agent during the absence of Bro. J. H. Keech, who is laying off on account of sickness.

JOHN TILL.

Southern Minnesota Division—

Everyone wants to lay off and relief men are kept busy all the time. We are very shy of good telegraphers just at present. Some of the material working now would drive a man to distraction, some of them being scarcely able to get their own call and "OS" a train.

The gravel pit at Albert Lea has been opened up and other business is picking up, and work trains make it look as though there would be something doing on the old S. M.

The regular dispatchers in La Crosse office are taking their annual vacations. Extra Dispatcher Bro. T. P. Horton is doing the relief stunt. Bro. Steves is back at Houston. Relief Agent Graves was in charge while Steves laid off.

There is a night telegrapher at Houston by the name of Winnesen.

Bro. R. N. Miner is laying off to escape the strenuous life at Isinours. John Whalan is in charge of station during his absence.

Bro. W. E. Riordan is on vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Bro. Graves. Bro. Graves also relieved Bro. DeCantillon at Brownsdale for a week while the latter was sight-seeing and visiting.

Bro. Laugen at Dexter is being relieved by Relief Agent Taggart.

Bro. Schendel, the second trick telegrapher at Ramsey, is off for a few days at home in Fairmont. Bro. Burnett is in his place.

A telegrapher named Widmoyer is working at Fairmont days.

Bro. H. R. Laugen, the agent at Jackson, is off for vacation; Relief Agent Bro. H. C. Harmon is doing the act at Jackson.

Bro. Harmon has just finished relieving Bro. Wright at Egan so he could take in the big fair.

There are two telegraphers at Egan now. Bro. Eugene Fogarty drew the job on bulletin.

A new agent, Wendorff by name, is in charge of Colman station for six months, on account of the continued illness of Bro. Kellogg.

There are rumors of more night offices on S. M. Div. Co.

*Missouri Pacific Ry.**Sedalia District—*

While it seems that we should have three or four columns of news this month on account of the high water and foreign trains, and the many extra men put on every one has been too busy

to collect items and we are going to be short, Bro. Lampkin being the only one to find time to furnish any news.

Night offices were opened at all stations between Kansas City and Sedalia, three men being put on until the supply gave out.

Bro. Mason is working third trick at Independence.

Bro. Page is working days at Lexington, relieving Bro. Smith, who I hear was married, but was unable to verify the rumor.

Bro. Clifford at Lamonte was off a few nights on account of sickness, being relieved by C. S. Thompson, who has since become Bro. Thompson.

Bro. Davis, the agent at Little Blue, has been out of the service for some time on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Davis. He was relieved by Bro. A. W. Williams, the night man at Warrensburg, who was in turn relieved by Bro. Paul Aylsworth.

Bro. Martin, of the W. U. at Sedalia, was pressed into service during the flood, working at Pleasant Hill and Kingsville.

A note has just been received from Bro. Lampkin saying that Bro. Smith, of Lexington, has been married to Miss Stallings, of Sweet Springs, and that they are enjoying their honeymoon at the northern lakes.

Bro. McClain enjoyed a ten days' vacation during the latter part of June, being relieved by Bro. Paul Aylsworth.

We are certainly glad to see how rapidly the brothers are paying their dues for the current term, and would like for those who have not done so to get their remittances in as early as possible, as it is just as easy to pay one time as another, and if you pay up promptly you will not forget it and cost the division stationery and postage to remind you of it.

If the members knew how much it cost us each term just to notify delinquents to pay up I believe all would pay promptly.

It takes money to run any organization and each member should make it his business to see that our division is handled as economically as possible, and quite a drain can be stopped by prompt remittance of dues.

In future I shall publish the names of the first five who remit their dues, and wish every one of you to try and be one of the five.

W. L. W.

Hoisington District—

News is somewhat scarce this month. Guess everyone must be asleep, or something wrong, and I fear this write-up will be very short.

Bro. A. Richards was relieved at La Crosse nights, June 20th, by a Mr. Mills from the Santa Fe. Bro. Richards is going to Scott City for a couple of months to relieve Bro. Caughlin, the night man. Bro. Caughlin is taking a layoff, and with his wife is going to Ohio for a visit.

Bro. J. E. Swain, second trick man at Hoisington, was off a few weeks recently to get married, but is again at the same old stand. We wish

them a long and happy life, and extend congratulations. Bro. O. J. Smelser, first trick at Hoisington, worked his trick while he was away. We do not learn who relieved Bro. Smelser.

Bro. G. L. Webster, of Olmitz, was relieved by Bro. T. B. Sawyer nights. Bro. Webster has departed to parts unknown. Bro. Sherwin is holding down the agency in Bro. G. L. Cremer's absence. Bro. Sawyer hails from R. I. Division No. 126.

Mr. G. A. Fitzgerald was bumped by Mr. R. M. Finney, nights at Eads, Colo. Fitz went to North Fowler. Mr. Finney hails from LaCrosse, he being relieved by Bro. A. Richards, who was working second trick and Finney third at La Crosse, on account of Bro. E. H. Strait, re-entering service taking second trick.

Bro. E. E. Windsor, the agent at McCracken, has resigned, as was mentioned in last month's write-up, and since then he advises that he is going to Washington, D. C. We are very sorry to see him leave, but hope he meets with success.

Chivington, Colo., was reopened as a telegraph office last week. Business seems to be picking up some along this pike. Chivington has been a "blind" office for nearly two years.

On account of very heavy rains over this division, we are experiencing some difficulty in getting the trains over the road on schedule time; however, things are beginning to look a little better of late, and we hope the condition will swiftly improve.

Bro. D. M. Southwick, third trick at Hoisington, was off a few days the first of the month. We understand that he went to Oklahoma to get his daughter, who was sick. He is back at the same old job, and advises that his daughter is improving.

On June 18th Bro. G. L. Cremer, the agent at Olmitz, was relieved by J. I. Sherwin, formerly night man, who in turn was relieved by G. L. Webb, of U. P. Division No. 6.

The night office at Eads, Colo., was closed on June 30th, and the night office at Arlington also closed. Bro. S. A. Miller went to Haswell, nights; Mr. R. M. Finney to Sheridan Lake, relieving Bro. Fred Tanquary. Bro. Tan. is taking a layoff, seeing the sights of Pueblo and Denver. The reason for closing these offices is on account of the gravel trains being taken off the west end.

Bro. E. E. Windsor, the agent at McCracken, is reported pretty sick. Bro. Hartman, the agent at Scott City is also on the sick list. Up to the present time no one has relieved Bro. Windsor. "Bill" Lawrance, night clerk at Utica, went to Scott City to relieve Bro. Hartman as agent. We trust these worthy brothers will soon be on their feet again.

Bro. Fred Tanquary, telegrapher at Sheridan Lake, is suffering from a severe case of hay fever, being very nearly blind from the effects of it. He went to La Crosse to work nights, but upon his arrival discovered what he was "up against" and resigned before taking charge.

Our division correspondent, Bro. G. W. Curtis, took a trip to La Crosse, this week in company with Bro. Fred Tanquary.

Bro. H. E. Conner, agent at Brownell, was off a few days last month, spending a vacation in Missouri. He was relieved by Mr. R. L. Adkinson.

There seems to be a number of the boys along this pike who do not carry the necessary credentials, all promising to join as soon as they get coin enough. It is too bad that so many are broke, and we trust they will soon have the "dope" to fall in line with. In the near future will be published a list of all nons along this pike and we hope to have a very small list to put on paper, so now get busy and do not be among those whose names are placed on the non list.

We understand that Mr. Mills, who worked a few nights as third trick at La Crosse, a short time ago, is working first trick at Hoisington, relieving Bro. O. J. Smelser. We can not say as to the whereabouts of Bro. Smelser.

Both J. L. Sherwin and T. L. Sawyer, telegraphers at Olmitz, have resigned and secured transportation to K. C. Sawyer was relieved by a Mr. W. O. Carson from the Vandalia Lines in Illinois, and Sherwin was relieved by the regular agent, G. L. Cremer.

There are a great many changes being made along this division, and it is impossible to keep track of all of them, the new men not staying long enough for us to find out anything about them until they are either going or gone. If every agent or regular man would make a note of all changes made at their stations and send to me, we could show a better write-up each month. Let us all pull together and get a good write-up next month.

Well there is nothing more doing in the way of news, so I shall bring this to a close. Again I ask every one to please contribute to the good cause if nothing but a few words, for "every little bit helps."

Div. Cor.

St. L., I. M. & S. Ry.

White River Division—

Bro. S. Reed, of the superintendent's office at Aurora, Mo., is off on vacation, being relieved by Bro. T. T. Blassingame.

The company has put on a telegrapher and clerk at the passenger station in Aurora, Mo. Bro. W. K. Cottrell bid it in.

A. G. DeGross, night man at Batesville, Ark., is off on account of sickness, being relieved by Mr. J. P. Harris.

Bro. C. H. Butler, agent at Sylamore, Ark., is off on vacation being relieved by Bro. G. W. McVey, from Mt. Olive, Ark.

C. E. MAXWELL.

Central Division—

The time has again rolled around when something should appear in the journal from this

division, but as no items were contributed, the write-up from this division will be light.

Telegrapher Sutphin, a newcomer, is working nights at Nowata until the position is assigned to some regular man. Bro. Maddox, former night telegrapher, has bid in the day position at Nowata.

Bro. Westmoreland, formerly of Spadra, has been assigned to Claremore.

Bro. Berry, the agent at Claremore has resigned. We are sorry to lose him, but wish him success wherever he may go.

Telegrapher Stevenson is working the third trick at Wagoner until same is filled on bulletin.

Bro. McKnight, of Greenwood Junction, is in the hospital with typhoid fever. We hope for his recovery soon. He is being relieved by Telegrapher Teal of the Ft. S. & W.

Bro. Holman, our general chairman, was over the division the first of the month, getting after the nons.

I would be pleased to furnish any member a list of nons on this division and let all take a whack at them. I think by doing this we can soon clean up the division.

There are some of the night men getting very slack in regards to sleeping on duty. Dispatchers call some of them two and three hours. This will never do, as you have only to work nine hours and should try to give the best of service. You understand there is no redemption for sleeping on duty. CERT. 438.

Arkansas Division, Hoxie District—

Bro. O. Pursiful, of Diaz, is taking a 30-day vacation; relieved by a Mr. H. H. Crutchfield.

We understand that Bro. L. H. Davenport, second trick at Diaz, is laid up in the hospital with typhoid fever; do not know who is relieving him.

Mr. Dever, formerly of Minturn, nights, is now located as second trick man at Newport.

Bro. N. D. Rodgers, agent at Bradford, is taking his annual vacation and expects to visit Seattle before returning. He was relieved by Bro. L. E. Whitlow.

Bro. W. G. Hopkins, the agent at Beebe, is off on his vacation; relieved by Bro. C. C. Chumley, who is a clerk at Beebe.

Telegrapher E. E. Wade worked a few nights as second trick man at Austin, relieving Bro. A. Poston.

Bro. W. J. Dearing, formerly at Swifton nights, has left us; do not know where he went.

Mr. W. T. Gattis, formerly second trick at Newport, is now doing the telegrapher's stunt in the "UD" dispatcher's office.

Div. Cor.

Pine Bluff District—

Bro. Goodbar, of "YD," Pine Bluff yard, has just returned from a fifteen-day vacation, which was pleasantly spent in Chicago and St. Paul.

Mr. A. G. Hall, agent at Grady, one of the few nons left on the division, was recently mar-

ried. Perhaps if some of the boys would get busy we could convince Mr. Hall that he is now more than ever in need of the protection that the O. R. T. affords. Surely he needs a life insurance policy. Get after him, boys.

Many thanks to Bro. Dickey for the few items sent this month. Can't some of the other boys send items too? I know that your work isn't so heavy that you could not spare a few minutes to collect a little news. Try it and see; it doesn't cost you anything. Div. Con.

A. & L. Branch—

No changes on this district; everything solid, and everyone fanning and trying to keep cool.

Bros. Williams and Chitty at Washington are hitting the ball and watching Mr. Davis, the popular roadmaster, ballast the track with "Pike diamonds," from the famous Pike County diamond fields on the M. P. & G. When the ballasting is completed Mr. Davis will have a piece of track he will be proud of. As the ballast crew has passed Ozan, Bro. Robbins can look for the diamonds in the ballast without being in danger of getting in their way.

Bro. Jacobson, at Nashville, has a little better show than the other boys on the A. & L., as he can inspect the gravel and locate the "sparklers" before they get to Bros. Robbins and Williams.

Div. Con.

Texarkana District—

Bro. F. L. Davis, the first trick man at Texarkana, was called to his old home in Indiana, on June 30th, by the serious illness of his father; we are glad to know that his father was so improved on his arrival that Bro. Davis was able to return to his work July 5th.

Telegrapher E. H. Anderson, the second trick man at "BG," Little Rock, is doing relief work as dispatcher. We are sorry that Mr. Anderson can't see his way clear to be one of us.

Bro. G. P. Casey, who worked extra a while last month, has departed for the land of cactus and the \$87.50 minimum.

Bro. J. R. Hudson, of Emmett, nights, took a few days' vacation in June; relieved by Mr. E. S. Hillery, of Gurdon, the Arkansas Division extra man. Bro. Hudson is the second man on the list of the Arkansas Division, having begun work in 1885, and deserves a little rest occasionally.

There are four nons left on the Texarkana District who fail to respond to the call of the good, but we hope some day they will see their error before it is too late.

Bro. Carl Pipkin has been transferred from Malvern; relieved by a Mr. Crump from Mississippi, who promises to line up soon.

On account of the W. U. business falling off, we think Bro. Wilson at Prescott will re-enter the merry-go-round business.

Div. Con.

St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.

Red River District—

Its been a long time since this end has been represented in the journal, so to break the monotony I'll give you a few lines.

Business is fairly good on Red River at present.

But few changes have taken place, most of the old heads holding on.

Bro. Long, from Madill is relieving Bro. Smith, agent at Roff. Bro. Smith is taking a vacation, and we understand he is enjoying the sights at Seattle and other Northwestern points.

A Mr. Garner is working as day telegrapher at Roff, relieving Mr. Stevenson, who, I understand, returned to Arkansas.

Telegrapher Maddox, of Texas Junction, is doing extra work at Madill, during the absence of Bro. Long.

Boys, we should get in behind the nons. There are quite a number on our district at present. Some brothers are working with them and don't seem to know that they are nons.

Since our last write-up Bro. Glenn, night telegrapher at Ada, has taken unto himself a wife. Here's best wishes for him and bride, for a long and happy life.

It is very warm down here these days, and the scribe is rather lazy, so I'll cut out for this time, and hope to see something from others in next issue. CMT. 327.

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Chicago Division, Eastern District—

Last regular meeting of Chicago Division, B. & O., Division No. 33, was held in Redmen's Hall, Defiance, O., June 16, 1909. A large crowd was in attendance and a very interesting and instructive program was carried out. A fine lunch was served, and much shop talk indulged in. The west end was well represented, and a very interesting report on the convention was delivered by Bro. A. P. Webster. Several points of interest to all members of Chicago Division were discussed, and action taken upon same. Four new candidates were initiated by our very capable team, Bro. Cook, of Defiance, acting as captain. These meetings are a great success, and show an active spirit on this division. All those who did not attend should come out to the next on July 21st. Train connections are fine. All the first trick men east of Defiance can get in on No. 3 and return in time for work, after a good night's rest, on No. 4. Turn out boys, and help the good cause along. A committee has been appointed by Local Chairman Eiler to arrange for a pleasure trip down the Maumee River to Island Park and return, after the regular business of next meeting is over. Several launches will be chartered for the occasion. This trip is well worth the money. The beautiful Maumee River and Island Park in Defiance are points of great interest. Don't miss this trip.

We regret to say that Bro. Durk failed on the eyesight examination, and was taken to Wolf Lake yard from Defiance, second trick. Bro. Durk has the sympathy of the brothers on the division. He has been with us, as a faithful and up-to-date member for several years, and we regret his misfortune. Bro. Durk is a capable and trustworthy telegrapher and we hope success will follow him to Wolf Lake yard.

Bro. Miller, of Midway, is on a fishing trip at Devils Lake, Mich.

Bro. J. R. Morton visited his home in Sydney, O., this month.

Bro. T. J. Eiler was off a few days this month on account of sickness.

Telegrapher Gebhart, who for the past year or more has been under the tutorship of Telegrapher Shuman, of Holgate, left this month for Colorado. Mr. Gebhart is in very poor health and hopes to recover same in Colorado. He should stop on his way at some little place in Kansas, where Shuman is now farming and recover the blood money taken from him by that worthy gentleman. We are wondering who Shuman's next victim will be.

Some choice jobs will be open in July for bid, we understand.

So many men are taking vacations this month, and so many changes are being made that the scribe is unable to mention but a few of them.

Bro. Huff, from the C. & O. Ry. is working at Midway.

Bro. Meyers, from S. P., is on third trick at Holgate, O.

Bro. G. A. Reyff, second trick man at Standley, O., slipped quietly down to Sherwood, O., the first of June, and returned with a blooming June bride. The local extends congratulations and wishes them a happy and prosperous life.

Any brother having notes for the journal will please forward same to Bro. T. J. Eiler, at Defiance, who will in turn send them to the scribe. We will be glad for whatever information can be given concerning changes, etc. RUSS.

Eastern District, Pittsburg Division—

Your humble servant will endeavor to give the items on this district, but as I am not the regular correspondent, please don't feel offended if I fail to get all of you mixed up in these notes.

We held our regular monthly meeting in Pittsburg, July 15th, and although the attendance was not as large as it should have been, still we spent a very pleasant evening, and finished up the box of cigars that Bro. Lanning donated. Local Chairman Safford informed us that the brand was a good one, and no doubt he is a good judge, as he has had the box for a month, which was ample time to test them.

Bro. J. C. Young, first trick man at Smithton, has resigned and entered the insurance and real estate business at Smithton, and from all accounts he is doing a flourishing business.

Bro. Finnell, first trick at Versailles, has also resigned, and has entered the Postal service. We are sorry to lose these brothers, but they are both

bettering themselves financially, so no doubt they are doing the proper thing.

Ellrod tower has been put in service again after being closed for about fourteen months, and is at present manned by Mr. Toulon, Bro. Roberts and Mr. D. A. Young, but as each trick has been advertised, it is a safe guess that none of the present force will remain long.

Bro. Stabler is working first trick at Versailles, since Bro. Finnell left, and Bro. Willings, from Layton, has been relieving at Ellrod and also at Broadford.

Bro. Eiseman, at Bessemer, has been off on a vacation for the past fifteen days; relieved by Bro. Ferry, who is now relieving Mr. Sheiry at "MK."

Bro. Corruthers, of Rand, recently returned from a trip through the South, and has returned to duty. He was relieved by Bro. Posteraro.

Bro. J. H. Smith secured first trick at Lavenia; Bro. Morehead, third trick at Versailles, and Cl. Shugert, second trick at Reduction, on the last bulletin.

I am sorry to say that a few of the boys on the third tricks are sleeping on duty and stopping trains, which should not occur when working eight hours, and for which all of us will reap the rewards, when your committee goes after a new schedule.

Bro. Zimmerman, at Layton, and Bro. Clemens, at Finleyville, were appointed correspondents for the River and Pike, respectively, at our meeting last evening, and no doubt next month will find these districts well represented in the journal, for they are both well qualified for the work.

If you know of anything interesting, please send it to these brothers. BILL.

Pittsburg Division, West End—

As per bulletin of July 5th, the following appointments were made on this end: Bro. Oliver Wetzell to Allegheny, days; Mr. E. F. Anderson to Ellwood City, second trick.

Vacancies exist at Goehring, third trick; Gorsuch, first trick, and Ribolds, third trick.

Division Operator G. W. C. Day recently examined all the telegraphers on this end, on the whole book of rules, with the view of running trains on this end without the use of train orders. When this goes into effect an extra will be as good as a first-class train so long as it gets the "proceed" signal. It will then be up to the "owls" to be on the job. Boys, give the best of service, and eliminate the complaints.

Our worthy chief, in company of a company's surgeon, passed over this end, examining the eyesight and hearing of all the telegraphers.

Bro. Wetzell bid in the day job at Allegheny, in order to be nearer home. Bro. J. D. Dunbar taking his trick at "Bee Hive," "BG" tower.

Bro. C. W. Brown, of Willow Grove, is now spending a fortnight's vacation in and about Charlestown, W. Va.

While out driving with his wife recently, Bro. C. L. Baker, of Wildwood was slightly bruised

about the head and limbs, on account of the horse falling and throwing Bro. Baker to the ground.

Bro. C. E. Boyer will leave shortly on a furlough, expecting to spend the balance of the summer at Silver Bay, Lake George, N. Y.

Bro. "Shorty" Hostetler is still on that honeymoon.

Bro. Yeager was suddenly called to Baltimore, July 11th, on account of his brother being seriously injured by a falling iron beam, while at work on a new building; relieved by Bro. Morehead.

Relief Agent Bro. Postarero is relieving Agent Floyd at Zelenople.

Since returning from the Atlanta convention Bro. Lanning has been passing the time away at Goehring, by pulling those nice, large bass from the stream near by.

Bro. Fleischer is working as first trick telegrapher at Butler, while Mr. La Mar relieves the dispatchers, who are taking their vacation.

There will be some new members on this end in the near future, if the membership will only use a little more ginger in getting after those still out of line. Application blanks have been mailed those who could not be seen personally, and a little talk with these men in addition to the letter sent out by the local chairman, I think, will prove to be a great deal of good as to hurrying the nons to fall in line. There is no telling what may happen this coming winter in the way of seeing the management. If this be the case, 100 per cent strong would look better than 75 per cent. Get busy and do your best.

I trust that the membership on this end will send me any items that they think proper to put in these columns each month, not later than the 18th. The first thing you fellows do when you get THE TELEGRAPHER is turn to this page, and see what is written up. Why not help me out and make it as large as the editor will allow. I know there is more happenings than what I find, so every one make it a point to let me have what you know.

One more word and then I am through. Wake up to the fact that we still hold monthly meetings at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield, St., Pittsburgh, Pa., third Thursday of each month. This seems to be the hardest thing for the boys to remember. Come in every body.

"SHORTSTOP."

Cumberland Division, West End—

Business is fairly good over this division for summer time.

The weather so far this season has been ideal, and the summer resorts on the mountain tops are filling up.

Bro. W. R. Coglan, of Oakland, had to go to the hospital in Baltimore to have an operation performed; at last report he was doing nicely. All the boys hope to see him out soon.

Local Chairman Shaffer spent several days in Washington last month on business,

Since all schedule rights were abolished on this division, doing away with orders to a great extent, the copiers have been taken off in the train dispatcher's office, consequently some of the brothers along the line got "bumped," but at last reports all had secured new berths, and were going along the same as usual.

Local Chairman Shaffer attended the joint meeting of all the different railroad organizations at Cumberland, the 22d of June; he reports a large crowd, although he was the only representative of the O. R. T. present.

Brothers, please do not forget to send in your local dues, 75 cents each quarter, to Bro. J. R. Murphy, Oakland; he is the local treasurer, and will issue a receipt.

Also do not forget the third Thursday of each month; this is regular meeting night at Oakland; try to be on hand.

The nons are still coming in. Keep after them boys, individual effort on the part of all is bound to have the desired effect. Coa.

C. & N. Division—

The brothers must assist me by sending in items showing what is doing on the west end if they wish a write-up to appear monthly. How many of the boys on this division have up-to-date cards? I would like to know who they are. It seems as though some of the boys have cards but do not want it to be known. Why is this? Are they ashamed of the grand old O. R. T. and what it has done for them, or are they afraid of losing their positions. In either case they are very poor members. I have been requested to "jack the brothers up" in our journal for not attending our meetings.

Yours must be a sad case if you can not summon enough energy to attend meetings. Sickness is a good excuse, but it seems strange that so many of our brothers get sick on meeting nights. We are losing ground and losing it rapidly. Some of our members are talking of falling out if we don't brace up. Now how can such a listless bunch expect to land non-members? This does not mean all the members, but those whom the "shoe fits" can wear it.

Bro. Lamwell was home recently for a few days' vacation.

Bros. Williams and Fletch and Telegraphers Pierson and Allbright are filling the extra vacancies.

Bro. Klinkert was off a few days recently, nursing a sore hand, which was injured by a lever.

Bro. Page is taking his vacation, but is not doing any wireless work this time.

Bro. McCardle is at his post again.

Bro. Wilson, of Outville, is lieutenant of the O. N. G. and is in camp in Kansas. Telegrapher Pierson is relieving him.

Bros. Hackenbracht and Dildine, of "BR" tower, have changed tricks for a few weeks.

E. A. D.

West End Chicago Division—

Bro. C. J. Fulmer, of third trick at Albion, is off on a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. F. Huff.

Bro. W. W. Gruesbeck is back at Ripley after a visit in W. Va.

The block wire has been strung to Syracuse, and is in service. They expect to have it completed soon.

The last meeting at Defiance was a large one, many members from the west end being present. Arrange to attend the next meeting, August 18th. If a married man, don't growl, remember before you were married ?????

Bro. C. J. Roth is working first trick at Wellsboro while Bro. Osborn is off.

Bro. T. J. Karr landed first trick at McCools on the July bulletin. He was relieved by Telegrapher C. E. Trainer, of Garrett.

Bro. Rhinehold, the second trick man at Millers, is off duty a few days on account of the sickness of his brother. Relieved by Mr. Irwin, an extra man.

The next Defiance meeting is to be held August 18th. Will you be there?

Bro. Lansing, who has been on the extra list since last September, secured Millers, third trick. Mr. Miller has been holding this job.

Bro. Spurgeon, extra man at McCools, is off duty on account of the death of his father at Ft. Wayne, Ind. Bro. Spurgeon has the sympathy of all the members.

Bro. Salvo, of McCools, is taking his vacation this month, being relieved by Mr. Ritter, of Milford Junction. Ritter is one of the "don't see any benefit from the Order" kind; get after him when he relieves you; tell him why he should come across.

Bro. H. A. Durke, of first trick at Defiance, secured second trick at Wolf Lake on the July bulletin. We are glad to see him back on the west end.

Mr. Floyd Wilhelm, of "GS," Chicago, has left the service of the B. & O. Ry. and taken a position with the C. R. I. & P. in Chicago.

Mr. Williams, who took a leave of absence to attend school, has returned to his old job, days at "GS," Chicago.

At a recent meeting held in Defiance a brother remarked: "I have spent a most enjoyable evening, and I assure you I shall attend each meeting hereafter." He spoke the truth; the meetings are pleasant, interesting and profitable. We know that if you come once you will never stay away again. Come to the meeting August 18th and we will convince you.

Bro. Gregg at Alida and Bro. Rothenberger at Suman took in Buffalo Bill's show at Valparaiso, July 9th.

The company will open up four or five offices as soon as the block wire is completed.

Remember brothers, if you are open to conviction, attend the Defiance meeting August 18th.

W. S. Y.

New Castle Division—

Bro. V. P. McLaughlin, the second trick man at Akron Junction, was off duty four weeks on account of the sickness of his father; relieved by Bro. French, who holds right to State Road days if it ever opens up again.

Bro. Pennell bid in third trick at Ravenna; relieved at "TF" tower by Bro. King, who was relieved by Mr. Krueger. "TF" was bid in this month by Bro. Marshall, from third trick at Newton Falls. This keeps the job two-thirds O. R. T., which is as good as we could expect as long as Professor Bill works third trick.

Bro. Post gave up the third trick at "FS" tower for the extra list. We understand that the trick was bid in by Mr. J. C. Johnston. Bro. Post relieved Mr. Steinmetz at Newton Falls on the Fourth, and later went to the second trick at Boughtonville. Post was relieved at "FS" by Telegrapher Artz while the position was bulletined.

Bro. Carleton is relieving Bro. Sarff at New Castle Junction. Bro. Sarff is working for Bro. Sweet at Sterling while Sweet is taking his vacation.

Mr. C. G. Russell is working the first trick at Haselton while Bro. Faust is enjoying a trip to Hot Springs for the benefit of his health. Bro. Faust reports that he is improving nicely, which we are all glad to hear.

Bro. E. B. Smith, of "SK," Easton, who bid in second trick at Lowellsville, on the June bulletin, together with his wife spent a three weeks' vacation in Indiana.

Mr. J. C. Johnston is relieving Bro. Hill at "KN" tower, second trick, while Bro. Hill is spending his vacation with his parents at Ashland, Ohio. Mr. Johnston is to relieve Bro. Hawn on third trick when Bro. Hill returns to duty. Bros. Hawn and Robinson are the stars on the Edenburg baseball team. We understand that this team issued a challenge to any 12-year-old team in Mahoning County.

Mr. W. A. Pfeil, who worked second trick in New Castle side-wire office, has resigned to accept a position with the Santa Fe, where we understand he is promised a trick of dispatching soon. We wish him success.

Bro. Bedell, from "NC" Junction, second trick, is working the side wire while the position is bulletined. Bro. Trussell, from "UN" tower, is relieving Bro. Bedell, and Bro. A. F. Kelsey is relieving Trussell at "UN" tower.

Bro. Robinson, first trick man at "NC" Junction, was relieved by Bro. Carleton while he attended the ball game in Pittsburg July 4th.

Bro. T. G. Wallace, working third trick at "UN" tower, has just returned from an extended trip through the West, principally the State of Idaho. He reports a very nice time, but thinks Ohio and Pennsylvania are good enough for him.

Bro. H. B. Hunter, first trick at "UN" tower, is suffering from a boil on his hip, making it necessary for Bros. Wallace and Kelsey to work 12 hours each.

With a few men off sick and the vacation season on, there seems to be no great over-supply of telegraphers, and with business conditions back to normal we expect a greater shortage. There is not enough money paid telegraphers compared with the salaries paid for other kinds of work, hence the shortage. The division operator was heard asking the clerk at East Claridon to go to work the other day, but he seems to be a little shy on the necessary amount of confidence.

Bro. J. J. Kehres, from third trick at West Farmington to Painesville, doing the message work, days. Relieved at "F" by Telegrapher C. J. Leahy.

Bro. Byron, the second trick man at West Farmington, was relieved by Mr. Crawford for a two-weeks' vacation. He is taking a trip through the East.

Bro. Brillhart, the agent at Middlefield, was at last relieved by Bro. Reid from Boughtonville. We understand Bro. Brillhart gets the day job at Easton "SK" on bulletin.

The agency at Boughtonville was filled by Mr. F. E. Gary, who has been working second trick there for several weeks. He has gone to house-keeping.

Bro. Meagher, third trick at Nova, is spending his vacation along the lake, relieved by Mr. C. J. Leahy. Mr. Leahy came to Nova from West Farmington, where he was relieved by Mr. Crawford.

Bro. Brillhart is handling the agency at Easton for a few days before taking his new position at "SK" office.

Everything is running smoothly since they abandoned the use of classification signals, but it looks rather strange not to see the white and green rags on the engines.

Business conditions are about the same on the Snake. We heard a message the other day saying that a night force was to be put on at the docks at Fairport to load 500 cars of ore daily. Let us hope so. We wonder how it will be moved, as there seems to be a shortage of power and that not in very good shape. The strike-breaking machinists do not seem a very great success.

Have you got that new card or a receipt for dues? If not, it is up to you to get busy. We hear a great deal from the men about wanting a new schedule, but if we are to get it we must give the committee our undivided support, and it is necessary to be up to date to do it. Knocking because things are not just what they should be or as some think they ought to be never got us a thing. Get in the game and BOOST. FORGET TO KNOCK. UNCLE BIFF.

Philadelphia Division—

The telegraphers of this division were greatly shocked when they learned that our local chairman, Bro. Chas. W. Hill, died on Wednesday, June 30. He had been sick for quite a long time, and his death will be keenly felt by the telegraphers of this division, as his advice was

often sought on a great many questions. He was buried at Delmar, Delaware, on July 3d. Great sympathy is expressed for his wife.

We are pleased to say that Bro. F. F. Sullivan of Van Bibber, Md., was successful in the recent primary election held in Harford County, being nominated for the House of Delegates in the State of Maryland. It is hoped that his friends will stand as solidly behind him in the general election in November, as they did at the primary and elect him. This is in recognition of his hard and faithful work done for the telegraphers of Maryland several years ago, when he and Dr. Sebastian, of Division No. 17, fought so hard for the eight-hour law, which gradually led up to the passage of the national law regulating the hours for telegraphers, nearly on the same principle as the first law that ever was passed in behalf of the telegraphers.

There have been many changes on this division lately, and every month several positions are on the bulletin. BAUWO.

IN MEMORIAM.

CHARLES W. HILL.

On June 30th, 1909, suddenly and without warning, the death summons came to our friend and brother, Charles W. Hill, local chairman of Philadelphia Division, System Division No. 33, B. & O. R. R., at the home of his brother at Wilmington, Delaware. He was associate member of the local board of adjustment in 1902, under Bro. W. Edgar Frasher, chairman. In 1903 he was elected chairman and has served continuously since that time.

Bro. Hill had been seriously affected with a stomach ailment for several years, but withstood the suffering in silence and with Christian fortitude, all these years. He was compelled to relinquish his duties as first trick telegrapher at the passenger station, 24th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., May 29th or 30th, and endeavored to repair and recuperate his health. But our All-wise Providence elected to relieve him of his earthly torture, and we, who were closely associated with him for years, and knowing his inward character, are firmly assured that he has been called to his celestial home on high.

Bro. Hill was a genial and affable gentleman in every respect. His habits and character were beyond reproach. He was a friend and brother to all with whom he came in contact. He not only was a true blue and staunch brotherhood man, as unionism implies, but even broader-minded than that; he firmly believed in the brotherhood of man as Christ taught us—all brothers, regardless of position or station in life. He lived and acted it. He was for peace and harmony in both the private and official affairs of life. His heart was clean beyond question; he was charitable in his heart and also with his pocketbook. He was a good counsellor and a lovable companion. He will be missed by his associates in Division No. 33 for years to come. His bright disposition and ability to entertain in

public and private life has created a vacuum which will not soon be filled in our ranks.

While our bereavement in the loss of Bro. Hill is hard to bear, yet there is one other who will feel it more keenly than we of Division No. 33. I refer to his dear widow, Mrs. Hill, his closest companion in life. His first thought was for her welfare, particularly when he was engaged in his official duties away from home at night, often remarking to me that he should not have left her alone as she was delicate and required his attention. He was devoutly devoted to her and she to him. It is she who feels this separation greater than we. It is to her we should direct our prayers and thoughts in this sad period of bereavement.

Bro. Hill was quietly and impressively interred July 3d, 1909, in the M. E. churchyard, at Delaware, Delaware, his birthplace.

At the grave our Christian friend and brother, E. T. Seibert, his secretary on the L. B. of A., who represented Division No. 33 and also the Veteran Employees' Association, of which Bro. Hill was a member, reviewed his life in a very impressive and appropriate manner; he made no effort to exalt his character, but spoke the truth concerning him, as we all know it. He closed with a most beautiful prayer, appropriate of the occasion. The floral offerings were very beautiful, particularly those which Division No. 33 and the Veteran Employees' Association contributed.

His personal friend and brother,
July 16th, 1909. JOHN B. MILLER.

Newark, Delaware.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Almighty Father to summon our worthy friend and Brother, Charles W. Hill, to eternal rest, therefore be it

Resolved, That we submit in silence and sorrow, knowing that He, of infinite wisdom, had a purpose in so doing; that his mission on earth was fulfilled and that his appointed time had come; be it also

Resolved, That his genial and affable presence will be missed among his many associates, especially those of the Philadelphia Division, B. & O. R. R.; and be it further

Resolved, That System Division No. 33, O. R. T., through these resolutions, extend and convey sympathy and condolence to his widow and family, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his bereaved widow, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

JOHN B. MILLER.

CHAR. H. MILLER.

EDWIN T. SEIBERT.

Committee on Resolutions.

Cleveland Division—

The last two meetings were dandies. Not enough in attendance to make a quorum. Nothing doing unless you boys give a better turnout. We have several new members that we would like

to see at our meetings and many old ones that should be there. You do not know what you are missing when you miss a division meeting. Try to come every meeting night without fail. There are but very few members who are unable to come if they will but try to do so. TRY!!

Bro. H. J. Marlow and Bro. J. G. Tope are working at "CS," Cleveland, relieving T. D. A. man Jackson and Bro. Drake who are copying.

T. W. Davis, the second trick man at Bridge 80 are off duty on account of being sick. Bro. C. A. McGurk, who just came in from the wild and woolly West, is back to his old job while Davis is off.

The helper at Berea has been taken off and this puts all the work at that point on Bro. Myers. This will make it inconvenient for Bro. Myers to attend meeting. He was always on hand to represent the west end boys and the Cleveland-Lester branch.

G. W. Jackson, copier, first trick, is working at present as extra dispatcher on the second trick on east end C. L. & W. for regular Dispatcher O'Leary.

Dispatcher Brooker is camping at Turkey Foot Lake with Charlie Richards "at the bat" working his trick on the Valley.

Bro. J. F. Mitchell, Canal Fulton, is taking vacation and visiting relatives in the western part of the State.

Our local chairmen have sent the eighth set of papers to T. A. Martin, agent at New Berlin. Wonder if he will fill them out. This is not an exceptional case, either. Eight sets of papers in two years.

Bro. J. A. Keifer has resumed duty after two weeks' absence. Mr. and Mrs. Keifer were visiting relatives in West Virginia.

Bro. "Doc" Long at North Industry has sold one of his properties in that thriving city.

Bro. Blanke is getting awful short on news lately. What is the matter, Blanke? Get after them.

Bro. G. E. Houk went to Freeport to work first trick temporarily. Did not hear who he relieved. We understand that more of the eight-hour boys have been sleeping on duty. Cut it out, boys. You are not living up to your duty to the Order or to the railroad company. You are doing more harm to yourselves and the O. R. T. than you are to the railroad when you sleep on duty. Remember the fight we had to get the eight-hour tricks.

We haven't seen anything advertised lately, although since any positions have been advertised we hear of several being filled and several changes being made. They should be bulletined according to schedule, and the boys given a chance to bid on them. If you will take the matter up we think something could be done. Should you see any jobs filled not advertised that you would care to bid in, you should write Bro. McCoy, keeping a copy of all correspondence. Nuf sed.

Div. Cor.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Bro. Geo. Miller, agent at Le Moyne, has resigned. Unable to say where Bro. Miller has gone.

Bro. Cook, first trick at Pullman Junction, is back to work, after a pleasant vacation. Bro. Grace working third trick now, with Bro. Dixon, second trick. Telegrapher Ritter has been relieved, and has left for parts unknown.

Bro. A. S. Crippen is still holding down third trick at "CU," 112th St. tower.

Bro. A. R. Hoffman, first trick at Oakdale, is again at work, after a pleasant visit to his old home. Bro. Dixon filling in during his absence.

Bro. E. O. Jacobson is doing the strong arm stunt now, and Bro. McCullough is working third trick.

"Big Bill," the "professor" from Auburn Park, does not seem to be turning out telegraphers very rapidly. I do not think the surplus of telegraphers from this point will cause any reduction in wages.

Bro. Konn is filling in as agent at Brainerd, while the regular agent is taking a vacation.

Bro. Johnson, of Blue Island, is again at work, after a pleasant vacation.

Now, boys, don't forget to turn out to meetings which are held every fourth Saturday night at Room 912, Masonic Temple. These meetings are instructive, and give us a chance to get acquainted with the boys, with whom we work. Moreover they give us an opportunity to know what is taking place on the other roads in our vicinity. The condition of the organized telegraphers is getting better, so don't be without an up-to-date card, and remember the motto, "No card, no favors." COR.

Illinois Division—

There are rumors to the effect that there will be a committee up for a revision of schedule some time this fall. Although this is not official, it is encouraging. We should be able to secure a revision of our present schedule that will be satisfactory to all. In line with this, would suggest all brothers on our division get after the desirable nons in their immediate vicinity. There are quite a number of nons on this division, some of them holding positions that would undoubtedly be effected by the revised schedule. If the brothers would explain this to the nons, especially on the south end, we should be able to get them lined-up in good shape soon. It is only natural that we should help those who help us, more than the parasites that live on the efforts and money of our Order. Thorough organization, together with perfect service, will do more to bring things our way than anything else. And if there must be any complaints as to service, let it be against those that do not hold up-to-date cards.

Telegrapher W. H. Lyford bid in the third trick "VE" tower, relieving Telegrapher Hardy who leaves the service.

Bro. Lacy, first trick at "Q," Villa Grove, is off on a two months' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Johnson, second trick at that place. Bro. Johnson is being relieved by Telegrapher Ragan,

of "VE;" Ragan being relieved by Telegrapher Brounger. We understand that Bro. Lacy is taking in the Seattle Fair and other points of interest in the West.

Bro. W. E. Hicks, first trick man at Mt. Vernon, was forced to take a two weeks' vacation, on account of sickness; being relieved by Telegrapher J. D. Booth, extra.

Bro. Dewey, second trick man at "AH" tower, was off on a vacation, but was called back after one day's absence, on account of shortage of telegraphers.

Telegrapher W. C. Ford has been transferred from third trick to first trick at Mode.

Bro. A. O. Crosno, the agent at Arthur, is off on a much needed vacation. He is being relieved by Relief Agent Bro. V. Otey.

Bro. F. Larimer, the agent at St. Peter, has resumed duty after a short vacation. We understand that Bro. Larimer belongs to the Rock Island Division.

Bro. D. Smith, who formerly worked first trick at Mode, has bid in second trick at Kirksville.

Telegrapher E. Price has bid in the second trick at Tamma.

It is now Bro. Rebman, first trick at Cypress, instead of Mr. Also Bro. G. W. Trenary, agent at Carter. Here's the glad, brothers.

Account of no write-ups being received from south of Mt. Vernon this month, I am unable to give any changes on the south end. Would request some brother in that territory to see that this is not overlooked next month. We are grateful to the brothers on the north end and Bro. Hicks, at Mt. Vernon, for their assistance this month, and respectfully request that they come again.

I think it would be a good idea for every brother securing new members to report that fact to me, or Bro. Fogler, local chairman, St. Elmo, Ill. CERT. 54.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

In the June TELEGRAPHER, Bro. A. W. Lanquist was referred to as A. W. Lanquist. As this would leave the impression with a good many of the brothers that he was a non, I wish to say that Bro. Lanquist is up-to-date, and the error was an oversight of the correspondent, and was not done intentionally.

Bro. Johnson, first trick at "BX" tower, has returned from a ten days' vacation, which he has been spending with his father, who is agent at Perrysville, Ind. Bro. Johnson was accompanied home by his lady friend, Miss Grace Ingram, of Bismark.

Bro. Bahls, who relieved Bro. Johnson at "BX" tower, during his vacation, was sent to Hillsdale from there, and landed third trick at that place.

Bro. Goudy, second trick at Hill tower, Danville, is off visiting for a few days.

Bro. Mickle, agent at Alvin, was visiting friends in Danville, Sunday.

Bro. C. R. Montgomery, second trick at "WA" tower, Watseka, has asked to be relieved the

28th for a few days' vacation, which he will spend with his parents at Rosedale, Ind.

Bro. Walter Mangram, agent at Martinton, is away on his vacation, and is being relieved by R. F. Haggerty. Unable to say whether Mr. Haggerty is up-to-date.

Bro. Kaneen, second trick at "BX" tower, has been asking a few days off, but there are no extra men to relieve him.

Bro. Lanquist was up to Pittwood to spend the day, Sunday.

Understand that Bro. R. H. Toler, formerly of the C. & E. I., at Wellington, and "HJ" Tower, is now working in the dispatcher's office, at Denver, Colo., for the Colorado Southern.

Bro. W. J. Albert, agent at Freeland Park, was away several days, returning to work on the 15th. Understand he was united in holy wedlock while he was away.

Bro. E. R. Songer, third trick at Coaler, was relieved a few days, and intended going West for his health, but after being away a few days he reconsidered and returned to work again. He was relieved by Bro. F. L. Andrews.

Bro. E. R. Bolla relieved Bro. Young, at Coaler, for three days; Bro. Young relieved Bro. Phillips, at Wellington, for three days.

Bro. F. R. Bolla is at present relieving Bro. McGlashan, at "HJ" tower, second trick, on account of Bro. McGlashan's wife being very ill.

Just recently there was a telegrapher failed to report for duty on time, and the chief was inquiring into the case, thinking likely that he had been out of town, and had not got his proper rest. From the way the chief talked, I think this man will get his next time it occurs. This telegrapher is a non, and, therefore, does not reflect discredit upon the Order. Brothers, always let it be the nons who do careless work, if there is any to be done.

Terre Haute District—

Bro. Albert and Vern Bassett, who held second and third at Hillsdale, left for Montana after they resigned. Telegrapher Long, first trick man at Hillsdale, resigned, but can not say where he went. Bro. See, formerly second trick at Atherton, is working first trick at Hillsdale, until it is bid in by some one. Bro. See was relieved at Atherton by Telegrapher Socwell.

Telegrapher Thompson is relieving Bro. Rice at Jacksonville, third trick, while Bro. Rice is working a few weeks at "HJ" tower.

Relief Agent Bennett is relieving Bro. Moore, the first trick telegrapher and ticket agent at Danville Junction.

Bro. McGintis, first trick man at Cayuga, is off for a few days' vacation.

Bro. Case, first trick man at "HY" tower, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Rice from Jackson.

Bro. L. M. Callecod, third trick at Dewey, landed second trick at same place, on bulletin.

Mr. Royce is working the third trick at "OC" Junction, until bulletin expires.

Mr. O. O. Franklin is still reaping the benefit of the eight-hour first trick at Jackson.

Telegrapher P. H. Mack, who formerly held first trick at Hillsdale tower, but who was removed from the service, is back to Hillsdale.

We have a new man working the second trick at Cayuga. He is off the Clover Leaf.

Brazil District—

In making inquiries I find quite a number of nons in this district, and have a good field to work in. I have written them letters, explaining the condition that every thing is in. I was not at a loss for words to tell them, as the Order has done so much for the telegraphers even in the last year; that should be enough to justify any one in joining.

Bro. C. W. Foundry, third trick at Coal Bluff, was off a few days, on account of sickness. There being no extra men to relieve him, Bro. Johnson, the agent at Coal Bluff, worked the first night, then Bro. Z. E. Manly, first trick, and Bro. T. G. Lucas, second trick, worked twelve-hour tricks until "CF" returned.

Bro. Z. E. Manly has been unable to leave on his wedding trip, on account of no extra men to relieve him.

Bro. Don Jacobs, of Mecca, is off on a vacation, taking a trip through the West. He is relieved by a Mr. Bowers.

Bro. H. D. Anderson, first trick at Swanington, is on a vacation; relieved by Bro. J. Jones, from Division No. 42.

Bro. E. Wagnor, third trick at Burnett, Big Four crossing, has bid in third trick at Avon; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Thorp.

C. C. Hamilton, the regular second trick man at Veedersburg is away on a few days' vacation; relieved by H. W. Rynearson.

Bro. W. G. Andrews has been working the third trick at "OC" Junction, since Bro. Adams bid in second trick at Dewey.

C. C. Hamilton is relieving J. W. Marshall, the Clover Leaf agent, at Veedersburg, as the Clover Leaf had no one available that could handle the place. Marshall has gone to Seattle, Wash.

Percy Rynolds, second trick man at Brazil Shop, is taking a vacation. J. R. Payne, third trick man, is working second trick, while Rynolds is off. Payne is relieved from third trick by Extra Telegrapher Bro. F. L. Andrews.

The smiling face of O. W. Servies, one of the dispatchers of the Chicago Division, was seen on No. 10 last week, going north.

I "13" some of the brothers are dropping out of the Order, thinking that it will do them no good when the telephones are put in. This seems to be a very poor excuse to me, as telephone operators organized can accomplish as much as telegraphers can, and it is surely the water they drink that makes them imagine that.

A good investment for nons and every one who has not paid dues, would be to invest in a

new O. R. T. card, for they are dandies and they are here to stay.

I am thankful to the several brothers who contributed to the items this month, and hope they will come again. COK.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Allegheny Division—

Since my last letter to these columns, a great change has been made in the operation of the B. V. A. Division of the P. R. R., most of you, no doubt, are fully aware of the fact, therefore it is needless for me to go into details. Briefly, the Chautauqua Division has been abolished, and that portion from Buffalo to Oil City has been added to the Buffalo Division, and that portion from Oil City to Olean has been added to the Allegheny Division. The headquarters of the Buffalo Division remain at Buffalo, and Mr. G. B. Beale is the superintendent. Mr. Bell having been assigned other duties. The headquarters of the Allegheny Division were moved from Pittsburgh to Oil City, with no change in its officers. Mr. J. N. Foulitz, formerly division operator of the Chautauqua Division has been transferred elsewhere. Nearly all of the former employees were taken care of in some way.

This reorganization means a tremendous saving in operating expenses, but a great inconvenience to a majority of the employees, as many owned their own homes in Pittsburgh and were compelled to sell at a loss. As a whole, a more discontented lot of men and women it would be hard to find, however, in time this feeling may wear off, and as the men become more accustomed to the place they may be better satisfied.

There are more rumors being circulated every day; a trip over the division by a committee of the board of directors accompanied by the general manager, gives color to rumors of other changes. The one which seems most plausible, and is given some credence by the knowing ones, is that the present Buffalo Division is to be added to the P. & E. Grand Division, and the present Allegheny Division is to be added to the Western Pennsylvania Grand Division, thus eliminating the B. & A. V. as a grand division, and abolishing the office of general superintendent in Buffalo. This change, if true, would affect a still greater saving in operating expenses which seems to be the object sought after. It is estimated that the changes already made save the company, approximately, \$400,000.00 a year. In view of this fact, does it not seem that the telegraphers should be given some consideration in the matter of relief days?

Business is steadily improving, and all reports seem to indicate that there are very few telegraphers out of employment. Many authorities, among them our old friend "Jim" Hill, are very positive in their belief that by fall all railroads will be taxed to their utmost carrying capacity, which means, of course, that all idle equipment as well as idle employees will be drawn back into active service. In the daily papers one reads of

large orders for cars, engines and rails, being placed by various railroads, all of which means employment for the idle, and hence, better industrial conditions throughout the country.

With these facts before us let us, each and every one, renew our efforts toward perfecting our organization, for it is as true today as it ever was that without an organization we are helpless to better our conditions. We, as a class, have many grievances, true, conditions have changed wonderfully for the better in the past decade, yet there are many things that should be, and, no doubt, will be, corrected in the next few years, and the first step necessary is complete organization.

We have the foundation for one of the best organizations in the labor world; our constitution compares favorably with any of them; our officers are second to none; the rank and file have the brains, and it is only necessary to apply those brains along safe and sane lines and our success is assured.

It is a pleasure to note that at the present time there are less than a dozen delinquents on this division, and I venture to say that in the next month or two more than half of these will have remitted and placed themselves in good standing. As usual the secretary's report shows the "Vally" well in the lead in the matter of new members, and we hope and trust his next report will be even better. A number of those shown as having dropped their membership have since rejoined, and are now in good standing, and it is safe to assume that they will never again allow their names to appear on the list of suspensions.

Another pleasing feature is the high grade of service being rendered by the telegraphers as a whole, and I wish to congratulate you one and all on the fine showing made in the past six months, and urge you to still greater efforts in the future. Be ever watchful of the company's interests, for in that direction lies your hope for future advancement, the policy of the P. R. R. is to reward faithful service and while this reward may sometimes seem tardy or entirely absent, it will pay you, eventually, to do your best at all times.

"BRIGHAM."

C. & O. Ry.

Mountain District—

Here I am again with a few lines from this grand old district of Division No. 40. I could write with pleasure if it were not for realizing that there are so many good writers on this district, who are able critics. Month after month passes with not a line in the journal. I do not see why we can not be represented each and every month. Will you not wake up and realize that you are living. I think it is high time that day was breaking with some of you. If Bro. Quick sees fit and thinks this writing is worth publishing, I am going to certainly put in a few lines, regardless of how it sounds to the wise. Maybe I will continue until some good writer

steps up and takes the stand. I once thought our division was on an average, but after getting acquainted with other divisions I find things just the reverse to what I thought them. My views were certainly refracted as much as a ray of light is refracted when it enters a transparent liquid medium. Everything is moving along about as usual. Extra men are getting somewhat scarce, so I understand. All of those who have not starved to death since the "cut-off," have either left or have finally succeeded in getting enough work here to keep them going.

Bro. Stark Smith, I understand, is now working extra for the Western Union in Staunton.

Bro. Andrews left for West Virginia several weeks ago, to engage in the "pop" business; his sixty days will soon come to a close, so we are looking for him back on every train. We, however, wish him success in his new business.

Bro. Mooney, from "F" office, Clifton Forge, has moved his trunk to Crozet, and is now working at that place as agent, which vacancy occurred by the death of Bro. C. W. Owens, who had been agent there for several years.

Second trick at Greenlee is open for a few months. Suppose some of the boys will want to go down and fight the mosquitoes for a spell.

During a conversation with an old conductor on this road, a few days ago, we finally drifted to train orders. He told me in case he received an order reading, "No. 14 will hold main track and meet 1st No. 15 at North Mountain and 2d No. 15 at Swoope," that he would hold main track in both cases; he also stated that if the same order would read thus: No. 14 will hold main track and meet 1st No. 15 at North Mountain and meet 2d No. 15 at Swoope. In that case he would hold main track at North Mountain and take siding at Swoope. I contended that he should take siding at Swoope in both cases, because in the first order given he did not have any right whatever over 2d No. 15 at Swoope, other than meeting him there. All operators on this division are acquainted with the orders and movements, right, class, right by direction, etc. Therefore I would like to have the opinion of some operators in next month's journal. No. 15 is 1st and No. 14 is 2nd class train.

J. J. C., CERT. 942.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

New River District—

We failed to get our news in last month, and the only reason we can assign is that it was lost or delayed in the mail.

We regret that two of the old members were dropped June 30th, for non-payment of dues. I do not believe it is their desire to be classed as nona, and hope they will shortly be up-to-date.

The time is here for new cards, and it is hoped that every one has paid dues this month. A union card is the best recommendation that any honest workingman can carry, and one should not favor a person who does not recognize the card.

Bro. J. J. Hanson, third trick at McKendree, enjoyed a fifteen-day vacation in June and July, visiting relatives and assisting his father in wheat harvest; relieved by Telegrapher W. I. Holliday.

Sister S. M. Walker secured third trick at South Fayette, on bulletin; boys, don't do any pulling near South Fayette, as this is a nice position for a lady, there being no switches to handle.

Bro. N. G. Tigrett, of Gauley, third trick, who was operated on at Hinton Hospital for appendicitis, June 16th, is improving very rapidly, and will be out in a few days, also Bro. Jas. Rushford, who had the usual treatment for appendicitis is able to resume work.

Bro. E. R. Shanklin, relieving Telegrapher H. F. Hoke at Prince, having just returned from Denver and Pike's Peak, reports a very fine time, and we are of the opinion he will purchase Pike's Peak for a summer resort. Our last meeting at Hinton was very poorly attended. We should all avail ourselves of the opportunity to get together, I am sure we could all do better in this respect, if we would. All of us can not attend at times, but all of us can attend part of the time.

E. L. S.

Kentucky Division—

I have a plan which I wish to suggest to the members, especially the division correspondents and others who furnish monthly items, which I think, if carried out would be a great help to many of us who, like myself, are unemployed, as a result of the closing of so many offices during the present "financial suppression." My plan is this: When the division correspondents and others are sending in write-ups each month, let each of them state (in his items) what, in his opinion, are the chances for men to secure employment on his division, and in cases where they think there is an opening, give the name and address of the chief train dispatcher or superintendent of telegraph to whom application should be made. I would like to hear the opinion of others on the subject.

CERT. 878, Div. 40.

Erle Ry.

Mahoning Division—

W. H. Ludt, manager at Leavittsburg office, is off a few days, having gone to New York City. This puts W. S. Laurie on first trick in Ludt's place.

W. J. Holbrook is on second trick, after having been off thirty days as a painter's apprentice, and still leaves A. L. Taylor, the regular third trick man at Warren, on third trick at Leavittsburg.

J. B. Pulaski, of second trick at Wilson Ave., Cleveland, goes to third trick at Youngstown, in place of Dorothy Dean, Miss Dean going to third trick at Aurora.

C. W. Mitchell is on second trick at Youngstown.

W. V. Saltzman, second trick at "CB" tower, is off duty, cultivating onions in his thirty-acre farm. This moves J. J. Ryan from third to sec-

ond trick at "CB" tower, and J. E. Mahn from second trick "VO" tower to third trick at "CB" tower.

C. A. Conant goes from third trick "BR" tower to Wilson Ave., Cleveland, in Pulaski's place.

Sherman Hart is working second trick at Warren, until A. L. Taylor returns from Leavittsburg.

Frank Metcalf, second trick at Feronia, leaves the telegraph service, taking a position as yard clerk at Sharon.

The joint meeting of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, July 17th, was well attended by members from both divisions. Each division had an equal number of members present. The Meadville Division being represented from as far east as Falconer Junction, while the Mahoning Division was represented from as far west as Leavittsburg.

Now don't forget these meeting nights, they come on the third Saturday night of each and every month. The hall is located on the third floor, over the Union National Bank, on the southeast corner of Market St. and Park Ave., Warren, O.

Div. Cor.

Susquehanna Division—

Bro. Geo. Oneil, regular second trick man at "BD," Binghamton yard, who has been sick and off duty for the past month, has recovered, we are glad to say, and is now working first trick at Great Bend, his old home, in place of Bro. Delancy.

Telegrapher F. M. June is working second trick at Binghamton yard. Will some brother on the east end look after this man and start him on the right road?

Fred Johnson, first trick at Binghamton, is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. Delancy.

Bro. Ira Brooks, of "XY" tower, is off duty a few days; relieved by Telegrapher John Wilson, of Owego.

Bro. M. J. Derring, of Wellsburg, was off one day, on account of sickness; relieved by Telegrapher Popeck, of Elmira.

Mr. Paul Gnuskey, second trick at "MJ" tower, was off one day recently. Relieved by Mr. Popeck.

Our good brothers on the west end went back on us this month, and did not send items. We will expect a large bunch of news from that end for the next issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Will some brother on the Tioga Division kindly take it upon himself to send us some items from that division each month; get them to Bro. Hesser, at 364 Wallace Place, Elmira, by the 17th. It looks bad for the Tioga Division to have nothing at all in the write-up.

The next meeting will be held at Binghamton, Thursday evening, July 22d, at 8:30 p. m. We hope for a good turnout. This is the first meeting held in Binghamton for some time, but in the future meetings will be held at Binghamton, Corning and Elmira, alternately, and probably Waverly and Owego, this will make it fair for all brothers. Now brothers, these meetings are of importance to all of us, and we hope for a good

attendance at all of them. We will not have any regular date for any meeting, but will call meetings about every five or six weeks. Come out and get next to what is going on. There is always something happening at these meetings that is of interest to you. The next meeting after this one will be held in Elmira on Sunday morning in order to give the Tioga Division brothers a chance to turn out. They can not attend night meetings on account of their train service. We will give date later. Every brother on the Susquehanna and Tioga Divisions are earnestly requested to get after every non they can reach and show them the right road. Let's make this the banner division of the system, we should make it so that we can say "there isn't a desirable non on the division;" don't wait but get right after them. If each brother would do his part in this line we could soon say "not a desirable non on the division."

Div. Cor.

C. & E. Division—

The time has arrived for the payment of dues, so if you have not already paid up, please arrange to do so as soon as possible. Let us have it said that there is not a backslider on the C. & E.

To the nons and old hard shells the time has come when the other fellow can not carry all the load. When you are approached on the subject do not run and hide or put up the old pleas or promises that you think will do at the time, but come right out and say "I will go right in and be a man among men." We know you will feel better with an up-to-date card in your pocket, and will command the respect of all mankind. We need and are entitled to the support of each and every telegrapher on the Erie for two reasons: the good that has been done and the good that will be done in the future.

Bro. Ray Teeple, the third trick man at "DA" tower, is off on two weeks' vacation. Telegrapher McCormick is in his place.

Bro. Roe has been checked in as agent at Hepburn.

Bro. McGuffey went to Huntington to ask for relief for vacation, but there appears to be no extra men.

Sister Cutting spent ten days vacation at Findlay, Ohio; relieved by Telegrapher Hunter.

Telegrapher Witt, the second trick man at Simpson, has about run out of promises.

Agent Alspaugh, of Elgin, Ohio, has taken unto himself a helpmeet, and spent two weeks on a honeymoon trip in Illinois; relieved by Extra Agent Shasser.

Bro. Sparks, of Markle, is taking a vacation. Relieved by Telegrapher Littler, second trick man, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Geiger, third trick man. Extra Telegrapher Hunter relieved Bro. Geiger.

Bro. Kreigh, agent at Tocsin, has drawn \$1,000 on a paid-up policy and will build a new house.

Bro. Sayles spent vacation near Bluffton, Ind., and at Michigan summer resorts; relieved by Telegrapher Rainsburg.

Bro. Conners, third trick at Elgin, is laying off and making hay. Says he can make more money doing that than telegraphing.

Bro. C. A. Heite now has a bungalow of his own.

Mr. Strode is still turning out a few new telegraphers. Why is it he doesn't come into the fold and help straighten up some of the nine and ten hour jobs.

Sister E. I. Carey laid off a few nights; relieved by Taylor.

Bro. F. D. Wilkin worked one day at yard office. He now has third trick at Ohio City.

Bro. W. F. Schory is working extra at Bippin, relieving Telegrapher Myers.

Telegrapher Goodman has bid in second trick at Tocsin and Telegrapher Mattheis third.

From all appearances extra men are not plentiful on this division.

Bro. Klein was up to "U," Sunday the 27th, visiting a few of his many friends; he reports a good time.

Bro. M. D. Davis has been visiting his old friends at Aloys.

Bros. C. F. Vermillion and E. D. Oglesbee were at Lima on business the first of the month.

Bro. D. E. Foutzenhiser was over to Ossian and helped lead the goat during the initiation of a "knight of the key," Clyde Smith, of "CH" tower, near Ft. Wayne, on the Wabash R. R.

Some of you brothers on the Chicago Division send the local chairman items and let's have a write-up every month. We don't want to take the back seat all the time. Buck Nix.

New York Division—

Bro. McGrinn, third trick at Highland Mills Junction, was absent from duty a few days last month on account of sickness. Mr. Hunter relieved Bro. McGrinn.

Bro. Gordon, second trick at Highland Mills Junction, and his brother George, who was employed as a signalman, have both resigned to accept positions with the Manhattan Electric Railway of New York City. Here's wishing them both success.

Bro. Hunter, third trick at "MJ," Newburgh Junction, has resigned to engage in farming. We hope Bro. Hunter will succeed as a farmer.

Mr. Malone bid in Bro. Hunter's job at Newburgh Junction.

Bro. Readdy was off last month on account of sickness, but is back on the job again. Bro. Readdy was relieved by a Mr. Ceely.

Bro. Westerbelt, second trick man at "RN," Patterson, was off sick for two weeks last month. He was relieved by Bro. Bailey, second trick man at "SJ," Sterlington Junction. I believe Bro. Westerbelt hadn't lost a day for seventeen years before being taken sick.

Brothers, remember, "no cards, no favors." It is the only way to get the nons in. I guess the nons think they are going to get a pull with the company by staying out of the Order, but that is where they are mistaken. There is a certain

non working on this road who promised to join last December, but hasn't done so. It is about time he got wise to himself. When the nons come around for favors tell them to make a noise like a hoop. CERT. 265.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Second District—

It is some time since Division No. 2 has appeared in the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER. Nevertheless we have been silently climbing upward, and we can now say that we are nearly one hundred per cent solid O. R. T. and with the same effort that characterized our upward march for solid membership, are we now bending forth to obtain those favorable conditions that an enthusiastic membership deserves. We can see the eight-hour law not far off. It is a reality with our brothers in the United States, and they say "life is worth living now." May the time soon come when we can say the same.

How about that card that says "Good until revoked until December 31, 1909?" How many are there who have not yet sent in their dues for this period. Better get busy and do it now, and help the general secretary get squared around.

There are quite a few complaints floating around about agents and telegraphers not bulletining trains.

Mr. A. E. McDonald, chief special agent of the C. N. Ry., in conversation with me some time ago, said that this matter was very much neglected and went on to say that the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada had appointed an inspector for the purpose of looking into this trouble, and that he was liable to pass over the line at any time and for the first offense an agent was fined five dollars. The second offense he was liable to be arrested, and the third offense he would be discharged from the service of the company on order of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, giving as a reason that he was incompetent to handle a station.

Canadian telegraphers, sit up and listen! Being awakened to your and my own conditions as they existed, I thought it would be in order to write the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada and see what this ruling was, and here follows the reply, in addition to Mr. McDonald's remarks:

BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA.

A. D. CARTWRIGHT, *Secretary.*

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

OTTAWA, May 7, 1909.

File 10282. Inquiry of W. A. Harrow.

DEAR SIR: Referring to your letter of the 30th ult., addressed to the Minister of Railways in regard to the posting of notice of overdue trains on the bulletin board:

I beg to state that the same has been forwarded to me for consideration in reply. I would call your attention to Section 271 of the Railway Act, which reads as follows: "Every company upon

whose railway there is a telegraph line in operation shall have a blackboard put upon the outside of the station house, over the platform of the station in some conspicuous place at each station of such company, at which there is a telegraph office; and when any passenger train is overdue at any such station, according to the timetable of such company, the station agent or person in charge at such station shall write or cause to be written with white chalk on such blackboard a notice stating to the best of his knowledge and belief the time when such overdue train may be expected to reach such station."

Sub-section two provides that if there is any further change, a fresh notice is to be put up.

Section 395 provides that the company shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$5.00 for each such wilful neglect, omission or refusal, also that the stationmaster shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$5.00 for failure to comply with the requirements of Section 271.

This, I think, covers the information asked for.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. D. CARTWRIGHT.

Appears to be worth giving a little attention to, brothers! It means ten dollars out of your pocket if you give a chance to have it carried out, because the railway company would make you pay theirs, you know, out of your check.

This not only applies to Canadian Northern telegraphers, but to all telegraphers in Canada. I fancy I can see the telegraphers on the Dominion Atlantic Railway dipping down to pay three fines a month out of a thirty-dollar check. Don't leave much on which to feed the wife and babes, eh?

I fear I have taken up too much space, but I could not possibly cut it any shorter and be of interest to you all.

CERT. 94.

Ann Arbor Ry.

There is not much news this month. I have asked several members to help me out in gathering items each month, but as yet none have responded. I am sorry to say that it begins to look as though the members had lost all interest in our good old Order.

We should go after the management for a revision of our schedule. We will have to present a solid front, and have the backing of every live member on the line. This is a small road, and we will have to get every telegrapher and agent strictly in line to make good. Now get busy and get all the nons in line. When we send our committee for a conference with the management, we want them to know that we all are at their back; that every man on the line is ready to help out. I am sure that we could all stand a little raise in pay, to say nothing of changes that are needed at one-man stations, for instance where the agent, or telegrapher, makes all trains between the hours of six a. m. and eight p. m. We all want these changes, and we never will get them by sitting back and letting the chairman

do all the work. He has to have the backing of each man on the road.

Another thing we have to have the sinews of war, money. Bro. Taylor has been trying hard to get together enough money to pay off our old debts. He says that he had the promises of enough to make good. But am sorry to hear that a great many have either gone back on their promises or forgotten them. We are in debt quite a lot, from getting our last schedule, and we will have to make that good. Some of the boys who were on our committee spent their own money to get that schedule, and have never been reimbursed. Now boys, that is a shame. At last reports Bro. Wright, at Howell, was still short some fifty dollars. Let each and every one, whether a member or not, forward a mite to Bro. Taylor, our worthy chairman at Mt. Pleasant, so that he can make this good to Bro. Wright. Two dollars a piece will make things square all around, and leave a little in the treasury for future use. Let us hope that Bro. Taylor will be able to make these debts good this coming pay day, and he can do so if each one will send his little share.

We are unable to give many changes on the line, as we have received no help from men who are in touch with the membership on the road.

Bro. R. W. Berryman, first trick man at Hallett, is laying off a couple of weeks, enjoying a vacation; Bro. J. B. Ide, our handy man, is working the second trick. Mr. Heisey, a good man, but am sorry to say a non, is working first trick.

Understand Bro. Kerwin is still at Shepherd, relieving the agent, while the latter is on his vacation.

Mr. McDaniels, the first trick dispatcher on the south end, was off a few days last month, on account of sickness in his family. The other dispatchers doubled during his absence. We are glad to hear him back on duty again.

The A A new steel train goes into service Monday, July 12th, and with the new Grasshopper movement passenger engine it will make a train of which any road should be proud. It is electric lighted throughout, with all the latest improvements, and makes one of the best trains run on any railroad in the United States.

The officials of the Ann Arbor seem to be trying to build an up-to-date road, in all respects. With new freight engines of the best build, new passenger engines, new steel coaches and a lot of new steel being laid, the Ann Arbor ought to, in time, make one of the best roads in this country. And it is up to each and every one of us to help them in every respect that we can. Secure all the business we can, throw every thing we can to the A A, make the business so heavy that when we want things that they will be able to see that they can not get along without us. That it is to their interest to help their men. Dividends are what the railroad officials want, more pay is what we want, and without the business neither of us are going to get what we are after.

Some of us think that we are not treated just as we ought to be, but there are a lot of worse

places to work. Places where we don't get the same pay, where working conditions are not the same. Whose fault is it that we have not the same rate of pay, the same working conditions that our brothers have on other roads? No ones, but our own. Let every one get an up-to-date card, get banded together so closely that we can deal with the railroads as one individual. Give them to understand that they are not dealing with a few, but every agent and telegrapher on the road. Then things will be different. The railroads can not get along with out agents and telegraphers, any more than they can engineers or firemen; and we are as essential to the running of trains, as either the engineer or the fireman? They talk telephones, but they have never invented a 'phone yet that will run itself, and we can organize the 'phoners as well as the telegraphers.

To stand a show against the railroad companies and the trusts, the working class must have a solid organization.

So let us, one and all, get in line and present a solid front, every one with an up-to-date card.
G. E. L.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Chattanooga Division—

On account of several of the brothers having sickness in their families, and others being unable to get off on account of peach business, the meeting which was to have been held at Lafayette, the third Sunday in July, was called off. We hope that conditions will improve and that we can have a rousing meeting the third Sunday in August.

We are glad to note that Sister Knight, of Turin, who has been off sick, has returned to work.

Bro. Brantley, of Carrollton, is off for thirty days, taking his vacation, part of which he is spending at the military encampment at St. Simons Island, with his company. Mr. B. A. Powell is relieving him.

Bro. Bryon, who has been working at Carrollton, has resigned and left the service. Haven't heard where he went.

Bro. Conyers, of Newman, expects to lay off during August and visit Tybee and other points of interest.

We have to again remind just a few of you that you haven't paid your semi-annual dues for the current period.
CENT. 265.

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

First Division, South End, Minnequa to La Veta—

There are not many changes occurring now-a-days. The boys seem to be pretty well satisfied.

Bro. S. E. Allen, of Cuchara Junction, took a fishing trip of two weeks, over on the Fourth Division. He reports a very pleasant time. Bro.

Allen went on second trick upon his return. Bro. Shipman relieving.

Mr. C. R. Elliott working third trick at Cuchara Junction, now on bid.

Bro. F. R. Johnson, after return of Bro. "P. D." Leonard, went to Graneros, third trick; this on bid.

Bro. R. L. McCain, from Graneros, third trick, to San Carlos, first trick. Bro. D. C. Kennedy works the second trick there now.

Bro. R. C. Sheldon, who had San Carlos regular, resigned, married Miss Zoetta Nevelin, of Pueblo, and went South to accept a position with the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company.

Bro. "Tim" Rowen, of Minnequa, second trick is laying off. He went to Detroit, Mich., on a visit, and to attend the wedding of his daughter. He was relieved by Mr. C. Kirk. This man will be "Bro." in the next write-up.

ASST. G. S. AND T., DIV. 49.

Second and Third Divisions—

Bro. T. S. Wilkins has resigned from third trick at Salida, and went to "JN" as extra wire chief and manager.

Bro. W. S. Burtiss, after suffering the loss of his wife, has returned to work as agent at Moffat.

Bro. Crosno, of Moffat, has taken third trick in the dispatchers' office in Salida, extra.

Bro. C. B. Fulmer has tendered his resignation to the O. R. T. and has been promoted to extra dispatcher.

Mr. Merrill, wire chief at Salida, is laying off for thirty days; relieved by Mr. Larmee.

Messrs. Flynn and Merrill have gone to the Seattle fair.

Bro. E. D. Hyatte has gone from "MP" to work extra in "S" office.

Bro. C. R. Mowery, from the N. Y. C., is now working extra at Marshall Pass.

Bro. W. E. Verts, from the C. M. & St. P., is working extra at Sargent.

Mr. Rech, the trainmaster, has just returned from a trip "back East."

Bro. Howe is off duty for a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Soderberg, the second trick man at Tennessee Pass, is off a few days; we understand that he has bought a five-acre farm.

A Mr. O. C. Ogden from "back East" is relieving Bro. Soderberg.

Bro. Howlett has been transferred from the agency at Minturn to the agency at Granite.

Bro. Drake has been transferred from the agency at Granite to third trick at Glenwood.

Bro. Crosno was the only man to send in news this month. He always keeps tab on all changes.

I notice that some of the boys have been sleeping a good deal on duty. Now this does not show up very well and I would suggest that it be "cut out" at once.
"Q."

Southern Pacific Ry.*Tucson Division—*

The hottest season of the year has been with us for some weeks and as was expected, there is a brisk demand for telegraphers. Not a few regular and extra men have resigned to seek pleasanter places, with consequent less amount of pay, but those of us who are tied down make the best of it, and hope for a cool day.

At Maricopa and Yuma a temperature of 127° in the shade has been recorded lately.

As the requirements to enter the service of the S. P. are rather exacting, not all the newcomers stay a great while. A newcomer must pass a severe physical examination, requiring excellent eyes and ears; must furnish bond with the National Surety Co., and provide himself with a standard watch. He must also have two pictures taken and past record must be good. There is also a test to be passed to show an applicant to be a competent telegrapher and a plain writer. In this way the S. P. maintains a force not excelled anywhere for speed, accuracy and good conduct.

Not a few of the boys are taking in the exposition at Seattle, Wash. Among them are Bro. C. H. Ward, of Cochise. When he returns he will resume the agency at Gila.

Bro. G. C. Kelber, of Steins, also went that way, lined with gold.

A surprise was sprung by Bro. George E. Wilson, recently, when his marriage was announced to Miss Bessie Bock, daughter of C. Bock, agent at Benson. Mrs. Wilson was a charming and popular member of Benson society, and Bro. Wilson has no lack of good friends who wish them both the fullest measure of happiness at their future home in Red Rock.

Bro. J. H. King, agent at Simon, has traded with L. Stice on the Coast Division at Naples, California.

The dispatchers have almost all enjoyed their vacations, and regular men as a rule are on their own tricks.

Among those who have resigned from the ranks of the telegraphers are George S. Taylor, W. L. Nellis, S. M. Landis, James B. Evans, W. Buchen and several others.

Some newcomers are W. A. Floyd and C. F. Baughman.

The list of vacancies up for bid is: Wellton agency, Mohawk agency, Aztec agency, Sentinel third trick, Sentinel second trick, Red Rock second trick, Tucson fourth trick, Cochise agency, Cochise days, Wilna nights, Deming second trick.

John T. Perrin is relieving at Red Rock three months.

A scarlet fever epidemic broke out recently at Benson, and Bros. A. G. Brinley and J. C. Long were in the hospital for several weeks. They are now up and around.

Bro. Walker Ham, of Cambray, is off on a leave of absence.

All eyes are centered on the land distribution arrangements at Yuma, which takes place presum-

ably in October. Some of us will get rich and some won't get a smell.

With fraternal feelings to all, I will close.

Div. Con.

Houston District—

Bro. Leo Rauh filed into Weimar as telegrapher-clerk (conditional position). This is General Chairman Lester's regular position.

Mr. J. F. Baker goes to Glidden third trick permanently. We hope the salary of this position will enable him to get a card soon.

Bro. E. R. Finck goes to Uvalde to relieve Miss Ida Donnelly for about sixty days.

Bro. J. L. Rothe, telegrapher-clerk at Hondo, is taking sixty days rest, spending the time in Mexico. He is relieved by Bro. Hines Rothe.

Bro. Oscar Rosenbush is doing the agent's stunt at Sabinal, relieving Bro. T. E. Wyatt.

Bro. M. Braden has returned to duty at LaCoste after a prolonged vacation on account of ill health. We hope that he has improved.

Bro. A. P. Shatto, of Weimar, has returned from an official inspection of his gold-mine interests in Mexico. Bro. "Shat" reports things in fine shape and good pay dirt being taken out.

A new man, D. D. Angle, is at Sequin third trick, extra. Will know in a day or two whether he has a card.

Bro. O'Farrel, of Division No. 25, is at Eagle Lake, third trick, relieving Mr. Thatcher, who is sick.

Mr. Rather, agent at Eagle Lake, has dropped his membership because he received only \$380 benefit from the Order in the way of increased salary since February, 1903. Does that jar you?

Henry Hurr, our local chairman, of Engle, Tex., is putting his faith in pure-bred poultry. He recently received a fine bunch of White Orpingtons from the old breeders in the North. They are the big kind, and he says they have all other breeds "spiked to the switch."

Bro. J. D. Walker is working a dispatcher trick at Del Rio.

We are requested to announce that all mothers, sisters, wives and daughters of O. R. T. members are eligible to membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary. Those wishing to join should inform Mrs. Henry Hurr, fourth vice-president, Engle, Texas. The initiation fee is fifty cents, monthly dues ten cents. Application blanks will be sent on request. This is a good move and should receive the encouragement and support of every brother.

Keep your local chairman informed and keep at work on those nons. CANT. 362.

Sacramento Division—

Another month has passed and it is time to send in the news items from the Sacramento Division. Quite a number of the brothers have responded to requests for items, but we will no doubt miss some station changes on account of your correspondent not being advised. It is gratifying to see the interest taken by some brothers in the way of stirring up the nons; if all would

get busy it would be but a short time until we would have the desired one hundred per cent. However, Sacramento Division is in very good condition, only one young telegrapher on the entire division who is not a member, and the older heads are beginning to see the error of their way. Since our July write-up, the local committee, assisted by our general chairman, Bro. W. H. Lester, called on Superintendent H. W. Sheridan and succeeded in reinstating a brother who has been off for more than a year. Our superintendent and chief clerk, J. J. Henderson, who handles the telegraphers, treat us all with fairness and respect. They seem glad to be able to do anything to help us get along smoothly, and every agent and telegrapher on the district should strive to give the best of service at all times.

Business is now good all through the Sacramento Valley. We often see six and eight large four-engine trains laden with fruit winding their way over the high Sierras in one day; passenger traffic is also heavy. Our company has recently put on an extra train for the Seattle Exposition business. It is called the Shasta Flyer, and runs each way daily between San Francisco and Seattle, Wash. This flyer is conceded to be one of the finest trains in the world.

Bulletin No. 50, with twenty-four positions open, is now being distributed over the district. It will be open for seniority bids for thirty days.

Two telegraph positions in Sacramento "H" office, assistant at Roseville, second telegrapher at Loomis, second telegrapher at Penryn, second telegrapher at Caporn, agency at Dutch Flat, third telegrapher at Towle, second telegrapher at Midas, second telegrapher at Cisco, first telegrapher at Spruce, third telegrapher at Summit, agency at Truckee, second telegrapher at Verdi, agency at Arbuckle, clerk and telegrapher at Oroville, agency at Placerville, and six telegraph positions in the general telegraph office at San Francisco.

The July 1st seniority list shows thirteen cancellations and twelve additions. The new issue will not be printed until January 1st, 1910, but if any member wishes the changes he can mail his January 1st, 1909, issue to the local chairman, who will revise and return.

It is reported that Bro. M. P. Arenz will be made division operator soon, and that Mr. Knightlinger goes to Mr. Calvin's office.

Supt. H. W. Sheridan was called east on account of the sudden illness and death of his sister.

Mr. B. R. Holtcamp, for some time third telegrapher at Woodland, has resigned and gone east.

Bro. R. J. Remmey, of Northern Pacific No. 54, is now working a trick at Woodland.

Bro. C. A. King, the regular second trick man at Woodland, is working extra at Cisco.

Bro. R. Clemence, of Oroville, is now working as cashier at Marysville; relieved by Bro. B. G. Coon.

Mr. R. K. Berry, who has been agent at Placerville for many years, and always a non-member, was retired from the service on pension July 1st. Bro. J. H. Whited, an old-time dispatcher, is

now working the position extra, and we understand he will bid on it; young men need not apply, as Jerry dates from January 1st, 1870.

Bro. H. J. Hendrick, the agent at Maxwell, took a short vacation recently, spending most of his time fishing around Truckee.

Bro. H. M. Baxter, of Truckee, made a flying visit to Sacramento; relieved by Bro. Alfred Johnston.

Mr. Chas. Sebring and party from Verdi were on a hunting trip near Caporn on the opening day of the deer season; we did not notice any hides or horns in the baggage car when it passed that evening.

Bro. A. V. Keller and Bro. V. C. Miner, second and third trick telegraphers at Roseville, are taking vacations; Keller is in Los Angeles, and Miner is hunting deer near Blue Canon. Bro. Didlake and Telegrapher French, the latter an eastern man, are filling the vacancies.

Bro. W. H. Gorton has returned from his honeymoon trip through the South and is now filling his old position, third trick at Gold Run.

Bro. J. J. Carney took a short layoff, and Mr. Van Fleet, an extra man, was sent to relieve him at Gold Run.

Telegrapher Fender, an eastern man, is working third trick at Auburn until it is filled by a regularly assigned man.

Bro. Frank McCloud is working second trick at Emigrant Gap while Bro. J. B. McGinnis is taking in the sights around the bay.

Bro. S. J. Billheimer has returned to his position at Elvas and Bro. Watt, his relief, has gone to Fair Oaks to relieve Bro. M. J. Ferry, who is taking a short vacation.

Bro. W. M. Martin, of Summit, met with an accident, spraining his wrist so that he is unable to work. Relieved by Bro. Johnston, an extra man.

Bro. J. F. Casey has returned to first trick at Colfax after being off for several months on account of sickness. Bro. Thomas went to second trick and Bro. Flynn to third.

Bro. G. M. Clarke has returned to his old position at Twelfth Street, Sacramento, after spending considerable time in Oregon and Washington. The Seattle Exposition is attracting many of the brothers. Bro. J. Fingland, agent at Woodland, expects to take this trip shortly.

New Castle is about the busiest place on the division this summer; all hands are kept busy disposing of the large crop of fruit. Bro. John Wallace, the agent; Bro. G. H. Hobbs, first trick; Bro. R. E. Rodgers, second trick, and Bro. E. R. Allen third trick, with Bro. Rice, an old-timer of Grand doing the Western Union work, makes a solid crew who should be able to do the business with entire satisfaction to all concerned.

Bro. W. P. Roth, third trick man at Tehama, starts for his old home in Pennsylvania as soon as he can get relief.

After a lingering illness covering a period of more than one year, Mrs. Antonio, mother of Sister Lucille Sellick, passed away recently. The bereaved family have our heartfelt sympathy.

Brothers, there are but a few non-members in our district at present and with a little work and interest taken by our members we can soon get all the desirable material. If you work with a non-member ask him to take out a card or give his reasons for not doing so. Write your local chairman and keep him posted; he always has a good stock of application blanks on hand and a post card will bring you a set by return mail.

Div. Cor.

Shasta Division—

Traffic is very heavy at present, and we hope it will remain so from now on. Conditions are somewhat better through the country. Mills and factories of every description are in full swing.

We were again honored with a visit from Bro. D. W. Koppikus, assistant general chairman from Oakland.

Sister E. J. Bundy was the successful applicant for the position of third trick at Red Bluff.

Bro. S. C. Schutt is relieving at Redding. He relieved Mr. Wilson, the second trick telegrapher.

Bro. Schutt was relieved at Smithson by Relief Telegrapher B. F. Hoard. Mr. Hoard is a new man on the division, and will be in line soon.

Bro. S. C. Townes was appointed agent at Coram on last bulletin. Bro. H. W. Wood is doing the assistant stunt.

Bro. C. B. Lloyd was the successful applicant for the position of third trick telegrapher at Kennet.

Relief Telegrapher R. G. Lytle is temporarily at Sims, a new night position created.

Mr. W. S. Anderson, the oldest non on the division, was recently appointed agent at Coram.

Telegrapher Gough is relieving Bro. N. H. Niemeyer as first trick telegrapher at Weed. Niemeyer is laying off, and will visit the exposition and many other places of interest. Gough is a new man on the division. Bro. P. M. Golden was appointed night telegrapher at Weed on last bulletin.

Bro. Ebbs, of the Grand Division, is relieving at Hornbrook, nights.

Bro. Peek relieved Bro. W. J. Heffernan at Pitt. Bro. Heffernan went to Dunsmuir as a trick dispatcher.

We understand that Bro. M. D. Henning is working at Thrall for the Klamath Lake.

Div. Coa.

California Northeastern Branch, Shasta Division—

Mr. R. L. Watts, the agent at Mt. Hebron, is laying off a few weeks, being relieved by Bro. R. C. Weyer from the Tucson Division. Bro. Weyer is a good worker for the cause and we are glad to welcome him to this division.

Bro. Chas. R. Ebbs has been transferred from Grass Lake to Hornbrook. He was relieved by Mr. R. E. Jenkins from the P. I. Mr. Jenkins

advises that he is more than anxious to become one of the boys, and will fill the papers out payday.

"BEAUTY."

T. & N. O. District—

Let's go after the nons on this district. They are holding some of the best positions we have. Let us all write them, and I think by a little persuasion they will drop in line. Bro. Lester, local chairman, has been doing his best, and we should help him all we can to keep the good work going.

Mr. Collins, second trick at Harrisburg, has promised to line up again soon; says that his folks have been sick, and that put him in bad circumstances.

Don't overlook the fact that we have a telegraph school to contend with on our district. Professor Bierhalter, who is also the agent at Crosby, is the tutor. The professor is now on a short leave of absence, presumably looking for a location to promote his side issue. His last "graduate" was tried out at "BY," but he couldn't "OS," and he is now taking his second course. Probably he expects to be a man of letters in the wind-up.

Bro. O. R. C. Fox is working extra a few days at Kaufman, during the fruit rush.

Jacksonville, days, has been closed. "13" the dispatchers are now forced to do this work.

Bro. H. Blair, the regular day telegrapher at Rockland, is now on a vacation.

Bro. H. C. Rudisill, agent at Cushing, is on leave of absence. His clerk is acting as agent, while Bro. Grant is doing the telegraphing. This clerk is not entitled to this work, and Bro. Lester has the matter up for adjustment.

Bro. Summerhill has been closed out at Beaumont, and was doing "stunts" at "HN," Houston, but we understand that Bro. Paris displaced him.

Bro. Sherwood, from Houston, is now in the "Wild West," recuperating.

Bro. Whisnant is relieving Bro. Vaughan at Liberty, who is absent on account of sickness.

Bro. A. Selkirk, first trick at Harrisburg tower, has just returned from a thirty days' vacation.

Bro. Coleman, agent at Sabine, is now on leave of absence, touring Mexico in search of his health. Bro. T. W. Stuckey is relieving him.

Bro. J. Bautreau is busy shipping cantaloupes at Sabine Pass.

The fruit season is now on and several extra men are holding down jobs which will be cut out soon.

CERT. 2154.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire through the medium of THE TELEGRAPHER to express thanks to the many friends, who assisted us, for the many words of sympathy and floral offerings received during the illness and subsequent death of our baby girl, Melba Louise.

MR. AND MRS. W. W. BROWN.

Simi, Cal., June 8, 1909.

A CARD.

The brothers and friends of Bro. W. W. Brown and wife extend to them their heartfelt sympathy in the loss of their baby daughter, Melba Louise Brown, aged 18 months, 22 days, who died at Palmdale, Cal., June 6th.

J. E. SLOAN,
C. MALLACHOWITZ,
O. W. HALL,

Summerland, Cal., June 10th.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Officers and Members Division No. 54—

GREETINGS—It has been brought to my notice very forcibly that our business is not being conducted as well as it could and should be. I am not blaming any one but myself, and I will have to plead inexperience, to a certain extent, and will try to remedy the defects in our methods to the best of my ability.

The convention at Atlanta was a great revelation to me, as it was to a good many others, and I, for one, learned a great many things there which I am going to try and give the members of Division No. 54 the benefit of.

In the first place I will call the attention of local chairmen and all members to Section 74, page 81, and Section 77, page 84, System Division Statutes. You will note the local chairman should at once appoint two assistants, and that the local chairman and his two assistants constitute the Local Board of Adjustment of their respective divisions, having the power to try any members of our organization within their jurisdiction, also to handle all grievances demanding trials in cases of dismissal from the service of any of our members, etc.

I find that this has not been done conscientiously, and I want to impress upon all of you the importance of living up to our laws. In the past I have had a number of grievances from six months old back as far as 1905, when we had no agreement with the company, and I am expected to handle these grievances satisfactorily to the membership. I wish to say right here that it cannot be done. In the first place we should live up to our own schedule, and in case of dismissal demand a trial within ten days after such dismissal, and have the matter thoroughly investigated and settled for all time. In handling these old grievances I have nothing to go by but the telegraphers' word and the claims of the company, and I am sorry to say that I have had cases where the telegrapher did not make a true statement of facts. When I am cornered by the officials and forced to acknowledge defeat after having worked in good faith, sincerely believing the statements of the aggrieved party, it is not hard to guess that when I do get a meritorious case my hand is considerably weakened by the precedent established by the previous case in which I was in the wrong, firmly believing I was right.

I am placed in an embarrassing position, not knowing whether or not I have a just case or whether the telegrapher is simply imposing upon

the Order and trying to get something to which he knows he is not entitled. You can all see where we are at a disadvantage in using this method in handling grievances, and I trust you will lend a helping hand in organizing Local Boards of Adjustment on all divisions, and seeing that the members of this board do their duty.

I earnestly request all local chairmen to at once, appointing two assistants on their respective divisions, if they have not already done so, and impressing upon them the importance of their positions. I think it would be a good idea to have them report once a week as to what progress has been or has not been made in their territory, and to have them contribute news items for your correspondent. Speaking of write-ups; I wish to say, their importance can not be overestimated, it is valuable as an organizing medium and helps to keep up interest in our work, keeping the membership alive and up-to-date. I want to ask each local chairman to see that a correspondent is appointed and that a write-up goes in each month. If no news, have him state so, and the reasons therefor, and perhaps some of the boys will wake up and contribute something for the next issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. See that all the members on your divisions know who their correspondent is, so they will know where to send their contributions. If the correspondent prefers to remain incog, let the boys know where to send their news items, where they may reach him.

I also wish to call the attention of the membership at large to the fact that the local chairman has a "hard row to hoe," and that about all he gets for his trouble is criticism, consequently members should do all in their power to assist him, as he is working for their interests. They should not neglect answering letters from him wherein he requests information, as has been done on some divisions. We have divisions where it is almost impossible to get any information from the membership, or even an answer to letters, and still they expect the local chairman to intelligently represent them and better their conditions.

I feel certain from all indications that more will be done, within the ensuing two years, towards the advancement of the telegrapher, than has ever been done heretofore, and we should all contribute our mite toward this good end.

Yours fraternally,

SAM JOHNSON, G. C.

Relay Division—

Another moon has waxed and waned with but one addition to our ranks from the herd of untamed mavericks who constitute the Relay department. I like stickers, but this bunch of unregenerate outlaws appears to me to be using as poor judgment as did the mule who went on a strike while crossing the railroad track. He also was firm in the stand he took—so firm that he became famous. Everybody has heard of him, but alas, he died without hearing of it himself—didn't have time to hear the applause. His sad experience may be duplicated—who knows. But, at any rate, it may be worth something to the

doughty dreadnaughts to have their boneheads wondered at by future generations.

Henry Schmidt returned to Tacoma a few days ago from Milwaukee, where he was called by the death of his mother.

Late Night Chief John Morris, having completed his ninety-day leave of absence and trip to the British Isles, is back at the old stand. During his absence he perfected his technic in the execution of the highland fling and learned to sing "Scots Wha Hae."

Manager N. C. Griswold is off on a short vacation, being relieved by Mr. Harry Briggs the night chief.

Clarence Christy is performing the night stunt during Mr. Griswold's absence.

One additional man put on at Tacoma recently, Bro. (note the Bro.) R. F. Paulu, of Paradise, Mont., being the lucky man.

One additional man put on at Spokane; Mr. E. B. Butterbaugh, of Missoula, transferred. We are sorry to note that he did not bring a card with him and assist us in the salvation of the unsaved at Spokane, but that was evidently not to be. Possibly the relay operators need a Sodom and Gomorrah, as shock absorbers and averters of the Divine wrath. If Spokane furnishes the Sodomites, what office will furnish the inhabitants of Gomorrah? Now, don't crowd.

Bro. F. J. Carrigan transferred from Livingston to St. Paul.

Bro. L. J. Leutsch, a former N. P. telegrapher, is again with us, located at St. Paul. Two more new faces are to be seen there, A. R. Lee and J. B. Rannin.

F. Shimonek is again at work after a three months' lay-off, on account of rheumatism.

F. B. Chalupsky resigned to accept a position with the G. N.

Bro. F. L. Patterson, of the C. T. U. A., has been added to the force at Dickinson. He will have a new card soon.

Bro. Huffback is relieving Bro. Fleury, who takes his vacation at Devil's Lake with the National Guard.

C. V. Rhodes remained with us a month and quit suddenly. The climate was too healthful.

Bro. Adams is relieving Mr. W. J. Servis, assistant chief, who is laying off two months with the laudable intention of getting married. Two months is plenty long enough to get married in, but he can not get out of it in that length of time, even in North Dakota.

J. R. Clark came to Dickinson on a hurry call and left still more hurriedly.

Bro. Harry L. Orth, a C. T. U. A. man, from New York, is filling the vacancy created at Dickinson when Mr. Rhodes left us. He will add an O. R. T. card to his collection next pay-day.

One new application received in the Relay Division since last month, and have the promise of two more August 1st, and several more a little later. Who will be next? Div. Cor.

Montana Division—

Telegrapher Sullivan has been transferred from first trick at Laurel depot to first trick at Laurel yard, a new office; relieved by Bro. Perry, a new man from the C. & N. W. Ry.

Telegrapher Webster, at Bridger, has been relieved by Telegrapher McCollough, he being relieved by Telegrapher Gates. Gates was later transferred to Reed Point, and relieved at Bridger by Bro. Wheeler.

Bro. J. E. Miksch relieved Bro. E. L. Morrow at Manhattan.

Bro. W. F. Lively, of Logan, is off thirty days, looking after business interests in Colorado; relieved by M. Conrad.

Bro. Hungate, at Winston, has resigned; relieved by C. E. Thompson, a new man on the road. Thompson was later transferred to Great Northern Junction, and was relieved at Winston by Telegrapher Cassidy.

Telegrapher Aldrich, late of the N. Y. N. H. & H. Ry., is working in Livingston message office. Bro. Davis, second trick at Hoppers, is taking a thirty-day leave of absence; relieved by H. H. Hall, a new man on road. Upon the return of Bro. Davis, Bro. Cotton will take his vacation, visiting at his home in Iowa.

Bro. J. F. Lucke, of Rapids, is spending his vacation at his home in Escanaba, Mich.; relieved by Bro. A. S. Mould, from Bib Timber.

Miss Smith and Bro. Hoover have exchanged positions, Miss Smith going on third trick at Chestnut, and Hoover on third trick at West End. On the return of Bro. Carpenter, Hoover went to Toston on the night position.

A new office has been opened at Laurel yard, with Mr. S. E. Snider, from "AU" office at Laurel on first trick; Bro. Geyer, from Yegen, on second trick, and L. S. Winters, from Great Northern Junction, on third. Snider was relieved at "AU," Laurel, by Bro. Guy Perry, from C. & N. W.; Winters relieved at Great Northern Junction by Bro. L. C. Perry, formerly with the Western Union at Bismarck, N. D.; Bro. Geyer relieved at Yegen by R. B. Wright, from Penna. Co.

Bro. Hubbell has been relieved on third trick at Great Northern Junction by C. E. Thompson, from Winston. Bro. Hubbell went to Bozeman on second trick, relieving Barthelmew, who is on leave of absence in the East.

A Mr. Maddick relieved Bro. Geyer at "KD" office, Laurel. Bro. Geyer went to "AU, Laurel, to relieve Bro. Robinson.

Bro. Mould, of Rapids, was recently called to Big Timber as a witness, being relieved by Mrs. Lucky, from Park City, for one day.

Bro. Guernsey has been transferred from Belgrade to Townsend; relieved by Bro. Robinson, from Laurel.

We understand that Bro. Chambers, at one time third trick telegrapher at Muir, is with us again.

Late news from Wardner, B. C., shows that Bro. H. W. Jessee, formerly of this division, is holding a trick there for the C. P. R.

C. E. Thompson was called from Great Northern Junction to work one night at Hoppers, later returned to Great Northern Junction; relieved at Hoppers by Bro. W. B. Robinson, from the B. & O. Ry.; Robinson later transferred to Totson, relieving Bro. Hoover, who worked a few days at Livingston, then put on third trick at Bozeman, relieving Fitzgerald, who takes first trick for a short time.

Mrs. Tyrrell, formerly third trick telegrapher at Lombard, is now on third trick at P. P. Junction. "Bruce."

Pacific Division, First District—

Bro. Jesse Waters, of Ellensburg, took a short layoff; relieved by Telegrapher H. M. Luttrell. Mr. Fichtl is on leave at time of writing; relieved by Telegrapher Rqwan.

Bro. A. Schweinforth is on third trick at Bristol, vice Bro. C. F. Long, transferred.

Bro. J. Floberg, of Cle Elum, has gone to second trick at Whitlock on bulletin; vacancy filled temporarily by W. W. Whitickare; assigned on bulletin to Bro. V. O. Brunner.

Bros. Brimberry and Moore, of Easton, have laid off; relieved by Mr. F. M. Potter and Bro. V. O. Brunner.

Bro. W. E. Shisler, of Stampede, is on vacation; Telegrapher LaDow is on second and Bro. O. A. J. Kimball, from S. P. is on third at Stampede.

Telegrapher Parks, of Lester, fell by the wayside and departed, leaving a cob pipe as a souvenir. Vacancy temporarily filled by W. W. Whitickare.

This is one of the jobs that has not been regularly bulletined for a long time. All brothers take notice that if they are not satisfied with this or any other deal write to Bro. R. W. Baker, Box 453, Ellensburg, and state the case. This gives him something definite to work on and all well-founded grievances, if put in writing, will be sifted by him and properly taken up.

Sister A. M. Jones, of Kanasket, had a short lay-off; relieved by Telegrapher F. M. Potter.

The second trick at Sumner has been bid in by Bro. Otto Rockway.

Bro. Seblist, of Prescott, is laying off; relieved by Telegrapher R. Welch, from Sumner.

Bro. M. B. Lytle, from "WR," Tacoma, took ticket job in Tacoma depot. The vacancy has been filled temporarily by Bro. C. F. Long from Bristol.

The A. B. C. system is soon to go into operation on the Second District. We note that the Harri-man lines are testing it out with a view to introducing it over their entire system. K. C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To All Members, Greeting:

Last December an item appeared in the journal intimating that Bro. J. Floberg, of Division No. 54, acted as strike-breaker in the Western Union office in Tacoma during the C. T. U. A. trouble in 1907.

No formal charges were preferred by the author of the item, but on Bro. Floberg's request, the undersigned, have investigated this matter and find that during a part of the time referred to Bro. Floberg was a check-boy in "W" office and did send a few messages, but *always under supervision, the chief or some other operator standing over him to insure correct transmission.* His first work as an operator on his own responsibility was done for the Northern Pacific Railway.

As the time of an operator was occupied in overlooking Bro. Floberg while what few messages he did handle were transmitted, he can in no sense be considered a strike-breaker.

The objection will be instantly made by some members that it was at least an evidence of sympathy with the enemies of labor.

To such brothers we would recommend a consideration of the circumstances. Bro. Floberg was only a youth. He had never had the economic situation explained to him, so that he had a clear and true view of the issues involved. One thing is very certain, that any arguments he heard around "W" office were not such as would set him on the right track.

The fact that he lined up and applied for membership as soon as he was eligible, shows that when he had the matter clearly set before him he saw at once where the right side was and unhesitatingly enlisted thereon.

The committee is thoroughly convinced that Bro. Floberg never wittingly injured union labor, and they have every confidence in him as a union man.

It is their earnest hope that the slurring, anonymous remarks on the wire to and about this brother will cease, and that he be extended the right hand of fellowship.

(Signed.)

R. W. BAKER, Ellensburg.

I. N. HOLMES, Olympia.

KINGSMILL COMMANDER, Wynaco.

July 10, 1909.

Fargo Division—

It seems to be impossible to get any news from the main line. It appears that everybody has lost interest in our noble Order. I have written nearly all and tried to get the news, but without success. Wake up, and don't let other divisions think we are dead ones, for we are pretty much alive.

This is a busy time with the boys between Lisbon and Fargo, as gravel trains are running very thick, which compels us to work Sundays.

A telegraph office has been opened at Soo Crossing between Buttzville and Sheldon.

Mr. Nelson, a non, is working there. Let us get in some missionary work and try to land him.

Bro. Julius, formerly of Sanborn, has gone to the Soo Line. He came to work one morning and found a message from the chief stating that his services were no longer required, with no reason given for such action. We are very sorry for this as Bro. Julius worked as night telegrapher for the writer six months and we always found him

a fine man to work with and a gentleman in every respect.

Mr. Robbins at Verona is on two weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. Waggoner, formerly of Kathryn.

Now, boys, wake up and send me some news every month and try to land some nons, and if a new member comes to our division get his certificate and division number and arrange to have him transferred. I can't do it all, and need your help badly.

H. O. MANNES,
Local Chairman.

Dakota and Fargo Divisions—

Bro. Johnson, of Crystal Springs, relieved Bro. Roach at Medina while he was away on his trip. Bro. Roach and Miss Ellen Matson were married at New Rockford, N. D., June 28th, and enjoyed their three weeks' honeymoon in Chicago. The brothers of the Dakota Division wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Bro. Reichord has returned to work at Crystal Springs after a thirty-days' leave of absence.

Bro. Ebert, at "JY" Jamestown, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Christensen, from "J" office.

Bro. Yostie, of "JY," Jamestown, is laying off; relieved by Mr. Snyder from the Southern Pacific.

Bro. Thompson, at Medina, reports his wife getting along nicely after undergoing a serious operation in a hospital at La Crosse, Wis.

Bro. Lucksinger, of Windsor, is laying off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Carr from Leeds.

Everything is lovely on this division; only two nons on the main stem, and the branch boys are "coming in" in fine shape. Lend us a hand and make her solid.

H. A. Norman, formerly agent at Brinsmade, is now assistant cashier of the new Farmers' Bank at Fessenden, N. D.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.

Mr. McMichels is relieving Mr. Moundauer for a few days at "RU."

Telephones have been installed on the W. S. B., and train wire taken out.

Mr. Faultz, from the Pennsylvania Co., and a new man with us, has opened up the race track at "VG."

Ask Bro. Utsley if he has a ball team that can play ball. How about the shutout?

Business on the W. P. T. and W. S. B. is picking up slowly. Several offices have been opened.

Bro. Shoff was absent from duty six days recently, on account of the death of his father in Indiana. Relieved by Bro. L. E. Karnes. Bro. Karnes was relieved by Mr. W. H. Hartman, who is a new man on this line.

Will ask the boys W. P. T. and W. S. B. to help me out on any new changes.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Southern Ry.

Danville Division—

Regular monthly meetings are held at Greensboro every fourth Saturday night, and the membership is urged to attend. We could not get along without these meetings, and those who do not attend can not possibly keep in touch with what is going on. The following is a list of our officers: J. T. Witherspoon, chief telegrapher; E. L. Somers, first vice chief telegrapher; E. C. McConneghey, second vice chief telegrapher; R. W. Duncan, past chief telegrapher; Earnest Johnson, marshal; G. W. Baxter, secretary, and R. W. Ballard, inside sentinel.

We shall expect you at these meetings, and you will always find enough on hand to do business.
CERT. 6.

Knoxville Division, Morristown, Bristol & Asheville—

The banner meeting of the Knoxville Division, which was called to order at 8:30 p. m., June 26th, was held in Morristown, Tenn., with Bro. Burlin, our worthy chief, in the chair.

Bro. C. Mater, of Alexander, N. C., second vice chief, was absent. Bro. Cord, local chairman from Charleston, was appointed to act in his stead. Bro. Line, the secretary, was absent on account of being transferred to nights in "K" office and Bro. Jake Vaughn was appointed to fill Bro. Line's place, after which several important matters were taken up in regular order and disposed of. The committee on Bro. Davis reported and was released. Our local chairman, Bro. Cord, mentioned several subjects of interest for the members to take up and discuss, which were ably handled.

After all regular business was transacted, the meeting was turned over to Bro. J. J. Dermody, fourth vice-president. He called on Bro. Stone, local chairman of the A. G. S., who took the floor in the interest of "good service," and we would like to say to those who failed to be present that they missed a treat.

Bro. Cord, Anderson, Roush, Porter, Stafford, Gray and others talked at length on different topics bearing on the good of the order. Bro. Dermody told those present many things of vital interest to the members. I would say to those who did not attend that they missed an instructive talk and one which we feel sure would help the members to go forth in the discharge of their duties for the best interests of our Order. After a standing vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Dermody the meeting adjourned.

We feel grateful to Bro. Dermody for lending a helping hand by dispensing from his store of knowledge, and want to thank him many times. We also wish to thank those who came out, and we are sure they are thanking themselves at this time for certainly no one would regret having heard the instructive talks made at the meeting. We are grateful to Bro. Stone, local chairman of the A. G. S., for his presence, as well as for the interesting and able talk he made.

Bro. Stone tells us that he holds letters from the officials to the effect that it is impossible to improve the telegraph service on the A. G. S. We are sorry to say that such is not the case on the Southern, as there is room for improvement. We hope that each brother will take it upon himself to improve the service so far as his position is concerned, and if he does there will soon be a great improvement.

Miss Ross, of Yalu, Tenn., is off a few days, attending the wedding of a friend at Jefferson City, Tenn.; relieved by Sister Stokley, an extra telegrapher from Newport, Tenn. We understand that Miss Ross will leave for her summer vacation in a few days, and will take a trip through the lake States.

We are glad to learn that the wife and little daughter of Bro. Chandler, of Barnard, N. C., after long and serious illness, are almost well. Bro. Dan Haynie, of Barnard, N. C., has just returned from his honeymoon trip; we couldn't learn where he went or what cities he visited. We join his many friends in wishing he and his bride a long, happy and prosperous life.

We understand that two telegraphers were relieved Saturday night for sleeping on duty. This certainly is not to the interest of the company or the telegraphers and should not be tolerated.

Bro. Mater failed to get transportation in time to reach Morristown, for the meeting. We should ask for passes early, and give our chief ample time to get them out.

We are glad to note that the offices at Sandy Bottoms, N. C., and Paint Rock, N. C., (recently cut to one man each) have been put back to three tricks, and hope to see others fixed in the same way soon.

Bro. Foushee has been bumped from third trick at Yalu, Tenn., by Telegrapher R. H. Giffin, who was bumped from third trick at Witts, Tenn., by Telegrapher Hensley. Bro. Marshall, the third trick man at Hot Springs, N. C., was off a few days, enjoying a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio. He reports a nice time.

Three things we must do to reach better conditions: attend our division meetings regularly, give first-class service, looking out always for the best interests of the company, and last but not least go after the nons; get them all in line.

CERT. 400.

Washington Division—

Bro. D. H. McLearen, of Mitchell, Va., who was so badly injured on April 20th, was released from the hospital some weeks ago, and resumed his duties on June 14th apparently in perfect health, but on the morning of June 20th he became unconscious and was returned to the hospital at Charlottesville, where he died at 8:30 a. m., Thursday, June 24th, spinal meningitis having developed, which caused his death.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church at Warrenton, Va., at 11 a. m., Saturday June 26th, and he was buried in the cemetery at Warrenton, which is near his old home.

The funeral was attended by quite a number of his friends and brother telegraphers. The pallbearers were Brothers W. H. Newlon, D. R. McCarthy, J. L. Sullivan, W. R. Connelly, J. W. Burgess, and Mr. Wiggs.

The floral emblem presented by the fellow-telegraphers of the deceased brother, and bearing the inscription, "Order of Railroad Telegraphers," was very beautiful.

Bro. McLearen leaves a wife and three small children, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in this, their great loss.

CERT. 1.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the Divine Ruler of the universe, to take from our midst our beloved Brother D. H. McLearen, who died at Charlottesville, Va., June 24th, 1909, and

WHEREAS, In the death of Bro. McLearen his family has lost a true and loving member and Division No. 59, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers a true and loyal member, and one who at all times tried to do his full duty as a brother and a member, therefore be it

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will of the Divine Ruler who doeth all things for the best; be it further

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 59, extend to the bereaved family and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of sadness and sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Division, a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother and a copy published in THE TELEGRAPHER.

J. W. BURGESS.

J. F. CASSELL.

J. W. MATS.

Committee.

Members Washington Division:

My resignation as local chairman of Washington Division having been accepted by the General Committee at Asheville, N. C., on July 15th, I wish to extend to you collectively and individually, my sincere thanks and appreciation for the hearty co-operation and assistance which you have rendered me during the four years I have served you. With best wishes to all, I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. W. BURGESS.

Knoxville Division—

Saturday night, June 26th, the telegraphers of the Knoxville Division met in the K. of P. Hall at Morristown, Tenn. We were favored with the largest attendance we have ever had, and after being in session until 1 a. m., everybody left the hall feeling that they were much benefited and amply repaid for any sacrifice made in order to be present. Bro. J. J. Dermody, fourth vice-president, was on hand, and in the same old way gave a very interesting talk, which was full of encouragement to the brothers, and it is hoped that everyone will

remember his words and endeavor to carry out his advice. Those who failed to attend this meeting and hear Bro. Dermody missed a treat. He has been able to be with us but seldom, but says he will try to call around at our meetings oftener. He is anxious to see the Southern come to the front, and predicts that if the men will get busy Division 59 will be in the lead before long. Now who can make it this way? It is in our own hands, and we must pull together.

Bro. Stone, local chairman from the A. G. S. at Chattanooga, was present and gave a very interesting talk. Also Bro. Roush, assistant local chairman from Chattanooga "CH" office, was on hand, and while he is somewhat below the average in size, he was there with the "goods," and says you will always find good things done up in small packages.

We want to arrange to hold joint meetings in Chattanooga, Tenn., occasionally, and it has been decided to hold one July 22d. The Southern Ry. Knoxville Division, Memphis Division, Atlanta Division, A. G. S. and the Central of Georgia will all turn out and we expect a large crowd.

One man can do but little, but get a few men like Bros. Roush, Stone, Harmon, Berlin and a number of others awakened, and they can make things move. If you will look you can not help but see that the Knoxville Division is coming to the front. The men are waking up. It has been slow, and quite a number have been holding back waiting on the other fellow, but at last they have grown tired of this and they see the great importance of becoming active, and they are taking hold of things just as if they were the head moguls. There has been nothing else the matter with the Knoxville Division. It can be truly said that the Knoxville has as good telegraphers and UNION men as can be found anywhere, but they have been just a little slow in coming to the front and will now and henceforth be heard from at all times, and with this kind of men and enough of them you will see things shape themselves more to your liking.

Our brother workers from all over the country whom we met at the Atlanta Convention spoke very encouragingly and told us that if we would push ahead and get lined up the Southern System would rank with the best in the country. Now, let's take this advice and help to bring this about.

Sister Smith, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T., was not present at the Morris-town meeting, as was expected, but she will be with us at the Chattanooga joint meeting, July 22d, and you must come out and get acquainted with her. She is equal to any occasion, and is doing a great work for the O. R. T., and we predict that she will make her mark working in the interest of organization.

It is reported that the Southern System is to have a regular organizer. This man, as I understand it, will travel the Southern Ry. continuously, his purpose being to keep the men organized.

When these organizers confront the nons and show them the benefits and protection that this

organization gives to their men I wonder what excuse they will have up their sleeves. These nons are hard propositions most of the time, and they can give you all the dope you are looking for. They work every day, yet they tell you that they "haven't got the dough," also that they have just bought a home, have an invalid mother or sister to look after and many other excuses. Now we would like to ask what they would do if they were working for the little \$40 and did not have the O. R. T. to negotiate for more money for them. Then they could not buy their homes or take care of their mothers and sisters. It does not appear to me that they are as much interested in the welfare of their kindred as they would have us believe, or they would organize and get more money and thereby be better enabled to look after themselves and dependent members of their families.

Several nons have told me that they would not join the O. R. T. because they did not want the insurance, and two men who dropped out stated the same reason for not renewing. Do you believe this story, brothers? This excuse can not be pumped into my ears. This class of men are not worthy to hold membership in the O. R. T. They may want to join some day and will find it hard to find three recommenders if they keep up such excuses as this. The fact of the business is they do not have any idea of joining or renewing just so long as they find that the other fellows pay the "freight" which obtains better salaries and conditions for them.

The dangers the O. R. T. has encountered, have come over from the non-union man who not only refuses to unite with the organization but often joins the enemy at the most critical time and gives his energy and his labor to defeat his class. And the victories of unionism have been won, not only in open contest with the employer, who might be supposed to be on the other side, but have been won against the cowardice and treason of these non-union men.

The non-union man may join the enemy to defeat shorter hours and better wages, but when he has lost his fight and the union has triumphed, he is always the first man to demand the rewards of the efforts of the members and profit by the courage and devotion of the men he did his best to defeat and whom he betrayed.

The man who not only refuses to help but joins the enemy in time of war, should not be allowed (without danger or cost) to reap the fruits of victory. The non who makes no effort and takes no risk should not be allowed to share the profits secured by the privation and sufferings of his fellow men. To say that the fruits of victory should come without effort, as a reward for cowardice and disloyalty, is neither right in the realm of ethics nor in the work-a-day world.

The reward is for the men who have borne the heat and burden of the days, and unless it shall be reserved for them and those whom they wish to aid, there can be no reason for sacrifice and no reward for fidelity.

Men may willingly, even cheerfully, work for the weak and humble, for those not able to protect themselves, but it is expecting too much of human nature to require that they brave disaster and defeat for the enemies who seek to undermine and destroy their cause.

We have some nons who are narrow-minded enough to think that they will hold a better hand with their employer if they denounce the union and stand alone. The individual laborer is absolutely helpless in the presence of the great and powerful industrial institutions of today. Imagine one man among 45,000 standing alone and making demands upon a railroad for shorter hours and better wages. There always has been one quick and ready answer to such a demand: "IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE TERMS, YOU HAD BETTER FIND ANOTHER JOB."

Individually the man is helpless. The non can not do anything alone. The union has furnished the common working man the one institution to which he can look for friendship and protection; the one body on which he can rely for the redress of grievances and protection of his rights, and if society should remove that protection and safeguard and cut the workingman off from his fellows and leave him to fight his individual battles against the great combination of capital for which he works, it would leave the laborer stripped and naked to commence his long and painful journey back to serfdom once again, and when he starts out upon this road, the great mass of men whose independence had been won long ago with the workmen's struggles, the great middle class, must go back with him.

Under present industrial methods it is not merely a question of whether a workman can make better terms through his union by collectively bargaining—it is the only way in which he can make any terms whatever. Without the union the workman has nothing to say about his wages, or his hours, or of the terms and conditions of the employment he takes.

Imagine the solitary brakeman on a great railroad system going to his foreman and disputing about the price of service or the hours of service. Imagine one track man or telegrapher by this system of bargaining getting any more for himself than is paid to all the rest. Without collective bargaining the employer fixes the rate of wages and all the terms and conditions of the contract and the individual workman may take it or leave it alone as he sees fit.

If he refuses the employment the place is left open until someone more needy than himself shall be found to fill it. But with all the men operating together and a common refusal to accept the terms or conditions offered they may meet their employer on something like equal terms. This being the case is it not strange that the non will continue to stay out of the union and try to stand alone? How much better would it be if he would organize and co-operate with his fellow-men to bring about the conditions that they are entitled to. The corporations organize to pro-

tect their interests, and the wage-earner has the same right and this fact ought to make every wage-worker join hands with the organization that represents him.

Twenty telegraphers were cut off, effective June 10th. It is reported that this cut is only temporary, and that these men will be put back in July. This may or may not be true, but in any event it behooves the telegraphers and station agents to organize. The telegraphers and agents are certainly not sleeping on this division. Can they not see that the only thing to do is to organize? This cut is putting more work on the men who have positions. Most every telegrapher who holds a position on the Knoxville Division today is doing about two men's work and the agents as well are overworked. What is the remedy? Organize solidly. Send your committee before the management and demand a revision of your agreement to meet the present conditions. Every slap in the face we get like this will give us that much more range to demand a revision of agreement and will be just reasons for asking for more compensation and other concessions. Don't get discouraged, brothers, when these cyclones strike us, but go ahead and saw wood. Organize yourself and get the man next to you to do the same, as this is the only way in which you can get relief from your burdens. Can you get it alone? Is it not bad enough as it is with the organization? Then what would it be if you had no organization to represent you? Of course, we have to take the medicine, you say. This may be true for a time, but there never was a lane so long that there was not a turning point, and the way to turn it is by organization and through your committee.

We don't blame railroads for cutting expenses, but it appears to me that such cuts are bad policy, and within a few weeks you will see the division in bad shape, compared with what the service was before the cut, and one serious accident costs more than the pay of the extra telegraphers for years to come.

Officials on a great many roads throw up the nine-hour law at every chance. This nine-hour law is not so enticing to the telegrapher, because under the present conditions the man who holds a nine-hour position does two men's work and many of them are leaving the service just as they did under the old twelve-hour day. But the condition of the telegraphers today is worse than ever was known to be for the simple fact that most companies are very antagonistic toward their men because of this nine-hour law, and they put all the work on their shoulders they can do, and more too, as well as discharging them for mere trifles and many other unjust tactics in order to get even with them for (as they say) making the nine-hour law. Some of them don't seem to know that the telegraphers did not make the law, but the members of Congress made the law for the safety of themselves and the traveling public, and those who ride on trains would rather have seen it made eight than nine hours.

There are many tactics being used by certain companies to get even with the telegraphers on account of the nine-hour law, and it is commonly known that such treatment will not long continue, because many of the telegraphers are going into other business. Such treatment will drive every desirable telegrapher out of the service because they can not long tolerate the abuse and burdens heaped upon them.

We do not accuse all railroads or officials of this kind of work; in fact, there are some who have learned that to treat their employes like human beings is to the best interest of the company. But we have some in the South and Southeast that have not yet learned this lesson, but some day learn it, after it has cost their company several thousands of dollars.

The Southern Railway system is one of the largest systems in the country. It has over two thousand five hundred telegraphers and station agents. If the present conditions don't suit them there is only one remedy—organize and get busy.

You owe it to yourself, to your family and your fellow man, because without organization conditions for yourself and family will become worse and not better. Take this from me and get wise.

Div. Cor.

Norfolk Division—

On Sunday, June 20th, the railroad telegraphers of Norfolk Division, No. 59, held a meeting at Port Norfolk, Va., at the residence of Bro. G. A. Magee. Meeting was called to order at 6 o'clock p. m., by Chairman W. N. Thornton, with the following members present: W. N. Thornton, J. P. Baptist, E. M. Lilly, G. A. Magee, J. C. Rice and J. P. Dalton. Chairman Thornton gave a full report of his trip to Washington, which was listened to with much interest. He was followed by Bro. Rice, who gave us a very enthusiastic talk on the good of O. R. T. After all matters of importance were transacted Mr. W. W. Magee, brother of Mr. G. A. Magee, was called in, and his application for membership was secured. It will be remembered that Bro. W. W. Magee is now agent at Claremont wharf, and is at the head of the seniority list of this division. By motion meeting adjourned at 7:15 to meet again Sunday, August the 8th, at the Atlantic Hotel, Norfolk, Va.

On June 21st, Mrs. Kello, wife of Bro. J. G. Kello, of Capron, Va., died at their home in Capron, of typhoid fever.

Bro. Kello was transferred from Arungdale, Va., to Capron in March.

They were married about two years ago. Mrs. Kello was a young woman of strong, Christian character, and had been sick only a few weeks.

She was buried at Capron in the presence of a large crowd of sympathizing friends.

Many flowers were placed on the grave. Among others was a beautiful design from Norfolk Division, No. 59.

Bro. Kello has our heartfelt sympathy in his great affliction.

Bro. Austin, of Milton, N. C., has been on an outing trip; relieved by Mr. Lankford.

Bro. Moses Joyner, who is an old A. and D. boy, is with us again, relieving Bro. Kello at Capron.

Bro. Thornton, our local chairman, is off to Asheville, N. C., to attend O. R. T. meetings. Don't know who is relieving him.

Bro. E. D. Flowers is now on first trick at Lawrenceville, Va.; a Mr. Robinson, from Ach, on second, and Mr. Keeton, from agent's office, on third.

There are still a few nons among us, whom we would rejoice to see carrying up-to-date cards, thereby making the Norfolk Division solid.

Bro. Lilley, of Gale, Va., recently left us for the Virginian; relieved by Mr. Pettord, from Buffalo Junction.

Our new superintendent and train master have been over the line. CERT. 2096.

Coster Division, Midland Branch—

I haven't seen anything in THE TELEGRAPHER from our branch for several months, and it doesn't look like any one is going to wake up, so I will start the ball rolling and see what will happen.

Everything seems very quiet on this pike at present. Nothing of interest going on.

Mr. C. B. Gray, our local chairman and agent, at Lone Mountain, is trying to get relief so he can resume duty at his former position at "CN." It is rumored that Mr. McBee will relieve him.

Some of the boys who haven't yet paid dues, say they will do so as soon as they get money enough. They had better get that card as soon as possible. Remember the motto: "No card, no favors."

We will soon be solid if every one will do his duty and get after the non-members.

I will cut this report short, but will endeavor to do better next time. I think we should have a correspondent on this end of the line, so we could have a write-up every month. Knoxville Division always has something to show that they are still on the go. We ought not let them get so far ahead of us. We have a good many members on the Coster Division, and they should be represented each month. Now, see if some one can not send in something next month that will be interesting to all concerned. H. A.

North End, Charlotte Division—

At this writing every thing seems to be very quiet, especially on this end of the division, I failed to get items from the north end. Bro. C. F. Bradley was appointed assistant correspondent, and was supposed to work that end, but he has been working on the south end very nearly all month, and it was impossible for him to gather the news from north of Charlotte.

We had two very bad freight train wrecks this month, one at Clifton turned over fifteen cars, and the other one was between Fair Forest and Duncan turned over nine.

Bro. R. E. Wood, formerly second trick man at Cowpens, has left the service of the company. He was relieved by Mr. H. D. Hudson, a new man in the telegraph service, but his heart is in the right place.

Mr. Ed. Rector, formerly first trick at Spartanburg, has accepted a position as night clerk in Mr. King's office, being relieved by Bros. C. F. Bradley and J. C. Russell.

We are glad to see Mr. J. J. Phillips back at his old post, after an illness of two months.

Bro. J. R. Graham was called to Asheville a few days ago, on the general committee. The session lasted only a day or so. He was relieved by Mr. T. S. Lefler, another new man, this being his first work.

We have a good many extra men, but there is no reason why they can not get regular positions, as quite a number of our best jobs are on bulletin.

I want to see more of the brothers out to the next meeting, as they are getting so interesting that you should not miss a single one of them. Come and see what changes we have made, and then we will not have to ask you to attend any more, as you will be fully convinced that you are benefited and will come out of your own accord.

The following assignments were made this month: Bro. W. A. League, third trick, North Charlotte; Paul Thompson, third trick, Newell; L. A. Dewberry, third trick, Wellford; L. L. Benson, second trick, Taylor; Bro. C. L. Albright, third trick, Glass; Bro. J. O. Ross, agent-telegrapher, Bessemer City; F. W. Garrison, second trick, Gastonia; J. N. Wallace, third trick, Kings Mountains; J. F. Eudy, third trick, Bessemer City; Bro. R. M. Allen, second trick, Cowpens; S. A. Crisp, second trick, Grover.

Now boys, let's all do our best this month and see who can get the most new members; do not stop until you land that non next to you, and then we will be solid once more.

Bro. J. C. Russell has resigned and accepted a position with the Western Union at Spartanburg. "ALLEN."

Atlanta Division—South End—

Everything is going nicely now, but the boys will not send in news items. I can only write what reaches me by chance. I hear some of the south of "Macon" boys talking every day or two about their trips to "St. Simon Surf." They seem to be taking vacations just as fast as they can get relief.

Bro. G. C. Merritt, of Flovilla, was off on a ten days leave of absence, and visited his home. On his return to work he stopped off and spent a night with Bro. W. O. Needham, of Ellenwood.

One of the telegraphers at Holton is very low with typhoid fever, we understand, but can not say whether he is a member.

Bro. Allen, the agent at Constitution, also our worthy local chairman, has just returned from Asheville, N. C., where he met the general committee. It is understood that some very important

matters were discussed, and that much good will result from the conference.

Bro. McVicker, agent at Ellenwood, is enjoying a ten days' fishing and hunting expedition. While Bro. Needham mans the agency, he is being relieved on second trick by Telegrapher Pennington.

Bro. Mosely, of Stockbridge, is now in the West with home folks; he will return for duty some time during August.

Another telegrapher was put on at Flovilla a few days ago to work first trick. Bro. Chambliss, who was second trick went to first trick; Bro. Merritt has second trick, and Bro. Edwards is working third trick by preference.

Remember that we are holding meetings at Flovilla every fourth Sunday. We are to have a special meeting there on the fourth Sunday of August. All come.

Bro. J. T. Stark is now ticket agent at Helena, but can not say who he relieved.

Bro. Jake Guyton, the second trick man at Flippen, unfortunately broke his left forearm a few days since. I did not hear the particulars, but understand that he is getting along O. K., and will soon be back at work.

Bro. Knottingham, the agent at Flippen, was seen on his way back from Atlanta, a few evenings ago, where he had been shopping.

Don't forget or neglect the new card.

Div. Coa.

Atlanta Division, North End—

A very small but interesting crowd was in attendance at our last regular meeting at Rome, Ga. We are still hopeful of making this the best organized division of the Southern Railroad. There are enough of the boys who attend these meetings to do wonders in the way of organizing and getting the nons on the go, and we believe with the vows we have plighted we will either draw them in the Order or drive them from the face of the earth.

There have been several changes on the north end of this division, and it may be possible that I will not be able to get the list correctly revised, however, will give you the latest I have.

Telegrapher J. L. Parks, extra, relieved Bro. J. H. Williams at Longs, first trick.

Telegrapher Pullen relieved Bro. E. T. Williams, second trick at Longs, a few days recently.

Telegrapher J. L. Parks relieved Bro. B. Lambert, second trick at Hiram, for a few days.

Bro. W. B. Wolfe, first trick at Waring, is off for a week or two; relieved by Telegrapher J. L. Parks. Wolfe and wife are visiting relatives at Battelle, Ala.; Fort Payne, Ala., and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bro. T. A. Cox came back to Braswell, from Atlanta Junction; from Braswell to second trick at Phelps, relieving Telegrapher Foster Thomas; Foster Thomas from Phelps to Braswell, third trick.

Bro. W. K. Galamore, second trick at Shannon, was off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Pullen from Braswell, extra man.

Telegrapher John Gorman, first trick at McPherson, is out of the service; relieved by Telegrapher Woodall. Bro. W. F. White, second trick at McPherson, is off a month or two at Hot Springs; relieved by Telegrapher Batch.

Telegrapher Painter, of Silver Creek, was off with chills recently; relieved by Telegrapher R. M. Wardell from Brice, extra man.

M. M. Wardell recently relieved Telegrapher Thomas at Shannon, and Thomas relieved Bro. T. B. Walker at Phelps.

Telegrapher Batch, an extra man, relieved Bro. T. A. Cox, third trick at Braswell, while Cox was doing extra work at Atlanta Junction.

Telegrapher C. J. Dooly relieved Telegrapher W. M. McDonald, third trick at Dalton, for a few days. Telegrapher P. E. Morgan relieved Telegrapher Rawlins at Dalton for a few days.

Bro. J. N. Hanna, third trick at Varnell, is off a week or two, visiting his best girl; relieved by Telegrapher J. L. Parks.

Bro. W. E. Dellinger and Bro. G. T. Knowles, of North Rome, spent the day and night at Chattanooga recently, and attended the O. R. T. meeting.

Bro. G. T. Knowles is off for six weeks, visiting relatives at Sparta, N. C., and Brunswick, Ga.; relieved by Telegrapher T. N. Austin, an extra telegrapher and an O. R. C. man. Telegrapher Pat Obrien, third trick at Rome, off a few days; relieved by T. N. Austin.

Telegrapher I. Jeter, second trick at Cohutta, is off a week or two; relieved by Telegrapher P. E. Morgan from south end.

Bro. O. G. Davis, third trick at Oostanaula, gone West for two months; relieved by Telegrapher W. H. Davis.

Bro. R. O. Daly, third trick at Dallas, was off one week recently, visiting his home in Knoxville, Tenn; relieved by Telegrapher R. M. Wardell.

R. M. Wardell from Shannon to Roseland.

Brothers, get after these nons and try to get them to fall in line. All of these new men are without the goods.

Sister McCoy, at Lawrence, had to turn down the agency at Aragon, on account of the post office at Lawrence. ASST. DIV. COR.

Queen & Crescent Route (North).

Chattanooga Division—

On Thursday, July 22d, a joint meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce Hall, Chattanooga, Tenn. The C. N. O. & T. P., A. G. S., C. of Ga., and the Atlanta and Memphis Divisions of the Southern Railway being well represented, fifty-three members being present. Considerable business was transacted and a number of vital points discussed, the most important being the organization of a telegraphers' club at Chattanooga.

Several interesting speeches were made by prominent members, especially the one made by Bro.

J. J. Dermody, our fourth vice-president. We were indeed glad to have Bro. Dermody with us at this meeting, and those who did not attend and hear his speech certainly missed half their lives.

Boys, these meetings are interesting, and it is everyone's duty to attend if at all possible, so do not say there is no use of your going, as there will be a large crowd there anyway. That is just the reason why you should attend—the more the merrier.

We have arranged to hold meetings at Oakdale, the third Friday of each month, every other meeting to be a morning meeting, in order to enable the second and third trick men to attend, and we hope that they will take advantage of it.

Let us make Division No. 62 the banner division of the O. R. T. We have a splendid start, and nons are very scarce. We are now about 98% strong, and it is only through hard work that it has been put in this condition. Let us all make individual efforts to bring Division No. 62 to the 100% mark.

If you have a non working with you, or at the next station where you can get to him, don't turn him loose until you have his application.

Mr. R. C. Reid, our chief, has passed quite a number of compliments on the service the boys are giving, and has said that with one or two exceptions they were giving better service than on any road in the country, and he could not ask any better service of them.

This sounds very nice for us, so let's cut on the exceptions and show Mr. Reid there is nothing so good, but could be made better.

Bro. Mack Williams, the first trick man at Oakdale, is off on a three-weeks' vacation, visiting relatives at Eubank, Ky.

Bro. Frank McIntyre was off a couple of days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. H. C. Arnold.

Bro. H. C. Arnold was assigned second trick and Mrs. Kirby assigned third trick at Spring City. Mr. Rogers, agent at that place, works first trick.

Bro. Kennedy, from Coulterville, has been assigned to the position of night telegrapher at Sale Creek, a twelve-hour trick.

Telegrapher W. H. Ferrell has been assigned third trick at "UN," Oakdale, on bulletin.

Bro. C. E. Ritch, the second trick man at Glen Mary, is off for a few days, visiting relatives in North Carolina. We were unable to learn the name of the man who relieved him.

We understand that Bro. Weaver, who was cut out at Coulterville, has an agency in sight on the south end.

Bro. J. E. Kritchbaum, the tower man at "DB," Oakdale, was off a few days on account of a death in his family.

Bro. C. X. Smith is back on his old job at "KJ" tower, after visiting relatives in Alabama.

Mr. A. S. Hudson has been assigned to the second trick at Somerset.

Bro. Hall was recently assigned to the third trick at "EG" tower.

We are all glad to hear of Bro. Hughes landing a good position on the N. & W. He has our best wishes.

The night offices at Coulterville, Evansville and Lorraine have been closed, and night offices opened at Spring City and Sale Creek.

Bro. A. A. Jenkins, the first trick man at "EG" tower has been off some time on account of a broken arm. We hope to see him back at the old stand soon.

Bro. O. L. Minks was assigned the second trick at "SJ" tower on bulletin.

Bro. A. O. King, the agent at Eubank, is off on a vacation, visiting relatives in the South.

Bro. Willison, our general chairman, is off for a few days on business, and is being relieved by Bro. Dungan, our local chairman. Bro. Dungan was relieved by Bro. Wayne.

Bro. Ed. Rigney is relieving Bro. King as agent at Eubank.

The position of agent at Danville is open on account of the resignation of Mr. T. J. Connell. Looks like some of the brothers would land that job.

There have been some changes at U. S. Junction, but am unable to learn just how it stands.

Bro. Trickey, of Nemo, has been on the sick list for some time and at this writing is contemplating going to a Cincinnati hospital for treatment. We hope for his speedy recovery, for Bro. Trickey is one of our most staunch members.

Bro. Allen is relieving Bro. Williams at Oakdale.

We are sorry to note that we have an ex-brother at Sunbright.

Our thanks are extended to Bros. Anderson and Burgoon for their assistance in giving us a few notes and if there were a few more of the brothers like them we would have a nice write-up each month. Let me have what you know by the 21st of each month, and I will endeavor to get it in in time for publication. Div. Cor.

Great Northern Ry.

Terminals Division—

Some few changes have been made on the Terminals Division during the last month, which have changed the boys around so that I can hardly place any of them.

Mr. W. M. McDonald is now doing first trick at "SJ," Minneapolis Junction, and Bro. Mayo is holding down second trick. Mr. Gibbs, the third trick man, is also doing a stunt for Uncle Sam during the day, having received an appointment lately to bring our mail around to us.

Our dispatchers are now taking their vacations. Mr. J. F. LaPoints is doing the extra work. Mr. Marshall is working the side wire days and some new man is doing the work there nights.

Bro. J. B. Burroughs is again on the division, after having been absent about six months. He is now working second trick at Como yards, St. Paul. Mr. A. W. Archtauder is working the third trick at Como.

Local Chairman F. J. Winne and wife returned from the Convention at Atlanta, Ga., June 1st. They stopped in Illinois on the way home, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. R. G. Martin, who has been working second trick at Como, is now agent at Mound.

Jackson St. "MS" has a new night man almost every week; do not know where Bro. Dorsey went.

Mr. E. R. Walker, formerly of "MS," Jackson St., is now working at Minneapolis commercial office.

We understand that Bro. Mayhood is working on the west end and think it would be a good idea to put one on this end and see if he could not crack some of these old hard shells to the tune of buying a little piece of pasteboard. Some of them seem to be hopeless cases when it comes to parting with a little coin. They say they could never go back to working twelve hours a day, but are not willing to give one cent to help better themselves. They will take all that is handed to them, however, and kick because they did not get just a little more. SHORTY.

Spokane Division—

It would be pleasant to mention the changes made and the new men that have been employed lately, but they have been so numerous that it would be impracticable to attempt it.

It may be of interest to hear that trains are being hauled through the tunnel at Cascade by electric motors. The plant was a success at the first trial, but at present, while trains are being hauled through the tunnel, the telegraph wires are paralyzed. It is hoped that a remedy will speedily be found to avoid this interference.

What was formerly a very hot, undesirable ride through suffocating gases, is now a pleasant, cool trip, and an enjoyable experience.

We hear many lamenting the coming of the phone, but some of these should bear in mind that our strongest argument lies in the superiority of the telegraph over the phone for railroad work, and instead of being lax and indifferent about their work, should exert themselves toward bringing the telegraph to the highest point of efficiency.

I am going to live another month in the hope that members of this division will wake up and tell me what they are doing, so that I may be able to make personal mentionings. Do not be so backward. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Cascade Division—

There are still a few nons on this division who are continually making foolish excuses for not joining the Order.

Some of them say they don't have the money, but they spend twice as much every month for which they get nothing in return than it would cost to put them in good standing in the Order.

Others promise to go in next payday, but it is always "next payday" every month, and eventually they do not join at all, nor do they intend to join.

One non that I know of says that we could not do anything on this division because there are so many "pinheads," and says that if we get enough of the boys in he will go in too. We have 90 or 95 per cent of the telegraphers and agents on the Cascade Division now, but he puts us off for another half year. The fact is, he is as big a "pinhead" as any of them, and if everyone thought as he does, or pretends to think, where would the Order be?

He says "Oh, yes, the Order is all right, I used to be an order man myself; I went out in the N. P. strike." That is all right as far as it goes, but why did he drop out? The fact is that he never was a true union man, and the reason that he went out in the N. P. strike is that he was young and didn't care whether he worked or not. It was not the union spirit that prompted him to go out.

We must get after these men and pound it into their heads that it is the Order that is raising their wages and not the railroad companies, and that they have the Order to thank that they are enjoying a nine-hour day instead of twelve or twenty hours, as it was before, or as it would be now if the railroad magnates had their way about it. Some of them seem to think that it was Hill, Harriman, or the W. C. T. U. that did it.

What we have won we won with a hard struggle, and it will take a hard struggle to hold them, and the only way that we can do it successfully is through the Order. "In union there is strength."

Bro. A. W. Barton, formerly second trick at Merritt, for nearly two years, reports having landed a position with the C. P. R. at Eholt Junction, B. C. In the event that Bro. Barton leaves this division, we will lose a perfectly reliable member. We wish him success wherever he may go.

Bro. J. W. Bourke, second trick at Wellington, has left the service to seek new fields, being relieved by Mr. W. E. Flannery, a newcomer. We wish Bro. Bourke success.

Bro. N. A. Pearson, agent at Skykomish, is away on a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Jas. W. McGuire. Bro. L. W. Roehm is relieving Bro. McGuire as cashier, hence Bro. A. R. McCaully is on second trick, and Bro. G. R. Smith, recently of Vancouver, is filling third place.

Cannot say who relieved Bro. Smith at Vancouver.

Mr. A. West, recently on third shift at Index, has left the service for parts unknown; relieved by Mr. J. G. Vickers.

The local chairman is in receipt of several requests for blanks.

The local chairman reports Cascade Division in excellent shape, considering the short space of time that the fight has been on to organize the telegraphers here. At present we are in better shape than at any time in past history.

The local board of adjustment is about completed. When this is done we will be in closer touch with each other.

Let everyone do all that he can for our betterment during the next month. Blanks can be had

from Bro. H. L. Mann, of Merritt, Wash., who will accept all remittances of new members, mailing regular receipt for same on first train. Get in and hustle.

Understand that Bro. Bucklow, of Mosher, holds an up-to-date card with the B. & O. We would like to have him transferred to the G. N.

Drv. Coa.

Siox City Division—

Our division correspondent has recently requested that we give our views through *THE TELEGRAPHER* on different subjects and "wake up," which is certainly needed, as we are doing nothing or very little to better our condition. One of the very best things we can do at this time is to carry out his suggestion, and I hope that we will see a goodly number of letters from this division.

We need not expect concessions from the company if we don't get together as an organization and ask for them. We have no schedule, and we will get just what they want to give us, and we will say nothing just as we have been doing over here for the past four years. Do we deserve any better conditions? We can secure concessions if we only "wake up" and take an interest, and do a little missionary work.

There is not a single brother who will deny that conditions are bad in many ways, and we have but little to work for, and the wages will not increase unless we go after what is just and right. Look at brothers at non-telegraphic stations will you, working at \$45 per month, and yet they are handling train orders almost every day—at least every day that the dispatcher calls on them, and as matters stand they can not say a word because we have no schedule back of us. Boys, this is a shame. Are we willing to work along and raise no voice against such work as this? How far will \$45 go when you figure up the cost of every article we are compelled to buy? What chance is there for us to ever save up for the rainy day that will come to every one of us? I believe that it would be impossible to find brothers anywhere who are more loyal to their employers than on this division, and that is true unionism—the very foundation upon which our Order is built, but there is another side to the question that we are overlooking, and that is our personal interest, or better still, the financial part. If we took on half as much interest in ourselves as regards securing better wages as the company does in making us better agents, we would not have so many poorly paid brother telegraphers, and would get together and talk these things over; but of course if we prefer "taffy" and nice little trips to decent wages and better conditions, we have no one to blame but ourselves. Is not this the exact condition today? Indeed, it is, and we are taking it all in learning how to be "good agents," and don't dare mention the question of better wages, scrubbing depots or improved conditions. Subjects that are just as interesting to every one of us as is the filing of tariffs. What help is it,

or what encouragement is it to learn to be a better agent or telegrapher, if in the end it does not secure better wages? Should not the two go hand in hand, and for one I am in favor of calling a meeting in Soo City some Sunday afternoon after our regular agents' meeting, and get together on some of these subjects. We have been a "bunch of easies" long enough, and the sooner we take an interest in our own welfare as well as our employers the better off we will be. We have shown interest by attending these "agents' meetings" for the past three years, and we have gained by so doing, but now it is time to work for ourselves, for after all, boys, we are after the "pay check," but as that subject is never brought up at their meetings, it is up to us. Either take an interest in these things or quit this eternal devotion to company interests and get out and work on the section where the pay is better and the hours not so long. "Soft soap" is all right at times, but we want more pay and better conditions, so that we may have a little sum to lay away for the future, for then they will not care for us but will put us aside for younger men, and then what are you going to do, brother, if you have nothing saved up? Is not this just as important to you as learning how to be of more value to a corporation? If so, let us devote some of the time we have at these meetings in Sioux City to personal interests.

Bro. King, of Clara City has left the division; do not know where he is located; relieved by Mr. Fairchild from the C. B. & Q.

Bro. Colby secured Russell, on bulletin. Mr. Peterson leaving the service to engage in the mercantile business at Russell.

Mr. Johnson, of Jasper, goes to Booge as agent.

Bro. Dyson is now located at Union depot as ticket agent.

The many friends of Bro. Andy Enger will be pleased to learn that he is engaged in the banking business at Garretson, S. D., and is prospering. "Andy" is one of whom we are all proud to call a brother—one who has fought his way up to his present position by hard work. I wish every brother would take a lesson from Bro. Enger, for it is certainly one that would benefit us one and all. Boys, look to the future, don't get in a rut and stay there, get out and work for yourself, try to cut loose from the work if you can find anything else to do.

Save up a little if you can, for the day when you can work for yourself. Don't be a slave all your days. Make one strong, earnest endeavor and try and better your condition as our worthy brother has done. Through all the years he was working with an object in view, and he has succeeded while others have failed, simply because they had no object to work for. I hope the brothers on this division will take up some of the "troubles" we have over here on this division, and discuss them through the journal, and at some future time will arrange a meeting at Sioux City.

A MEMBER.

Remember that the non member does not receive a copy of this journal, so it rests with you to send him yours after you have finished with it.

Always broke. Who is? A telegrapher, of course. Did you ever know any of them to be otherwise with a few exceptions?

The reason for this I can not say, except in my own case, but I do know that I have been able to pay my dues in my organization and assist in a movement to better my bread earning capacity, regardless of the fact that money and myself were soon parted. I also know that Grand Division Organizer, Bro. Mayhood and Bro. Sohner, are now covering this system, at a big expense to the organization, in an endeavor to get the telegrapher to get in and assist to help himself, and they give me the same old, old story: "Sure, would join." "Mighty good thing this organized movement." "I'm with the boys with all heart and liver, etc., but I'm up against it, I'm broke, but will join this pay-day," etc., etc., and that is the end of it in nine cases out of ten, and the work and expense is all to be gone over again. He never comes through on pay day as he says he will, and as the organizer is not around he says to himself, "Oh, I'll join some of these days," and lets it go at that.

Honestly, I have about reached the conclusion, after seven years work on the Great Northern, in an endeavor to show the telegraphers employed thereon, that \$10.00 to \$15.00 invested in the organization is a mighty good investment, that for strictly unadulterated blindness and pin headedness, the majority of the telegraphers on the Great Northern surely are entitled to wear not only the blue ribbon, but pink, green, yellow, purple and red as well, and in this I am included.

I am included for wasting seven years time in talking to a stone wall, so to speak, the telegraphers on the Great Northern, with his utter blindness and disregard for his future and present welfare.

Here we are working like the devil to consolidate the telegrapher on the Great Northern into such a shape that he can ask and will stand some show of receiving a betterment in his working conditions and are met with "broke," "no money," "will join pay-day," and the work has to be gone over again. Honestly, isn't it disgusting?

I am, as some of you are aware, acting as a justice at this place. Not long ago a member of the organization got into some trouble. Was arrested and fined \$500.00, which was equal to eight months in jail. Inasmuch as a telegrapher, at least a number of them, especially on the Great Northern, hasn't got enough money ahead to pay for joining his organization, it would hardly be expected that this brother would have \$500.00 in a 1,000 years. I was able, however, to get his fine reduced to \$50.00, and have him discharged. Did it pay him to carry a card?

Just yesterday another brother was in my court. He carried an up-to-date card. He was placed

on a train and sent to his job. Did it pay him to carry the card?

Do any of you non-members on the Great Northern ever read the newspapers? Do you know that the cost of living, which heavens know is high enough now, is going to be higher the next four years under the new tariff bill just being finished off at Washington?

Do you know that the Great Northern is gradually reducing the pay of the telegrapher, and if it hasn't hit you yet, it will in time unless steps are taken to put a stop to it?

Do you know how you can stop this individually? Do you not think you can stop it collectively? Do you think you will ever accomplish this if you hang back and wait "for the other fellow" to join? Isn't it possible that "the other fellow" is doing the same thing?

Candidly, don't you think it is time and strictly to your own and family's interest to be "up and doing?"

If, you don't I sure do and it's simply "up to you."

P. M. ASBOTT,
Genl. Secy. and Treas.

Sioux City Division—

As no items have drifted this way from any of the boys, I see it is again necessary to go it alone. I had one promise this month, but guess it was forgotten.

There have been several changes along the line in the past two months.

I understand that Bro. Fairchilds, from off the "Q," who used to be on the Great Northern's pay-roll, but who was turned over to the "Q" with the balance of the boys on the Old Pacific Short Line (O'Neill Branch), is now holding down Clara City, which is not such a light stunt judging from what the boys say who have been there.

Bro. Wilson, who was up on the north end, is again at Dalton. I suppose he likes this end of the line better than that in Minn.

Some new man is holding the job at Hinton, I understand; think he is from the C. & N. W.

We notice a bulletin is out for Russell station, but can not say who bid it in. Some one informed us that Mr. Peterson, the former agent at Russell, has gone into business for himself. Here's hoping that he makes a "go" of it, for it is much pleasanter to work for one's self, than to slave for a corporation.

Mr. C. L. Howe has been assigned to the agency at Maynard from Hinton.

Bro. Wilson, who was checked out at Dalton a few days ago, leaves the service. A helper has been promoted to the agency at that point.

Mr. Whistler, of Hanley Falls, is off duty for a month, taking in the sights on the coast; relieved by Relief Agent Gleason.

Bro. Busfield, of Doon, enjoyed a ten days' lay off, which he spent on personal business, and visiting Nebraska points; relieved by Mr. Gleason.

Bro. C. E. Colby, from Booge, has been assigned to the agency at Russell. Booge was filled by promoting a helper.

Bro. Cox, of Maurice, has a new bike and track attachment. It will help him to do missionary work among the unsaved nons.

Bro. Hartung, of Sioux Center, has recovered his chainless bike that was stolen from the freight house some time since.

The agents between Soo City and Sioux Center were in hard luck last Sunday. A joint agents' meeting of the Soo City and Willmar Divisions was held at Spicer, and a number had planned to go. Friday night a heavy rain and washouts put it on ice as far as they were concerned; next time we will all be there.

No news from the Yankton line this time, but hope to have some next time.

Our superintendent, Mr. Knebel and Mr. Brand general foreman of buildings, were quite badly hurt by a motor car jumping the track; both are doing nicely at this writing.

I am glad to be able to say that there is some interest being shown along the line of getting some of the nons lined up. While so far as I know at this writing there have been no new members added, there is a move among the boys to wake up and do something. Heard that our local chairman was to furnish a list of all the nons on this line, and that there was going to be some work done. I, for my part, can not see what makes a man stand out of any organization that he very well knows has gained all that he now has in the way of better working conditions. You who do not carry the "cardboard," can not you see that it is for your benefit that you should be a member, what would be the result if organized labor the country over would drop their union? I can tell you, and tell you quickly, too. We would be back where men were twenty-five years ago, working for what ever the railroads chose to give us, and working as long hours as they cared to impose on us, too. I suppose some of the nons think "O well, there is no need of me spending \$10 or \$15 a year to better my working condition, when some other fellow will do it for me, and I will get the benefit just the same." True enough there are some nons working among us who are getting the same consideration from the companies as us Order men, but if we were all nons where would we be? Nice sort of spirit for a man to show, come out of it boys, get off the wagon and help push it a little, it will make the load lighter for the rest of us.

Some nons have the idea that the O. R. T. is an enemy to railway companies, and that their aim is to "do" them every chance they get, and that if they were to join the Order they would surely lose the respect of all the officials on the road, if they were lucky enough not to get "fired." This is a mistake boys. Organized labor is contending for nothing but justice and does not want to make trouble for any one or any company. It is the only way that the man who must work for a day's wages has of making and keeping that day's wages up to a point where he can live on

it. Look at it right and you will see the right in it.

Well, our local chairman said he wanted a "punch at it this month." I will close, hoping that we will not fail to help, at least some extent in getting back some of what we used to have on the old Great Northern.

He who knows the joys of freedom
Can not be a slave,
Close the ranks and still press onward,
Loyal, true and brave;
Soon shall come the day of gladness—
Soon fraternal love,
All the earth shall bless and brighten
Like to that above.

A DIVISION CORRESPONDENT.

Butte Division—

Bro. Wilkins, at Stanford, has been allowed to put his wife on as a helper.

Bro. Frelick, of Broadview, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. McGowan.

We understand that Bro. Frelick will visit Seattle, and also the East before he returns to work.

Bro. E. C. Skinner, at Cushman, has asked for a vacation, and will probably be relieved by Bro. Bassett. Bro. Skinner also intends to take in the Seattle Fair.

Bro. Englander, at Belt, has been on the sick list for the past few weeks; relieved by Relief Agent Warner.

Relief Agent Warner was relieved at Billings by M. P. Quigley. We are unable to say where he is from.

Telegrapher Patterson was relieved on first trick at Judith Gap, by Telegrapher Krisinsky.

Telegrapher Morrison is working the pit job at Portage. He says he will line up soon.

Dispatcher J. H. Mayer has returned to work after a short vacation.

Most of the good telegraphers on this division have become disgusted with the fones and left the service. Their places are being filled with girls.

The majority of the agents and dispatchers have asked for vacations, after a few strenuous weeks of the fone business.

The conductors have taken out additional life insurance policies. The majority of the conductors also have their pockets full of bulled train orders, and it's a safe prediction that the telephones will be a costly experiment on the Butte Division.

Chewing gum and hair pins as used by the fair sex are also causing quite a little delay in getting out train orders. My advice to all is to get an up-to-date card, and help do your part for the organization that has done so much for you, and you need not worry about the fones reducing your salaries.

E. C. SKINNER.

B. & O. S.-W. Ry.

Ohio Division, East End—

L. J. Ferrell, the third trick man at Belpre, spent a few days in Columbus; relieved by Telegrapher J. E. Curry, of Chillicothe.

Bro. J. C. Clinton, the telegrapher at Mineral, was off a duty a few days; relieved by R. K. Hall.

Bro. M. J. Charlton, agent, and Bro. W. G. Brill, night man at Stewart, are taking in the sights at the Seattle Exposition; relieved by C. Mars and Jenkins, both new men on the road.

W. H. Joyce attended the dispatchers' convention at Columbus; relieved by Telegrapher J. E. Curry.

W. R. Tisdale, third trick man at Athens, is spending a few weeks with relatives in Kentucky; relieved by Bro. C. W. Coleman.

Bro. L. Posey, the agent at Torch Hill, was off a few days recently on account of the death of his father-in-law. He was relieved by K. D. Figlestadler.

W. E. Stanton, day telegrapher at Hamden, is spending his vacation in Colorado, being relieved by Bro. C. H. Merrill, who is the regular third trick man at Dundas.

Bro. C. R. Woodruff, the regular night man at Schooleys, is working third trick at Dundas; relieved by Telegrapher Gibson.

Bro. E. J. Brooks, first trick man at Byers Junction, and Bro. V. L. Ray, third trick man at West Junction, are spending a few days at Park Rapids, Minn. Bro. W. J. Harris, regular third trick man at Byers Junction, is working the first trick, and Bro. O. Ray the third trick.

Telegrapher Mackey is working the third trick at West Junction.

Bro. A. Fryburger, our general secretary and treasurer, will, on July 25th, together with his wife, take a trip through the East, visiting Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Philadelphia and Norfolk, Va.

Bro. Exline has returned to work at Bloomingburg, after an extended visit through the West.

Bro. Grassley, from Washington C. H., attended the meeting at Cincinnati, June 17th.

Our local chairman, Bro. T. E. Fitch, visited his family at Coolville for ten days last month.

Bro. Fryburger, our general secretary and treasurer, from Athens, Ohio, attended the meeting in Cincinnati, and on his return home stopped at Cozaddale to visit his mother for two days. Bro. Fryburger is a regular attendant at all meetings.

Bro. Fitch and Bro. Fryburger, while in Cincinnati, June 17th, called upon Mr. T. J. West, city ticket agent. Mr. West was formerly agent at Loveland.

Bro. Harry Smith is taking a vacation of a month.

The Ottawa, Kan., *Herald* of July 9th, publishes the following experience of a former B. & O. S.-W. boy:

"When Tom Costello went to the Missouri Pacific depot yesterday to put the tickets in the office a little higher up out of reach of the rising waters, he found them in possession of an un-

welcome visitor. As he went to move the case, something wriggled under his hand at the top of the water, and he was startled to see glaring at him a water moccasin about three feet in length. There was a scamper and a short fight and Costello brought the deadly reptile home in his boat.

CERT. 261.

Indiana Division, Block District—

Bro. W. S. Snyder has been absent a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Frank Fisher.

Bro. L. E. Jeffries, a member of Division No. 23, living at Jefferson, Iowa, has been the recent guest of Bro. W. S. Snyder and family at Madeira.

Div. Cor.

Indiana Division, Louisville District—

Everything seems to be moving along nicely on the Louisville District under the new block system which took effect June 20th.

Bro. J. M. Huffington, the second trick man at Blocher, was off a few days spending the Fourth at home; relieved by Extra Telegrapher C. F. Gibson, from Columbus, Ind.

Bro. H. Davis, of Lovett, spent the Fourth with his mother near Olisco, Ind. He was relieved by Extra Telegrapher D. R. Bagley, of Mitchell, Ind.

E. L. Harmon, the first trick man at Watson, made a flying visit to Brownstown, a few days ago; relieved by second trick man, D. M. Green.

Agent Cogswell at Deputy has been granted six months leave of absence. He is relieved by Extra Telegrapher Caseday.

Div. Cor.

Illinois Division—

Bro. W. Webster, the second trick man at Dolney, made a business trip to St. Louis, July 2d. Relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

Bro. M. R. Taylor, agent and telegrapher at "MS," Xenia, was off July 3d; relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

Bro. Jesse Cherry, who works the third trick at "MN," Iuka, is off on a two-weeks' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Summers.

Bro. A. D. Nighswander, the first trick man at "S" tower, Shattuc, was called to Missouri by the death of his sister. He was relieved by Bro. E. C. Trent, the second trick man. Bro. Trent was relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

Bro. F. W. Reinhardt, the day telegrapher at "U," Lebanon, has been appointed freight agent at Sandoval. Bro. C. D. Russell is now working days at Lebanon.

Mr. E. M. Winks, the agent at O'Fallon, is off on thirty days vacation; relieved by Bro. Linger-man, first trick man at "TR," Trenton. Linger-man was relieved by Mr. Summers.

Mr. Ben Richards is doing his first telegraphic stunt, working at "HN," Hanover, nights. Fine place and not at all lonely.

Bro. G. B. Milligan, the second trick man at "RN," O'Fallon, is off one or two days, but I am unable to learn who relieved him. C. D.

Relief Department—

On July 1st, the relief feature, which has been in effect for about twenty years on the B. & O., was extended to the B. & O. S.-W. As is natural in the event of any radical change either in railroad circles, commercial or social life, there is usually more or less opposition. Twenty years ago, when this department was started on the B. & O., there went up a howl of disapproval among railroad men generally, and a good deal of that feeling still exists among person not having an opportunity to become acquainted with the merits of this feature. This feeling has long since entirely disappeared among the employees of the B. & O., who have had the benefits of this department for all these years. I have had an opportunity for some years to observe the practical working of the relief feature as conducted, and I am free to say I considered it an excellent feature, and it has many good qualities to recommend it. There are some objectionable features, which I understand are under advisement and will no doubt be changed. Many of the B. & O. S.-W. boys are glad of this feature having been extended to this system, and will at once embrace the opportunity to join.

Very truly,

P. COSTELLO.

C. & N. W. Ry.

Ashland Division—

Before this reaches you the committee will be in session in Chicago conferring with the management relative to various new concessions in the way of increased pay and better working conditions. It is hoped their efforts will be successful, and especially that they will be able to do something with the telephone situation, which has created so much havoc on some divisions.

Business has taken a turn for the better on the old Ashland Division. The ore business on the north end is increasing daily, and as a result the boys up that way will be kept going with a larger volume of train orders. Telegraphers are again in great demand, and there is plenty of work for every one who wants it.

Bro. J. A. Drumm, second trick at Kaukauna, has taken the cashier's job there. Bro. Brehmer relieved him for several weeks, and was in turn relieved by Bro. A. J. Bigford, of Kimberly, who received the position on bulletin. Bro. Johnson, the third trick man at Kaukauna, is away on a vacation in Minnesota. He is being relieved by Bro. J. W. Lacy.

Bro. L. F. Nelson, delegate to the Grand Convention at Atlanta, returned about June 1st, and reports a harmonious convention, and the Order and its finances and everything else generally in a flourishing condition. During his absence he was relieved by Bro. M. J. Johnson.

Bro. Vic Johns, formerly agent at Wabeno, is now relieving on the Ashland Division. He will relieve Bro. Schumacher at Odanah while the latter enjoys a month's vacation.

Bro. J. J. Kieadoux has taken the agency at Pelican, and Bro. D. E. Lemon has taken his place at Combined Locks.

Bro. H. M. Kiedoux sojourned for a while at Pelican as day telegrapher, but finally came to the conclusion that he liked his old stand at Saxon better and went back there.

Bro. Jas. Garvey, of Saxon, spent a day at his home in Kaukauna during the latter part of June. He had an offer to go West and work in a bank, but turned it down to remain with the Northwestern.

Bros. W. R. Jones and T. C. Laughlin have been doing some very commendable work, recently, in getting new members into the Order. Let the good work go on.

Bro. J. J. Leary has taken third trick at Aniwa on bulletin.

Perry Carter, son of Bro. R. J. Carter, at Rosholt, is now on the road as relief telegrapher. We hope he will soon join the Order.

The meeting at Antigo on the 26th was a good one. Bro. Nelson reported on the proceedings of the Grand Convention. It was decided at this meeting to hold a picnic at Antigo some time in August, provided the necessary interest could be worked up.

Bros. Gehr, Garvey, Paull and some others went on a fishing trip near Saxon and made a good catch. They also had their pictures taken while on the trip, and will send one to the journal for publication.

Div. Coa.

Eastern Division—

C. C. Cushman has resumed duty at Hooper. Bro. Sauers will relieve Bro. Ed. Cushman at Anoka for about thirty days.

Bro. Hale, the Missouri Pacific telegrapher at Hooper, has moved his family there and will hold the day job until Bro. Sauers returns.

Bro. Todd, night owl at Scribner, was laying off a few days recently, he having been bitten on the finger by a dog. Mr. Belling relieved Bro. Todd.

Bro. Foote has resigned and gone braking for the C. & N.-W. Ry.

We understand that Bro. Hurst, the agent at Howells, has resigned.

Bro. Popelar, agent at Cornlea, made a business trip to Omaha, staying over Sunday. He was relieved by the foner agent at Bradish.

Bro. Wurzbacher has gone to Chicago. Relieved by Bro. Forney.

Let us hear from the South Platte boys occasionally and endeavor to have a big write-up.

CERT. 2667.

Black Hills Division—

On Saturday, July 10th, at the Y. M. C. A. building, a few of the boys that could get away from their busy tasks were present and we had a dandy good meeting. On account of some of the boys not getting in on late trains the meeting was not called to order until 9 p. m.

After a good handshake the meeting was called to order by Chairman Hite, and after a very successful meeting and good visit the merry bunch accompanied Chairman Hite to the station, where he boarded No. 6 for Chicago to attend the convention.

These meetings are just the thing; they bring us together to discuss and talk over matters and enable us to know who our brothers are, also who and where the nons are. We want to keep after them. There are at present quite a few new men on this end of No. 76, and every one of us must at least try to get one or two to his credit. Let's show them we are not a bunch of dead ones here.

Chairman Hite has promised to arrange for a meeting once every two months, if possible, and after we get started and interested I think we will gradually get a better turnout; now let us all do our best in trying to get out to them. They will do you good.

It has been some time since the Black Hills has had a write-up in the journal, and I know that we all feel rather disappointed when we get a brand new journal and search for a write-up from this end and don't find a word. I don't intend to stand back any longer on this point, and think that with a little help we can have a showing each month.

Bro. Ritter, of Ainsworth was off on a few days' vacation during the first part of the month, being relieved by Bro. B. F. Cook, who comes from the Union Pacific. Bro. Bailey, of Wood Lake, had a close call with a Roman candle about 4th of July time, resulting in a very bad eye, which caused him to lay off.

Mr. J. H. Howe, the relief agent, is relieving Bro. Hite, who is off on a vacation and committee work.

Big Muddy station is closed.

Bro. Hortsman is making quite a visit with his parents in Iowa. Mr. Schillman is holding down "CP" in Bro. Hortsman's place.

There is a new man at Oelrichs nights.

Mr. Walter Murphy is working the new night job at Lusk.

Mr. Bridgeman is back holding down first trick at Long Pine. We hope to see him lined up soon.

There is a new third trick man at Valentine, but we are unable to learn his name.

Bro. W. D. McIntyre, of Division No. 130, is again in our midst.

Chairman Hite, Bros. Von Druska, Boyles, Busch, Carpenter, Cook, Yoe, Parker and Schetzer were the members present at the meeting July 10th.

Stock has begun to roll and everybody is pretty much "25" these days, but we will have to forget these hot days and look around us and see who our neighbors are and get them lined up; let us all try while business is good. Dig up some news items and help yours truly to keep a good write-up in the journal every month.

According to all reports the C. & N.-W. has made arrangements with a ham factory located at Oshkosh, Wis., to furnish telegraphers during the stock business.

CERT. 1573.

Northern Iowa Division—

Bro. Larry Welch, the first trick man at Jewell Junction, is off to the Lakes for a month. Can not say who is doing the heavy stunt during his absence.

Dispatcher Campbell spent his vacation in Milwaukee and adjacent territory.

Bro. Van Buskirk, of Bradgate, is taking a thirty-day vacation. We understand that he is at Seattle.

Bro. Lane, of Laurens, has returned from his farming stunt west of Pierre, S. D.

Bro. Rising, of Laurens, has gone to Bradgate as relief.

Bro. Herr of the night trick at Laurens, is on a vacation.

Bro. Hutchinson, of relay office, temporarily, was relieved by Bro. Tremaine, who is "bumped" in the dispatcher's office until business picks up.

A card from Bro. Doherty indicates his present location as night chief at Butte on the Coast Extension.

Some of the north end 'phones have been taken out.

Hot weather, "our business" good, and few contributions. Result, slim write-up. Div. Coa.

Minnesota Division—

A. G. Bosshard, the agent at Dover, is off a week or two, and is being relieved by J. P. Banks.

F. C. Evans drew Redwood Falls on bulletin, and the second trick at Sleepy Eye is now on the board.

Local Chairman Brown in Chicago. He was relieved as agent by Bro. Lundahl, who was relieved as day telegrapher by A. J. Walz.

E. W. Hiffernan is relieving Agent Whittlesey, of Janesville, this month. Telegrapher Jaunke holding his trick.

Mankato Junction is again closed, nights, on account of a shortage in telegraphers.

G. J. Enteman is taking a much needed rest, and is being relieved, at Claremont, by Telegrapher H. Jones. The boys will, no doubt, remember Hugh, who worked on this division a number of years ago.

L. V. Strieff, who was at Fifield Gravel Pit a month, has resigned. I am unable to say for what point he is headed this time. A new man working there at this writing. Thus far we have been unable to learn his name. Div. Coa.

Dakota Division—

Bros. H. R. Nelson and Roy Markussen held down the pit jobs the last weeks during the gravel service. The two boomers who were at the pit could not stand prosperity.

Bro. R. S. Stewart, of Arlington, second trick, managed to secure a vacation after several attempts. A South Dakota Central telegrapher, named Hobart, strolled into the "NR" office looking for work, and Roge tied him to the chair and left for Milwaukee on the first train. Mr. Hobart will have card before long.

Bro. W. L. Ford, of Lake Preston, broke the charm of dull routine by taking a few days off, being relieved by Mr. G. H. Hazen.

C. T. U. A., Sister Frances Hanson, of "BO," Brookings, enjoyed a three weeks' vacation. Most of her time was spent with her parents in Hastings, Minn., but Como Park, Minneapolis, was not overlooked by her. Mr. Schmelz, of Sleepy Eye, second trick, relieved her.

Bro. Roy Makussen is now working at Elkton, nights, and Bro. Nelson is back at Iroquois since the pit closed.

Bro. W. G. Diepolder relieved Bro. Cass, at Miller, a few days, returning to Cavour, nights, on Cass's return.

Bro. Bert Laity, of Arlington, visited his parents in Iowa a few days, Bro. Stewart relieving him.

Eight new members for June is not so bad. We are gradually cleaning the slate and a few months will see us as near solid as we can hope for. The fall's work will see a number of new men on this division, and it is to our interest to secure as many applications from these new men as we can. A number of them will stick on the division, and when business lets up about the first of the year it will find us high and dry with a membership that has never been equalled on this division. All that it asked of each member is to try to get just one application and especially to go after the non you are working with. For further organization the *Trainman* has the following to say:

"Convention is over; policies have not been changed; laws are practically the same, and we still need every man in the train and yard service in our brotherhood. You be the organizer for your lodge; get after each man who does not subscribe his name on our roster; have him with us; we protect him, and it is his duty to protect us; don't be thin-skinned about this matter; help the other fellow in, and he will help us out with our organization efforts. Get into the work now; don't wait for some one else; it is your organization; make it a good one."

That covers our case in every way. Individual effort counts.

By the time this reaches the membership we will have a new chief dispatcher. Mr. Laabs has secured a six months' leave of absence, and has decided to go into business in Wisconsin, which is his native State. Mr. Edw. Wilson is to relieve him, and with a very heavy fall's work ahead of him it is going to test Ed's ability to the utmost. Here is where the O. R. T. boys can be of considerable help in being prompt with all reports to that office, and also assist with any information that can be given.

After once getting acquainted with him and his ideas, it is not so hard to get along with Mr. Laabs, as it seemed to be at one time. He came to this division from one where personality and former record counted for little, and to come here where each man is known to the officials and judged by his work is a radical change, and is the main cause for most of the dissatisfaction

which was so noticeable at one time. We now have a chief who is well-known, and it is hoped that we can work in harmony.

Bro. Ollie Harris relieved Bro. O. W. Alger, at Harold, while the latter rested a while. Bro. Berry, of Blunt, is also off for a while, being relieved by a new man.

June 9th Bro. Vern Postal, of Astoria, was married to Miss Elda Sill, of Minnesota Lake, Minn. After a short trip to his old home in Forest River, N. D., they returned to Astoria to take up housekeeping. Rooms have been arranged in the depot which they will occupy. This is not a surprise, as Vern has been acting queer for some number of months, but he will undoubtedly regain his former steady actions and after the newness wears off will be a common married man. The membership wishes them the "best of everything" in their new undertaking.

A double wedding occurred in De Smet, July 12th. Bro. Bernie Dwyer, of Stamford, S. D., Division No. 23, and Miss Carrie Moser, were united in marriage, and Bro. P. A. Dill, of the C. B. & Q., La Crosse Division, and Miss Matilda Moser, were made one. The ladies are sisters and their home is in Corpus Christi, Tex.

The meeting in Huron, June 24th, was not a success from an attendance point of view, but we had a very instructive meeting and enjoyed ourselves while we could. The "Old Guard" composed the attendance; if you have ever been to one of our meetings you can name the bunch. It is as Bro. Pay said: "It's just like going to lodge, same bunch all the time." Now there is no reason why we can not have better attendance. Of course, there are many who can not come, but a great many can if they will.

Bro. Paulsen gave us an interesting talk, which lasted about forty minutes. He described the Atlanta convention in an interesting manner, and also spoke on the nine-hour law, prospects for new schedule, non-members and a discussion of the various current topics was made. On the whole, more real O. R. T. talk was given than at any meeting for some time. The "non" question was gone over thoroughly, and had we had a good turnout there is no doubt but that this talk alone would have had a good effect on our membership. One member who was present has secured over thirty applications in four years.

Nearly every member present had secured at least one. The members who have not contributed at least one were the boys we hoped to see there, as they would have found out how easy it is to get new members. I have a complete list of nons and will appreciate it if each member will ask me to give them the name of one non. Then go after him and you will wonder why you didn't do it before.

P. R. C. & N. W.—

A number of washouts on this pike caused considerable delay to traffic.

Bro. Kochenderfer, of Underwood, is taking a short vacation, being relieved by Bro. Aldrich.

It is rumored that a Minneapolis company is to build a number of elevators on this line during the fall.

Some of the boys are still a little slow in answering up. Now that fall business is on, we must cut the mustard or get out and let some one do it that can.

Insurance dues are payable semi-annually now, the same as membership dues.

The committee is in Chicago. As yet nothing has been heard from them, but no trouble is expected, in the meantime tighten up for anything that might happen. Our representative on the committee is Bro. N. Paulsen, care of Kaiserhof Hotel, Chicago.

H. A. STIMSON,
De Smet, S. D.

Wisconsin Division—

Do not forget to remit local dues to your local secretary and treasurer, Bro. R. B. Boyington, 1925 Darrow Ave., Evanston, Ill. This is very important and should be attended to at once.

We were all pleased to hear of the promotion of our Chief Train Dispatcher, Mr. A. Syverson, to that of train master of the Iowa Division, with headquarters at Boone, Iowa. Although we will miss Mr. Syverson, we wish him success in his new field of labor.

Mr. L. M. Davis, our night chief, has been appointed chief to succeed Mr. Syverson. We are glad to have Mr. Davis as our chief, as he is a man who will take an interest in our welfare. He has the best wishes of our fraternity for his success.

Dispatcher D. B. McIntyre was called to Capron last week to attend the funeral of his aunt.

Bro. W. H. Brownlee, who was away for a month's vacation through the West, including a visit to the exposition at Seattle, was relieved by Telegrapher Fick.

Bro. E. C. Pennington, first trick at Highland Park, is on a two months' leave of absence, visiting his parents at Denver, Colo. He was relieved by Telegrapher Meyer, who was in turn relieved by Telegrapher Tisla, a new man.

Bro. Fred W. Anholt, agent at Highwood, was off duty a few days last week, and was called to Dane, Wis., on account of his father's sickness. He was relieved by Telegrapher Fick. At this writing Bro. Anholt's father is gaining.

For some reason the brothers have found it very difficult to get relief of late, and it seems as if there is a scarcity of telegraphers.

Bro. Curtis, second trick at Central St., is waiting patiently for relief, to visit his folks in the country. Several of the brothers are in the same fix.

John S. Rice second trick man on Wis. Division, has been promoted to night chief.

Telegrapher Dugan is now working second trick in "GO" office, in place of Mr. Kramer who was recently appointed depot inspector.

Bro. Geo. A. Steward received first trick at Barrington on bulletin. Telegrapher Waggoner, of "DG" tower, Crystal Lake, has resigned and accepted position as brakeman on the Wisconsin Di-

vision. Telegrapher Whiting, the third trick man at Crystal Lake, was off a few days celebrating the 4th. Bro. Geo. A. Steward, wife and family visited relatives at Harvard recently. We are pleased to see that the brothers at Crystal Lake are getting a new brick platform around the depot.

The agency at Crystal Lake and the second tricks at Sharon and Hunting Ave. are now on bulletin.

Bro. Frank Johnson has resumed his duties as agent at Argyle. We are all glad to see Bro. Johnson back at the old stand.

Telegrapher Ben Evanson, first trick at Mayfair, is now in the dispatcher's office holding down the car clerks' wire. We are glad to see Ben back there again. He was relieved at Mayfair by Telegrapher Guyot, formerly from Chgo. Ave.

Telegrapher A. Mole, the second trick man at Desplaines, is laying off. Bro. J. P. Montgomery, of Sharon, is relieving him, and Telegrapher Rhinehardt is working second trick at Sharon in place of Bro. Montgomery.

Telegrapher Geo. Stewart, third trick man at Jamesville, is off on a week's vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher J. C. Frusher.

L. E. Bordwell, formerly a brother on this division and recently street car conductor in Chicago, has accepted a position as day telegrapher at Lakonta, Ia., on the I. & M. Division.

Bro. P. J. Caspari is now holding down third trick at Grayland.

Agent Dibley, of Evanston, is off on a six months' leave of absence; did not hear who was relieving him.

Brothers, I must again impress on you the importance of remitting your local dues to your local secretary and treasurer at Evanston, and I would suggest that each and every brother of you remit for the year in advance, as the assessment is very small, and by remitting a year in advance instead of each month will save a great deal of time for our local secretary and treasurer, as he does not wish to encumber his books with such small items from so many.

Div. Com.

Madison Division—

Bro. W. H. Williamson, the agent at Sullivan, was recently taken sick and Bro. Elsner, who was working third trick at Waukesha, was sent to relieve him. Mr. J. H. Hughes in turn relieved Art. at Waukesha.

Bro. J. E. Keans, who has been touring the West for a month or more, has been driving and taking in the country around Deerfield, so he will be well informed in the situation when he takes charge of this station, which will be in a few days. This will give Bro. Welch a chance to get back to his old job, third trick at Monona yard.

Bro. J. J. Schleck, third trick at tower "PD," is off on a month's vacation. He is spending most of his time at Dodgeville. Bro. J. S. Lewis, who has been working the first trick at Caledonia, is relieving him.

Bro. F. S. Cain has taken charge of Caledonia first trick, and has moved his family from Oregon. Bro. A. C. Matzek has the second and Bro. T. A. Corcoran the third trick at Caledonia.

Bro. S. W. Stephens, the agent at Cuba City, has been on a vacation, part of the time being spent on his farm in Dakota. Bro. C. L. Cottingham relieved him.

Bro. C. M. Cronk, agent at Montfort, made his parents a visit a couple of days recently. They live at Onalaska.

The steam shovel that has been loading chert from the mines near Hazel Green has been taken to Verona pit, and now they are using it to load gravel to be used on the track between South Madison and Montfort. A telegraph office has been opened at Verona pit, and J. R. Starry has charge of it.

Bro. P. M. Keefe has returned from his honeymoon trip to the Pacific Coast, and resumed work at South Baraboo, relieving Bro. F. E. Wickern for a day and C. C. Hinners for several days.

Bro. A. L. Crump, agent Kendalls, is on a trip through Nebraska and other Western points. He was relieved by Bro. W. Langenhan, who works third trick at Reedsburg.

Paul Wolf, an extra telegrapher from Merrimac, had charge of Oregon second trick for a few days, when he was relieved by Bro. A. L. Clark, of Lodi.

Mr. H. R. Koch, of the dispatchers' office, is on his annual vacation. His turn comes after that of Mr. J. D. I. DeSaulle, who is back on the south end again.

Our genial chief goes on his vacation August 1st. Probably he will take along his Royal typewriter and send us a few notes, as he has the agency for these machines. Several of them are in use in the office.

We have another salesman in the Baraboo office in the person of F. E. Warner, who has the "Junior," which is one of the smallest and cheapest typewriters on the market. Your correspondent has one on which he gets out his write-ups, and he finds that they do the work in good shape.

Our local chairman, Bro. L. F. Schneider, is in Chicago on committee work. Bro. Sampson, from Dodgeville, is relieving him at Dousman.

Mr. E. D. Wilson is relieving Bro. Langenhan on the third trick at Reedsburg.

News is pretty scarce this month, probably because there are no extra men for relief. There are many who would like to take their vacation these days.

Seventeen new members the first twenty days in July is the best record for any month and the cause of it is that our committee was going in. This goes to show that the men realize the advantage of collective bargaining. We have our labor to sell and the company is the buyer. We send our committee down to try to get the best possible price for our labor and the company has the officials to try and get our labor as cheaply as they can. Experience has taught us that we get the best results this way. We hope they will be able to get a good price, that is, a good schedule.

Div. Com.

C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

Northern District—

Before this is in print the general committee of the Omaha Ry. will probably be convening with the management for a revision of the schedule to better the working conditions as well as the wages of the telegraphers and telephoners, and it is unnecessary to say that they will need the co-operation of every telegrapher and telephoner on the system. It should be the height of every good member's ambition to see that everybody is lined up solid. Otherwise we cannot expect any great concessions. There are not many nons left on our division, but there are always a few, and if you don't keep after them they eventually become more and more numerous, so every member should keep his eyes peeled and weed them out as fast as they show up. Above all things, keep up your interest in the work of the Order, as well as your dues. Some members pay their dues, but outside of that they don't turn a hand; they think "Well, if I don't do this or that, some other brother will, or if he don't he ought to, as he has more time on his hands than I have." Now, right here I want to say that this isn't the proper feeling, so wake up and keep awake.

The writer has asked several members for notes, but up to the present time the postoffice department has not been burdened with surplus mail, nor put on any extra help. It is unnecessary, or at least should be, to comment on this lack of interest on the part of the members, unless you are all satisfied with the way things are running.

Two new members have been initiated into the Order this month. They are Bro. Groves, third trick at Cable, and Bro. W. G. Lowrey, foner at South Range. There are only eight nons left on the north end who have an idea that the Order can exist on hot air. I sometimes wonder if these same nons realize that it took more than hot air or oily tongues to get the concessions they are enjoying without even a "thank you" for our trouble.

General Chairman W. J. Liddane was in Chicago with the C. & N.-W. committee, which is conferring with the Northwestern officials for a revision of their schedule.

Bro. T. N. Scott relieved Bro. Christie while the former is enjoying his honeymoon. Mr. Putnam, the agent at Cumberland, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Peterson, who was relieved by Bro. Steiner. The second trick is held by Bro. Odegard. Cable has three tricks now, with Bro. Groves in charge. There is a new man at Barronett third trick named Patterson.

Result of June bulletins:

Valley Junction third trick was assigned to G. A. Norman.

Woodville third trick was bid in by J. A. Kneer.

Barronett third trick went to E. T. Odegard.

Duluth first trick was drawn by A. C. Dimock.

Radisson agent-telegrapher position was assigned to S. L. Shepard.

At this writing the boys on the Ashland are having all the work they can handle, especially

around Ashland Junction and Mason. It has been raining continuously for the last three or four days, a cloudburst up there having washed out considerable roadbed between Mason and Ashland, and Ashland Junction and Bayfield. The track was so bad that they had to annul all passenger and freight trains between those points. As the weather has moderated, it will only be a question of a day or two before trains will run as per schedule.

W. O. B.

Eastern District, Wisconsin Division—

Bro. H. P. Goodwin, regular second trick man at Spooner, who was laying off for about six weeks, was pressed into service to relieve Bro. Balgord, who is on his wedding tour. Bro. Goodwin has now returned to Spooner and Bro. O. L. Kvool is doing the second trick stunt at Elroy yard.

Bro. W. J. Liddane, general chairman, has just returned from Chicago, where he attended the meeting of the C. & N.-W. general committee, and also the meeting of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, which was held in the Southern Hotel, Chicago, July 12th and 13th. The meetings were attended by the grand officers of the telegraphers, switchmen, machinists, railway clerks, boilermakers, blacksmiths and others, and is expected to be productive of good results in the near future. The C. & N.-W. committee at this time have presented their proposition to that company and expect to be down to actual negotiations in a short time. It is reasonably certain that by the time this appears in print the Omaha committee will be in conference with the management for the purpose of revising the schedule. Every effort is now being made by the local committees to secure the applications of the few remaining nons. There are grievances to be adjusted at this session which affect every telegrapher and telephoner on this railroad, and it is only the plain duty of these men to at least give their financial and moral support to the organization which is demanding fair treatment and working conditions for them. Now is the time of all times when their support is needed and in this connection it is well to say that no member is doing his duty at this time who does not go out into the highways and byways and secure the application of every eligible non.

The telephone men especially should be organized solidly for obvious reasons.

Div. Cor.

Minnesota and Iowa Division—

One might think the members on the M. & I. Division a dead bunch, judging from no mention of it in our journal the past two or three issues, but such is not the case. We have just simply failed to connect. Although last month we tried hard to get the items in on time they were too late for the publication. In the future we will strive to get them in on time.

Such a great number of changes have been made that we are not in a position to make mention of

them all. Were we a mind reader we think we might give a better idea of these changes, but as we are not, and the boys will not notify us of the changes, we will have to give you what we have been able to gather.

Bro. Shier is packing up his household goods and personal effects, destined for Lake Wilson, where he will hang out his shingle.

Bro. Robert Jamieson is nicely located in his new position at Vernon Center.

Bro. B. Tonstad has returned from his vacation, which releases Bro. Watson, who has been relieving Bro. Tonstad at Miloma.

A large meeting, principally of exclusive agents from the C. & N.-W. and the M. & I. Division of the Omaha, was held at Mankato during the early part of July. We understand there were fifty-four present, including the division superintendents from the Omaha and the C. & N.-W. and their chief clerks. A sub-committee composed of Messrs. Sisterman of Belle Plaine, Hale of Windom and two from the C. & N.-W., met at Mankato again on the 22d. These meetings should be well attended, as it affords a great opportunity for the men and their division officers to become better acquainted. It also gives the men an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas, selecting the better to be applied in their capacity as representatives of the company.

We have several new "telephoners" on the division, working in the capacity of trainmen. The company is instructing the conductors to get their own train orders and instructions at Nichols fone office, which is a great saving to the company, as it does away with the necessity of maintaining a telegrapher or telephoner at that place.

We are indeed glad to know that our old friend Fairfield is able to resume duty at St. James.

Business on the M. & I. is certainly on the hummer.

Bro. A. E. Stemple, of St. Peter, is taking a couple of months' vacation; relieved by Mr. Rosenhauer.

Bro. Price held down the day position at Le Sueur a few days while Bro. Axt was having a run of la grippe.

Bro. R. A. Mann is enjoying his vacation; relieved by Bro. L. M. Kilberg, of Minneopa, who in turn was relieved by Bro. C. R. Williams. Bro. Mann is now visiting with his parents, relatives and friends at Windom.

Bro. Brady has returned to his old haunts at Blakeley after a few months' relief work at Vernon Center.

Mr. I. O. Kragness is doing the relief work at Lake Wilson until such a time as Bro. Shier arrives. We understand that he then goes to Savage to look after Dan Patch.

Results of the July assignments are as follows:

Carnes, E. M. Thompson; Beaver Creek, F. E. Anderson; Savage, G. W. Martin; Cliff, M. E. Haggerty; Heron Lake, R. L. Hart.

We understand the C. & N.-W. general committee has taken a short adjournment.

Mr. A. M. Card, dispatcher at St. James, commences his annual vacation July 26th. He will be missed.

Our brilliant attempt to give a write-up of the convention was evidently received at headquarters too late for publication. It is so late now that we will not make another attempt, as you are all in possession of the proceedings of the convention, which will give you a fair idea of what was done there.

The outlook at the present time is that Southern Minnesota has never had as prosperous looking times as right now. Crops are looking exceptionally good throughout the State, and if nothing unlooked for happens, business will be the best this fall it has been in twenty years. Here's hoping nothing happens. CENT. 251.

Nebraska Division—

Bro. Frank Carney, first trick at North Yard, is taking a vacation of a few weeks, being relieved by Bro. Hutton, of the second trick, who in turn is relieved by Bro. Hammer, a new man on the division, but reported to be an old-timer from the South, and strictly up to date. That's the kind we like to see come to this pike.

Bro. Marr, at Fort Calhoun, is very busy these days with his express, berries and fruits of all kinds. Makes him think of a trip to the mountains to get cooled off. He expects to go to Colorado on a vacation in a few weeks.

Bro. Dean, who relieved at Tekamah for a time, has gone to Lyons as telegrapher, and Bro. Mathews, the regular man at Tekamah, has resumed duty. He has been in South Dakota garnering his crop, and says he will have a nice little stake this fall. That's better than railroading.

Bro. Hammer relieved Mr. Bubbs, night man at Wakefield, a few nights.

Crofton now boasts of another one of the old places being reopened, and Mr. L. G. Hallisy is the man at the key.

Bro. Dangaard has moved to Emerson, where he is working second trick until Bro. Wood is through relieving in the dispatchers' office. Bro. Wilson and Mr. Hallisy had to work twelve-hour stunts a few days recently on account of Bro. Dangaard being ill.

Bro. Larson, agent at Nacora, withdrew his bid for the agency at Newcastle, and will stay at Nacora. Bro. Carl Ferber, from Maskell, was the lucky man for Newcastle, and has been installed there. Maskell is now open for bids. Bro. G. W. Smith, who has been relieving at Newcastle for some time, returns to the Jackson agency.

We understand that there will be a vacancy at Ferry, soon, owing to one of the boys making a slopover on an order. Be careful, that's bad business, and is what causes some of the bad wrecks we read of. We can't use too much care in handling train orders; let nothing else come ahead of them.

Mr. W. D. Whitaker, the agent at Hubbard, took a few days' vacation and visited his brother

at Winside and friends on the line. He was relieved by Mr. L. E. Foster, a new man on the road.

Bro. Jones, telegrapher at Wayne, is taking a vacation of about three weeks, and is visiting friends and others in Niobrara. He will go to Crawford and further west before returning. Relieved by Telegrapher Hale, a new man.

Bro. Crouch Hoskins is contemplating a trip to Hot Springs, S. D., for the benefit of his wife's health, she having been very poorly for a number of months. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Western Maryland Ry.

Mr. Welty, the agent at Sudbrook, was off a week on account of sickness. Relieved by Bro. Lindsay, of Westminster.

Bro. Lindsay, while relieving Mr. Welty, was relieved by Mr. Angle.

Bro. Karmany, of Wingerton, was off a few days last month; relieved by Telegrapher Harvey.

Telegrapher Rohrbach relieved Telegrapher O'Malley, on the second trick at Mt. Wilson. O'Malley working the second trick at Walbrook during the regular man's absence.

Telegrapher Spillman, who has been working as relief man, has been assigned to the second trick at Hagerstown, "G" office.

Telegrapher Damuth, who has been working second trick at "G" office, has been transferred to Thurmont.

Bro. Morrison, who has been working third trick at Thurmont, now works the third trick.

Telegrapher Lewis, a recent acquisition, is going to Pearre; can not say at this time which trick he takes.

Bro. Tuck went from second trick at Emory Grove to second trick at Walbrook.

Telegrapher Sterner went from first trick at Walbrook to second trick at the same place.

The write-up for this month will not be a thing to be very proud of, but, fellows, it's the best I can do, because I have been receiving very few items, so can not go as "strong" as I would like to. Once again, I ask you to let me have a bit of news or humor for verily: "A little humor now and then, is relished by the best of men."
"SHORTY."

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Southern Division—

Bro. Marshall has returned to his duties as agent at Brownsville Junction, after having a few months' needed rest. We are pleased to state that he is feeling much better.

Telegrapher Lyons has been transferred from Brownsville Junction to Searsport.

Telegrapher Clapman is doing the day stunt at Brownsville.

W. M. Kelley, from North Maine Junction, second trick, to North Bangor agency.

Bro. Bates, of "WB" dispatching office, recently enjoyed one week's vacation.

Bro. Cutler was working the split trick in "WB" for a week recently, but is now holding first trick on District No. 2.

Bro. Curtis is doing the relief dispatching while the other boys are on vacations, and Bro. Kearney doing dispatching and other telegraphing on same account.

The scribe made an error in getting at H. A. Austin's title in the last write-up. It should have been "Mr." instead of "Bro." But, however, Mr. Austin used to carry an up-to-date card, and claims he will be with us again soon.

Bro. Reynolds is still relieving at Shirley.

Bro. E. X. Wilson was relieved at Sangerville recently. Bro. McGown is there permanently, having landed it on bulletin.

E. J. McCarron was relieving Bro. Keriston at Gailford recently.

Bro. M. W. Flyat, of "CD" office, Bangor, enjoyed a two weeks' vacation recently.

Bro. C. D. Kelley, of "KX" dispatching office, took a week off recently, and visited relatives and friends in St. John, N. B.

Those who have not paid dues for the current term should do so at once, and keep in good standing.

Better times coming, boys. Cheer up.

DIV. COR.

Texas & Pacific Ry.

Mr. Harrison has returned to work after a sixty days' rest. He was relieved by Bro. Adams, who is now at his regular post at "BN," Ft. Worth.

Mr. Malone, third trick at St. L. & S. W. Crossing, is relieving Bro. Hornbright, third trick at Whitesboro. Bro. Hornbright is relieving the split trick man who is off on a vacation.

Mr. Chance, who is at Tioga, has lost considerable time lately on account of sickness. He is at work now, we understand.

Bro. Harris is planning a vacation next month.

Mr. Dalan was sick one day this week; relieved by Mr. Burford, an extra man.

I would like to see some one else make an effort to say a few words. We hardly know what is going on at the next station.

Bro. Torbert, of Black Hawk, made a flying trip to New Orleans and Thibodaux last week.

Our local chairman, Bro. Douglas, is laying off for a couple of weeks, and is spending most of his time at Rapides with relatives.

CERTS. 148 AND 242.

Illinois Central Ry.

Chicago Division—

Regular stated communication of Chicago Division of System Division, No. 93, O. R. T., met at Gilam, Ill., July 10th. Bro. Searl presiding. Officers present Bro. Searl, Bro. Barr, secretary. Officers appointed pro tem: Bro. Hupp, second vice; Bro. Poe, inside sentinel; Bro. Bailey, marshal. Visiting brothers present: Bro. R. L. Shannon, of Anna, Ill.

After the usual routine of business, Bro. Shannon gave us quite an interesting talk on the good of the Order.

"We are at a loss to understand why the brothers do not make an effort to attend our

meetings. The last two meetings were attended by only ten members, and we are sorry to say not one of them is working days on an eight-hour trick. Boys, this looks very, very bad, we are endeavoring to make these meetings a school of instruction, for the information and schooling of one and all. Some time ago Bro. Cailey introduced a motion, which was seconded and carried, that the local chairman be empowered to invite the various officials to attend these meetings, and give us such instruction as the brethren should desire on any part of their work, and this will be done if the members will take the necessary interest to attend and show by their action that they have a desire to be instructed, and qualify for the better discharge of their respective duties.

"Is it possible that you who do not attend have learned it all, and sit back and congratulate yourselves on the theory, 'That one small head can contain it all?'"

"Where are the men who are working only eight hours, first trick? Come boys, you surely have more interest in the welfare of the Order than this. Some of the faithful ones attend every meeting and are working twelve hour tricks. They get home just in time to go to work next day. Some of you work eight-hour first tricks and when we meet in your city you do not attend the meetings. Surely there is something wrong. These meetings are very interesting and we get much benefit by attending them. Surely you can come once a month? Let each and every one show his interest by attending the meetings."

It has been suggested to your worthy scribe, that quite a few of the brethren do not fully understand just how, and for what purpose the money paid into the Order for dues is accounted for and distributed, and there has been some complaint as to the amount of money paid into the Order, some thinking their dues excessive; for the information of those who do not fully understand what becomes of their money I would suggest that you read closely the constitution, which will fully explain to you just how the money is divided and applied to the Grand Division Journal, Protective and Convention Funds. By reading the supplement issued with the June issue of the journal you will see a full report of all moneys received and distribution of same.

While the "MC" tower at Matteson is out of service and being moved to make room for overhead bridge of the Joliet & Southern Electric Railway, the telegraphers at that point worked in the depot, eight-hour tricks, the third man having been put on.

Bro. C. E. Baugh was given the third trick. He worked from June 2d to June 21st, and was then transferred to Loda to work as relief agent.

Bro. Addams, of Loda, was off duty a week or ten days, on account of sickness. We learn that he has resigned to accept employment with West Bros. Grain Co. at Manteno, Ill.

Telegrapher F. Bradley relieved Bro. Baugh at Matteson, Bradley is a new man on the I. C., coming from the "Tip-up."

Bro. H. Gidinghagen, regular night man at Matteson, is off duty for three weeks, visiting folks in Missouri; relieved by Bro. C. D. Ikerd, another new man on the I. C.

Bro. L. P. Cailey, who has been off on vacation for twenty days, returned to work June 12th. Unable to say who relieved Bro. Cailey.

Bro. C. J. McGauley has secured first trick at Paxton on bulletin.

Bro. J. E. Wolf received third trick at Paxton, regular, on bulletin.

Bro. R. C. Spangler is working second trick at Paxton, on account of Bro. Stone's laying off.

Bro. Snyderjohn, of Rantoul, is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. Fitzpatric.

Extra Telegrapher Ikerd, at Matteson, has resigned to accept a position with the E. J. & E. Mr. Ikerd was relieved by Mr. R. J. McCann.

Sister Mrs. Grace Williams, of Melvin, is off on ten days' vacation, being relieved by a Mr. Jensen.

Bro. Crannel, of Tolono, is being relieved by a Mr. Campbell.

Bro. Robinson, of Effingham, was off a couple of days on account of the death of his father; relieved by Mr. Overlan.

Bro. Newman, of Tolono, is off for thirty days' vacation; relieved by Overlan.

We are glad to state that Bro. D. J. O'Connell, of Cooksville, has paid his dues, and has advised Bro. Morrison that he is not, now, and never has been running a ham factory, as stated in last month's journal.

We hereby apologize to Bro. O'Connell, for the error. The item was sent in and reported as received; thanks for the correction.

Bro. Sedinghagen is back, nights, at Matteson on regular job.

We are grieved to chronicle the death of Bro. A. J. Dion's little daughter, aged 5 years. The report came to us as we were just in the act of sending the items to press, and we are unable to state what action has been taken by the division, but feel sure that suitable flowers and resolutions of sympathy will be sent Bro. Dion, who is agent at Homewood.
J. F. C.

We are sorry to advise the brothers that R. E. Morrow, of Gilman, still advises us "nothing doing," and it appears he has become a professional non. He offers no more excuses and seems to take offense when we mention O. R. T. to him.

We note he is glad to accept the \$62.50 per, for eight hours' work. He continues to eat out of the O. R. T. trough, and does not even grunt an appreciation of the good feed we have secured for him. Strange, isn't it?

W. H. MORRISON,
Local Chairman.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst and from her family, the mother of Bro. J. R. Esler, and while we humbly say, "Thy will be done," and feel that labor is over and refreshment began, we can not but feel the void left in the hearts of this family; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to the members of this family our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. A. AULD,
D. J. BUCKLEY,
F. A. THOMAS,
Committee.

Chicago, Ill., July 7, 1909.

Tennessee Division—

Everything is seemingly quiet; however, there is quite a lot of bananas moving northward at present, while the vegetable traffic is much lighter than a month ago.

There are a few changes taking place among home boys, outsiders not standing much show, for I don't think there has been a new man hired for some time; in fact, very few since the panic almost two years ago. The following are among the changes that have taken place since the last writing:

Bro. Etling, third trick at Ballard Junction, was at home a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bros. Ballengo and Mead.

Bro. Sowrey, regular man at Illinois Junction, is doing a little extra agency work at present; relieved by Telegraphers Reagin and Carter.

Bro. G. R. Michael, the first trick man at Winford, has resumed duty after a vacation of over thirty days. We trust he has entirely recovered from the injury he received on account of a speeder getting on the track. We suppose that the reason the job was not bulletined was because it was uncertain when he would return to work.

Bro. O. H. Dishon, second trick at Winford, has been seriously ill for the past week, necessitating first and third trick telegraphers doubling.

Bro. W. P. Hardaway, of Michigan City, resumed work after being off several months on account of sickness. Bro. R. L. Baird, of Hickory Valley, is off a few days, and is being relieved by Bro. J. M. Graves, from Oxford.

Telegrapher Butler, from the N. C. St. L., is taking Bro. Graves' place at Oxford.

Bro. J. W. Barnett, the third trick telegrapher at Holly Springs, is off thirty days, and is being relieved by Bro. E. E. Greer, an extra man.

Bro. Wm. Shane has asked for relief for thirty days.

Bro. E. M. Matthews, of Oxford, has resigned as telegrapher and is at present working as clerk at that point.

Bro. W. R. Fleming, of Grand Junction, was married a few days ago, and unknown to anyone

drove through the country to LaGrange, boarding the train there instead of Grand Junction, escaping the rice shower. I think quite a number were disappointed, because they expected them to depart from Grand Junction, and had prepared for the occasion. They will visit Bro. Fleming's home-folks and friends at Curve, Tenn., while away.

Bro. Wooldridge, second trick man at Fulton, Ky., ticket office, has been off several days, on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Scott, extra man.

Bro. B. M. Poynter, of Martin Tenn., has asked for relief, and expects to visit Dawson Springs and Lookout Mountain. His wife and daughter will accompany him. He needs the recreation, as he has served some thirty-eight years or more continuously as a telegrapher and agent for the railroad. His daughter, Miss Florence, has just returned from an extensive trip through the West, visiting several places of interest.

We understand that Telegrapher Maxwell, of Jackson yards, has resigned as third trick man, and has gone to Thayer, Mo., with the Frisco.

Bro. Blackwell, from the second trick at Dyersburg, bid in the regular third trick at Frogmoor, better known as Jackson yards.

The telephones are becoming a reality on this division at last, but it seems that they should, as they have been working on them for a long time. The entire Louisville Division, so I understand, is now being assisted by telephones in the handling of trains, as is that part of the Tennessee Division known as "The Peco," from Paducah, Ky., to Memphis, Tenn. I also understand that they will complete the remaining part of this division soon. It is a cinch we will have some consolation, if it is nothing more than that had by the boy when he went to bid his best girl farewell, after being in school with her for several months; it was this: "Well, Miss Agnes, I do hate to leave you, but I lived a long time before I ever met you, and I guess I will live just as long if I never meet you again." Quite a number of us lived a long time before we ever worked, or rather slaved, for the railroad companies, and *we will live a great deal longer if we never work another day for them*, don't you think?

I want to thank each one that sent me items, and will thank you to continue.

CERT. 1099-OB.

Louisiana Division—

A rousing meeting was held at Jackson, Miss., July 4th, with a good attendance. Local Chairman Miller presided, Bros. Serrett acted as secretary, Bro. Sanders as first vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. Moon as second vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. Twyman as past chief telegrapher, Bro. Head as marshal, Bro. Ecker as inside guard, and Bro. Freeman did duty as outside guard. We were much disappointed because Col. Montgomery, local chairman of the Y. & M. V. and the "Little J" boys failed to appear. The goat was all in readiness for W. B. West, who promised to be on hand,

but at the last minute Billy got cold feet and did not show up.

Our regular meeting at McComb, Sunday night, July 11th, was a record-breaker, both in attendance and enthusiasm. Two candidates, in the persons of C. S. Rand and W. G. Bennett, presented themselves for initiation, throwing themselves upon the mercy of our goat, who performed very creditably. Several applications for membership were balloted upon. The proposed Bond Co. was heartily endorsed, and nearly all the boys pledged themselves to subscribe liberally. Several violations of the nine-hour law were reported, and referred to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Our next meeting at McComb will be held in our new hall, known as Clemment Hall, thoroughly up to date, with electric fans and icewater.

We are glad to report only three delinquents from last term who have fallen by the wayside, namely: C. L. Campbell, Independence, La.; R. S. Brent, Magnolia, Miss.; G. L. Robertson, Jackson, Miss. One case of the usual hard luck and the other two absolute indifference.

There has been another change in chief dispatchers at McComb. Effective July 4th, Mr. J. B. Yellowley resigned and was succeeded by Mr. C. S. Brill.

Sister Florence Furlow, telegrapher at Canton, Miss., has returned from an extended vacation trip, taking in Eastern and Canadian points of interest.

Bro. Maurice Oliver, late of Frenier, La., has been assigned to the second trick at "UD," McComb, on bulletin, and Bro. J. C. Ammins from Hammond, La., assigned to third trick at Yazoo City on bulletin.

Bro. T. G. Garth, "BD," New Orleans, has returned from that dear old Texas, having spent his vacation with relatives near Beaumont.

Bro. J. W. Thompson, nights at "MO," McComb, spent some time at San Antonio, Texas, where he left Mrs. Thompson for her health.

Bro. C. C. Wilson, first trick at "UD," McComb, took in the Elks convention at Los Angeles, and reports a swell time.

The office at Incline, La., has been reopened with two men, nine hours each. Bro. M. Carroll, late of the T. & P., first trick, and Bro. Geo. Muller second trick.

The new office and interlocking plant at junction of N. O. & G. N. with the I. C., just south of Jackson, Miss., is called Nogan. Filled with three men, all nons.

The following are new members since our last report: C. S. Rand, cashier and ticket agent at Hammond, La.; C. D. Ross, second trick at Hammond, La.; J. C. Ammons, third trick at Yazoo City; B. W. Pearson, McComb, Miss.; W. G. Bennett, Gulletts, La.; W. B. West, Madison, Miss.; J. C. McLaurine, Arcola, La.; T. L. Lowry, Harahan Junction, La.; D. L. Laxton, New Orleans.

Bro. W. L. Myers, late of New Mexico, has accepted the position of chief clerk to Division

Passenger Agent McDougall at New Orleans, vice G. B. Stewart, resigned.

The sub-general committee convened at Anna, Ill., on August 2d to frame the proposed new schedule, which will be presented to the management in due time. It has been three years since our last revision, and conditions have changed considerably. Overtime and hours out of line on account of the nine-hour law, cost of living materially increased have caused many "low joints" in our wage scale. There is no doubt that the management, as in the past, will see the justice of our demands, and our conditions will be improved materially.

Div. Co.

St. Louis Division—

On account of the hot weather and the difficulty of obtaining relief, there has been no meeting at Carbondale for some time, but one will be called in the very near future, and upon such notice being issued it is the desire that every one who possibly can shall attend.

Position of third trick at "NY," Centralia, is on bulletin. Good job for a man who is not afraid of work. The position is held temporarily by A. C. Dale.

We have received applications from most all the nons in the past sixty days, and feel highly elated over the fact, but there are still two or three desirables whom we hope to reach before this is in print. Boys, keep after any non-members in your locality. If the organization is good for you, it is good for them. Tell them about it, get them interested, and get their applications.

Bro. H. L. Patterson, nights at "HN," Mounds, is off for a couple of weeks seeing the sights in St. Louis.

The company is erecting a new telegraph office in the park at Carbondale which will be completed by the first of August. The force of telegraphers now in "DA" and "CD" will occupy the new office, leaving sufficient men in "DA" office to handle the tickets and Western Union business.

We understand that Bro. McClelland, formerly of Carterville, bid in the "NY," Centralia, vacancy, but has given it up to go into the restaurant business.

Bro. W. E. Rash is relieving Bro. Downs at Ullin for thirty days or more, his job at "UN," Mounds, being filled by Mr. Lehey, a new man, who promises to be with us this month.

Bro. G. E. Chance, of Mounds, spent a two weeks' vacation in Indiana and was relieved by Bro. Correll, of Chicago office.

Bro. A. M. Winstead, of Wetaug, is taking a thirty-day vacation, looking after his farm in Washington State. He is being relieved by Bro. W. M. Sawrey, from the Cairo terminal.

Div. Co.

Omaha Division—

Bro. Garrick is working days at Parkersburg, relieving Bro. Cooper, who is acting as agent during the regular agent's absence. A new man named Wightman is working nights, but has not

been in the business long enough to make application. Bros. Cooper and Garrick can probably do the necessary when he has qualified.

Understand the new agent at Macy wears the button, but can not say where he belongs. Some of the brothers down that way should have him transfer to No. 93.

Bros. Van Meter and Arenson are working overtime since Bro. Brake was drowned.

Bro. Fear having bid in the agency at Duncombe, was relieved by Bro. E. J. Wiggs at Alden until regular appointment has been made.

The regular agent at Webster City having returned, Bros. Empie, Smith and French are now working their regular hours at Webster City. Bro. Locki having been transferred to Tara second trick to relieve Bro. Ritchie, who was called away on business. We understand that Bro. Ritchie has been granted sixty days leave of absence, and that he promised upon his return to have his membership transferred to Division No. 93.

Bro. Knight, who bid in Rockwell City agency, has been transferred from Duncombe, and has moved his family to their new home. Bro. Knight will find plenty to do in his new position.

Bro. Cronk, the new third trick man at Tara, who is on vacation, must like the country along the Pacific coast, as he is staying the limit. The telegraphers at Tara are now joint with the M. & St. L. at that point. Undoubtedly the salary will be increased with the increase in work.

Bro. Reisinger, of Sherwood, is enjoying a well-earned vacation; relieved by a new man whose name we do not know.

Bro. Penny, of Denison, returned from Atlanta looking as fresh and fine as when he departed. The brothers must have used him well while he was away.

We do not seem to be able to get the brothers from west of Arion to attend the meetings. They should be able to send a few members from that district. Bro. Schrader, of Omaha, has been the only one who has shown up at the last four meetings.

The brothers were all pained to learn of the death of A. P. Brake, who was drowned in the Iowa River at Iowa Falls, during the afternoon of July 13th, while attempting to save the life of a young lady who fell from a boat in which a party of young folks were enjoying the afternoon. The remains of the young lady and Bro. Brake were found about three hours after the accident a short distance from where they were last seen. Miss Bruce was a resident of Iowa Falls, and after being removed from the water her remains were taken to the home of her parents. Bro. Brake was taken to the home of his parents at Dow City, Iowa, from which place the funeral was held at 10 a. m., July 16th. In the death of Bro. Brake the company lost one of its best telegraphers, and the Order a loyal member.

CERT. 144.

CARD OF THANKS.

Myself and family desire to thank the members of Division No. 93, for their aid during my late misfortune. Although words can not express our feeling, we hope that this will convey to you in some measure the gratitude we feel.

P. D. Row,

340 E. Orchard, Decatur, Ill.

Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Ry.

Memphis Division—

There have been quite a number of changes on the "Valley" since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. Strub, third trick at Greenwood, is off a few days, visiting friends and relatives at Ghenada; relieved by Mr. Manson, of the Sou. Ry.

Bro. Knight, second trick man at Tutwiler, was off a few days, on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Powers, an extra man.

Bro. Tucker, third trick man at Tutwiler, was off a few days, visiting friends at Lake View and Memphis; relieved by Mr. Mitchell, an extra man.

Mr. Gibson, first trick man at Tutwiler, was off a few days; relieved by Mr. C. Hall, an extra agent and telegrapher.

Mr. Humphreys, "H," at Greenwood, claims there is no need of him joining us. He says, "What's the use for me to join, I get the same benefit as you fellows do, and I don't pay for it either." Isn't that the limit?

Mr. F. S. Dobrowolski (better known as Doby), the old-timer at "MS," Memphis dispatcher's office, worked the L. E. District, while the regular dispatcher was on vacation. Mr. J. L. Weissinger worked days at "MS," and Bro. Parrish did the night stunt while "Doby" was dispatching.

There has been a sand pit opened at Howard, on the Tchula district, lately; two or three work trains are handling the sand to the Talla District.

Mr. Dungan, the agent at Charleston, died suddenly on the night of July 1st. We were unable to get particulars.

Bro. R. L. Anderson has returned from his vacation, and reports a pleasant time. He worked a few days for his brother at Robinsonville on his arrival, but will go back to his old stand at Tunica soon.

Bro. Schmullen has been transferred from second trick at Coahoma to the agency at Banks. He was relieved at Coahoma by Mr. Hirsch, an extra telegrapher.

Bro. Holmes has been transferred from first trick at Coahoma to the agency at Darling.

Mr. W. B. Simpson is holding the agency at Vance. Mr. Simpson is from the L. & N. Ry. Promises to do the needful first pay day.

Bro. J. A. Bondurant, the agent at Inverness, is taking a vacation, on account of the illness of his wife; relieved by Bro. Horton.

Bro. J. C. Henry was the lucky bidder on the Ruleville agency.

Bro. L. S. Bradley and wife, of Belzona, attended the reunion at Memphis. He was relieved by his son, Bro. E. S. Bradley.

Bro. J. G. Howell, the agent at Drew, is spending most of his time on the road with the Drew Baseball Team. They say he is fine on "highballs."

Bro. Stokely, the agent at Parchman, made a trip to Memphis to see "Prohibition," but says he could not locate it; relieved by Bro. "Spag" Stokely.

Boys, let's get busy and have a good write-up every month. If we don't get the dope, we can not write it up. Send all notes to Bro. W. M. Furlong, Clarksdale. CENT. 1988.

Indianapolis Southern Ry.

Bro. McCrillis, of Deiterich, was off a few days in June, on account of sickness. Relieved by Bro. C. F. Guzman.

We understand that Billings, of Wheeler, made a special trip to Olney in June.

Bro. Melton relieved Bro. Fox at Stoy, while the latter was attending the convention.

R. L. Francis, of Robinson, was off a day or two; Agent Morenous did his work while he was absent.

C. G. Ault, of Palestine, was off a few nights in June; relieved by Bro. Guzman.

C. R. Chrisman, second trick at Palestine, resigned; bulletin not up.

W. M. Johnson, agent at Merom, was off a few days in June, and was relieved by a new man named F. J. Reed, who absconded with the receipts of the office the following Monday after being checked in Saturday. Bro. Guzman, of Sullivan, was sent there to take charge of the office. He was relieved by Bro. Cummings, third trick at Sullivan; Guzman returning to Sullivan to fill Cummings' trick, until the return of Bro. Johnson, who is off on account of sickness in his family.

The second trick at Sullivan has been bulletined, and the position filled by Bro. McCord.

The second trick at Bloomington has been filled by I. E. Merrick, from third trick, and C. G. Ault (extra), who had been working second trick. was put on third trick.

Bro. J. S. Milam, agent at Helmsburg, who has been enjoying a thirty days' vacation, returned to work June 1st.

F. Lanham, an extra man, filled Morgantown, nights, while Bro. Sherrill did the day stunt, relieving Bro. Wentz, who was off visiting his folks in the northern part of the State.

J. G. Shepherd, who had been working extra at Anita pending bulletin, was the successful applicant for second trick at Palestine.

J. Melton was the successful applicant for the agency at Anita.

Telegrapher J. G. Shepherd has been sent to Oblong for a couple of weeks; relieving Cashier Dalrymple.

C. G. Ault, of Palestine, was off two days; relieved by F. Lanham, who is now relieving J. G. Shepherd on second trick.

Bro. W. E. Wood, first trick at Palestine, was off duty a couple of days on account of the death of his mother-in-law; relieved by L. R. Yuill.

Bro. D. C. Warneck, third trick at Linton, was off a week or ten days recently; relieved by Bro. R. C. Laasley.

Bro. Green, first trick at Linton, was off a few days on account of a sprained wrist; relieved by L. R. Yuill.

H. Shepherd has been transferred to Victoria, vice D. C. Warnick, who has accepted the third trick at Linton.

Bro. Fox, the agent at Stoy, returned from the convention via Washington, D. C., relieving J. Melton.

Bro. McCord, of the second trick at Sullivan, is off a few days; relieved by Lanham.

J. J. O'Neil has gone to Anita, relieving Melton; Melton resigned.

Merrick, of Bloomington, is off a few days; relieved by Lanham.

Telegrapher L. R. Yuill has left the service of the I. S. Do not know what his intentions are.

A. H. Turney, formerly day telegrapher for the I. S. at Bloomington, has accepted a position with the Monon as relief agent, and is now at Bloomfield for fifteen days. Bro. Turney still holds a card in No. 93, "up-to-date." Coa.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

To All Concerned:

In the last three months and a half the Northwest Division has increased about 13 or 14 per cent, and indications are that it will continue to increase.

The membership is now in such a condition that when we secure a member it makes a showing.

Now, gentlemen, we should try and keep the line-up as it is and better if possible. Don't neglect to pay your dues or assessments. Don't be the means of making it necessary to do what has been done all over again. Don't drop out for we are now where the membership is as strong as on any railroad in the United States.

I wish I could show every one of you the line-up, for I know you would feel encouraged and satisfied that good work is being done. Division No. 96 is not asleep or never will be. To compare our late schedule with that of some of the other roads, large systems included, you will be convinced of the fact.

There are only a few nons on this division, and I hope each member will do his part in trying to get them into line. To give you some idea how we stand, I will inform you that there are but three agents on the whole Northwest Division, who come under our schedule, who are non-members. Two of these will never line up, for they are not their own bosses. You have heard of people not having a mind of their own. Some people appear to think that they have to let

some one else do their thinking in order to hold their job.

Now, brothers, do not let the limited time pass without paying up.

I have not written this for the Northwest Division alone. I hope the whole of Division No. 96 will take notice and act accordingly.

C. E. NORRIS,

Local Chairman Northwest Division.

Ft. Dodge Division—

Bro. McClintock, who has been at Carroll for the past two years, has gone to the N. P., and is located about sixty miles east of Seattle. We were sorry to see Bro. McClintock leave us, and wish him success in his new position. The helper succeeded Bro. McClintock. This is not in accordance with our schedule, as the trick left vacant by Bro. McClintock should have been put up for bid. There are many older telegraphers on this division who like this trick and who are entitled to it. Our chairman should take this up and ascertain why jobs are not bulletined. Four tricks have been filled within the past five weeks and no one had an opportunity to bid them in. We are living up to the schedule, and the railway company should do the same.

Telegrapher Martin, third trick at Harlem, skipped out about a week ago, and nothing has been heard from him since. You seldom hear of an O. R. T. man doing this. Why?

Bro. Beale has been transferred from Manning third trick to Harlan third trick.

There is a new man at Manning. We have not learned his name.

Second and third tricks at Eagle Grove, third trick at Manning, first and second tricks at Carroll, and third trick at Harlan have not been bulletined according to the schedule.

A man from the C. R. I. & P. has been working side-table "A" at Clarion during the past week.

Bro. Joe Brown, dispatcher, is enjoying a well-earned vacation in the Black Hills, Wisconsin and Chicago.

Frank Wheller, of "A" side-table, is dispatching at Red Wing as relief.

Have not heard who is relieving Bro. Brown.

Bro. Beegle and wife spent Sunday at Slidden, on the C. & N. W.

The write-up last month was omitted on account of the writer being too busy with station work, and not getting it in on time.

Mr. Howell, the agent at Bentley, left for Seattle last week, to visit the exposition. We do not know who is relieving him. CERT. 20.

Northwest Division—

This is the first of the year when many of the boys are taking their vacations and it is difficult to record all the changes, but we have heard from several offices, and are enabled to publish a few of them.

Bro. D. Lynch, third trick man at Elma, took two weeks off, which he spent in traveling. He passed through Missouri at the time of the heavy

rains and floods which did so much damage in that district.

Bro. Foreman, first trick man at Hayfield, is laying off, and Telegrapher W. A. Allen, second trick man at that place is doing the first trick stunt.

On return of Bro. Lynch, at Elma, Telegrapher C. Peterson, of that place, took thirty days leave of absence. Bro. Lynch has first trick during the absence of Mr. Peterson.

Telegrapher B. Vaughan, of McIntire, is away for three weeks, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Johnson.

Agent Hine, who got West Concord on bulletin, was compelled to resign the agency there on account of ill health, and Bro. McKinstry, of Sumner, secured the agency vacated by Mr. Hine.

Mr. G. H. Page, chief dispatcher, has returned from a two weeks' vacation.

A new man at the business, Mr. Roy Potter, has charge of the third trick at Elma while Bro. Lynch is working first trick.

Bro. Craig, for some time third trick telegrapher at Randolph, has left the service, and Bro. McElrath is handling third trick there.

Bro. Luedke, second trick at Eden, was off a few days. The office was closed during his absence.

Second trick at Renova is now in charge of Mr. R. Carter. We all recognize that name, as this same party held this position last winter, and besides running a "ham factory" did many other things unbecoming a gentleman, and exerted his influence against the Order. He will bear watching, boys.

Telegrapher Maxfield, second trick man at Taopi, is laying off. He was relieved first by Telegrapher L. D. Deedy, but the latter was later discharged and Telegrapher R. Carter was sent to work the second trick. Mr. Carter was later transferred to Renova, and Bro. J. E. Lennon relieved him.

Bro. Plath, first trick at Dodge Center, has again resumed work after an extended vacation and inspection of his claim.

Telegrapher Jenkins, formerly of Taopi, third trick, has left the service, being relieved by Bro. H. Johnson, of Division No. 54.

Telegrapher E. Bartel, of West Concord, has left the service. Bro. L. B. Blann, of Division No. 7, is relieving him.

Telegrapher Armstrong, the "faithful non," is still at State St. yard office calling crews, and seems perfectly contented with the present wages, hours, sanitary conditions, etc., of that place, and does not care to better these conditions through the union. How pleasant it would be today if we had all been contented during the past twenty years.

Bro. L. Sanders, agent at Devon, is taking a vacation. Unable to say who is relieving him.

Don't forget your semi-annual dues.

The fine write-up we issue each month is due to the efforts of the boys on the division sending in items. I am sure they all feel well rewarded when they read these interesting write-ups, and we hope that they will always be interested enough to lend this valuable assistance. Div. Cor.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.*A. & B. Division—*

As I have seen nothing in the journal in the last few months from this division, it would appear that someone is not doing his duty and leaves the impression that we either have cold feet or do not want the outside world to know that we are still existing. I am proud to say we are in better shape and everything looks brighter for a full membership on this division than ever before.

I know it will be glad news to all brothers on the S. A. L. to know that out of about thirty-five telegraphers on this division there is only about five out, and I feel assured that in a short time this number will be decreased considerably—that is, if each brother will delegate himself a committee of one to help show these nons the right path.

At last we have succeeded in taking steps toward holding division meetings. Our first meeting was held at Rockmart, Saturday, June 5th, with a good number present, and the following officers were elected: Bro. Hodges, chief telegrapher; Bro. Brown, past chief; Bro. Dowling, secretary and treasurer, and Bro. Holder sergeant at arms. The next regular meeting will be held July 25th at Piedmont, Ala., and the place for holding future meetings will be decided on. It is hoped that every member will take advantage of the opportunity and be present at these meetings, so we can get more fully acquainted and discuss matters pertaining to our own division's welfare.

This notice will appear too late for this meeting, but we will notify all members of the next regular meeting and place to be held, so arrange to be on hand.

I am proud to inform all the brothers on this division that their general committee met at Savannah and held a conference with the general superintendent of the Southern Express Co. in regard to increase in pay and a minimum for all who handle express. It is very gratifying to say they were successful in securing a minimum of \$5.00 per month, and several other items of which they will make you familiar in the near future.

It seems to me that this alone is enough to make all non-members get up-to-date cards, for some who do not carry cards will receive the benefits of this raise, which will, in two months, pay dues in the Order for one year, and leave the balance of fifty dollars each to their credit.

I am proud to say we can now hold out our hands with fraternal friendship to Bros. Courson, Rockmart, Ga.; Bro. Pemberton, Coal City, Bro. Bates, at Wellington and Bro. Hines at Esom, and certainly know that they will never have cause to regret having joined our ranks.

Bro. Shackleford, formerly telegrapher at Wellington, has been appointed agent at Alton, and we all wish him success.

Bro. Courson, of Rockmart, has made a change, but cannot at this time say where he has gone. Mr. Jones, formerly of Cedartown, is his successor.

It has been brought to the writer's attention that Mr. Allen, the first trick man at Cedartown, still

persists in carrying on his "ham factory." This is certainly to be regretted, as Mr. Allen is a good telegrapher, and I am sure would be a credit to the Order, but, while this is the case, he seems to think it best to work against his own interest for the pitiful amount for which he bleeds the student. It is to be hoped he will cut this out and get right before it is too late, for he might, in future days, regret this very thing. If we expect to accomplish that which we have started out to do, we must all pull together.

I would like to mention that the writer attended the regular meeting of the Dixie Twin Order Club at the Federation Hall in Atlanta, July 10th, and a good number of the members were out, and all enjoyed the talk given by Bro. Dermody, fourth vice-president of the Order, and I regret that every member on this division could not be present, as those who were present went away feeling that they had been bountifully rewarded for attending this meeting and hearing such an able and interesting talk by such a worthy brother of the O. R. T.

Now let each member try to send me some "dope" for the next issue of the journal. Don't wait for some other brother, but send all you can to your local chairman and he will see that the same is sent in and we will have nice write-ups in the future.

CERT. 718.

To All Members A. & B. Division—

The membership having grown almost out of its bounds, it has been decided to hold our meetings at Piedmont, Alabama, every third Sunday afternoon, commencing Sunday, July 25th, 1909.

It is to be hoped that every member will do his utmost to be on hand on that date. It would be a good idea to begin asking for relief now. Your chief is a good sort of gentleman, and I think he will do all in his power to help the members in getting off to attend the meetings.

At our last meeting, which was held at Rockmart, Brother Hodges was elected chief telegrapher, and we want to show our appreciation by making the attendance a large one. Let us all try to be on hand. Yours fraternally,

J. C. EWING,
Local Chairman.

Ulster & Delaware Ry.

The first meeting of Division No. 113, which was held at Pine Hill, N. Y., on July 12th, was a grand success, half of the entire membership of the division being present. Many of the boys came a long way, and some were obliged to drive several miles in order to attend. This is encouraging and it looks as if the boys on the U. & D. had awakened from their long sleep, and perhaps before many moons this will be a scheduled road.

Several applications for membership were received.

Our general chairman, Bro. C. M. Sanford, gave an interesting report of the Atlanta convention.

The boys on this line ought to appreciate the nine-hour law, for it certainly has worked great changes for their betterment. Where one or two men formerly did the work at these stations, we now see three or four, and when we consider that the O. R. T. is responsible for this, we wonder at there being a non left on the road.

At our next meeting we hope to have Bro. T. M. Pierson.

Now boys, don't forget the date, and all try to be present to give Bro. Pierson a royal welcome.

Bro. Ottman, of Division No. 78, is with us this season, holding down third trick at Big Indian.

Bro. Harry J. Halstead, second trick at "NQ," Oneonta, has branched out as a chicken farmer, and is having fine success.

Bro. E. J. Donnelly, of Division No. 8, is with us again this season, working second trick at Hobart.

Bro. Tracy Ennist, of South Gilboa, was away for a few days this week on account of the illness and death of his father-in-law.

Bro. Peter D. Leming, formerly of yard office, Oneonta, is doing first trick at Grand Hotel station. Bros. Grant Morgan and John Garrett holding second and third tricks, respectively.

The express is running heavy at Big Indian this summer, which makes Bro. R. C. Sanford "smile, smile, smile."

Bro. G. E. Griffin, of Halcottville, has an assistant for the summer. We wish it might be permanent.

Bro. Jas. A. Joyce is relieving at Phoenicia, during the illness of Mr. Leipold, agent.

The new station at South Kertright is nearly completed. Bro. Snyder wears a broad smile.

Boys, don't forget to send in the news.

Div. Con.

Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.

Professor Fisher, "FH" office, Toledo, has gone to giving boxing lessons. He pays all doctor bills in case of injury.

Bro. McDowell, third trick man at Hickox, has handed in his resignation, taking effect July 1st. He intends to go into business for himself at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Telegrapher Rowling, from Fulton, is working second trick at Fostoria, while Bro. Shelhouse is on his wedding trip.

Agent R. E. Gardner, of Fulton, was off three days; relieved by Telegrapher Burke, of Clemons.

Dispatcher A. E. Williams, third trick at Bucyrus, is on ten days' vacation; relieved by Extra Dispatcher Young. Bro. Forrest, third trick at Thurston, relieved Mr. Young, as copier at Bucyrus, while Extra Telegrapher Messamore relieved Bro. Forrest at Thurston.

Telegrapher Burke, second trick at Clemons, is taking fifteen days on his wedding trip; relieved at Clemons, by Extra Telegrapher Serin, from Berwick.

Extra Telegrapher Rowling, who worked at Fostoria, second trick, while Bro. Shelhouse was off, spent one day at Tiffin, taking in Ringling Brothers show.

Bro. McDowell, the third trick man at Hickox, spent Sunday, June 27th, at Columbus.

Mr. W. F. Elrod, our assistant superintendent, died very suddenly while going through an operation at the Crawford County Hospital, at Bucyrus. A floral offering was presented by Division No. 118. The remains were laid to rest at Coatsville, Ind.

Bro. Chandler, the third trick man at Whitmore, has purchased a new motor cycle to ride to and from work.

Bro. White, yard E, Toledo, is on five days' vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Westal.

Telegrapher Avers, from the Toledo Terminal Ry., is working the third trick at Hickox.

CERT. 64.

Hocking Valley Ry.

Hocking Division—

It is assumed that all the members who did not get out to the meeting at Lancaster, June 26th, are waiting to see the account of it in the journal, but here is where you are going to be disappointed as we do not believe THE TELEGRAPHER is the proper channel through which meetings should be discussed. About twenty of the brothers turned out to the different meetings, and while we discussed some important subjects, no definite action could be taken, owing to the unforeseen absence of our executive officers and the lack of spirit shown among the brethren who were conspicuous by their absence. These meetings were held for the benefit of the second and third trick men who could have all attended if they had been so inclined, but we will forgive them this once and hope to see their smiling faces once more. Brothers, these meetings are held for you and for no one else, and it seems as though you could and would turn out occasionally, more especially as there has been no meetings for quite a while. Things done and suggested here are for you and your welfare, and your suggestions are solicited and valued at their worth. Come out, you may be the means of doing unlimited good.

One thing to all. How about that non working in your office? Have you tried him out yet? It surely seems as though some of you could land once in a while on some of them. This division is now about at a standstill in the way of increasing membership, owing to the lack of interest or indifference of those who work day after day in the same office with the same old bunch, part nons, part otherwise. If you have the courage of your convictions you can hardly fail to impress upon any non's mind the reasonableness and justice of organization and the necessity for such action. We have not the time nor space here for any lengthy discourse on the subject, and it isn't necessary, for you all know as much about it as we do. Such flimsy excuses as the

non's offer would shame that old-timer familiarly known as Annanias to the tall and uncut. Here is an excuse, offered recently by a non, which is about as reasonable as the others: "I'm married and can not afford the money it takes to join." You married men will laugh with us at this. The writer is married, so are the other two men in this office. The writer carries a card and so do the other two, and I have yet to hear either of them complain of being pinched for the price of a card because of the cost. We know what the cost would be the other way. We get the price of two cards each and every pay, because we have them, more than we would get if we didn't have them. The rest is clear. But the money consideration is the least of all. The main feature is the principle of brotherhood practised among us which warns and protects us and our families, which enables us to look every man in the face with a conscience clear of duty not well done, with no morbid fear of foes who would shackle us closer to industrial bondage. Is not this spirit worth anything to you? It is the same that stirred our honored grandsires to free themselves from a yoke of tyranny. Does none of this spirit stir your blood scorning abject submission to injustice, which heretofore has characterized the railroad telegrapher more than any other railway organizations in existence? The nons complain that we don't get them anything, but what do they want? Show me any union not solid and I'll show you a class of workers imposed upon. Why? Because they are a bunch of workers divided. Fighting each other, and an undivided capitalistic force on the other side fighting the all too one-sided battle. Mr. Non, if you see this, and I hope you will, ask yourself if there is any justice in it, and you Mr. Order Man, can you see any reason why you get what you do today, and don't you see any reason to shed that rusty coat and get into the battle for human rights and industrial liberty? If you do, get to work now. Keep it up and come out on the shield or with it. Will you do it, or shall greed and avarice prevail against the "man with the hoe?" Shall you and I, though "hewers of wood and drawers of water," set idly by seeing our substance waste away into old age and decay and inability, while others profit from our blood and sweat, and the food of our children and wives, God forbid! We are not anarchists, nor yet revolutionists, but believers in that brotherhood of man and eternal justice personified in our grand O. R. T.

"In the world's broad field of battle,"
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb driven cattle,
"Be a hero in the strife."

Just as we go to press, as the Editor says, we are in receipt of a letter from our local chairman, saying three more of the boys have done the right thing, and are now carrying the "pink." We are sure they are proud of it, and feel more

like honest men should. Welcome brothers, and now get to work on that other non close by.

Bro. G. W. Fultz is now working third trick at Logan, on bid.

Ex-Bro. G. C. Harper relieved Bro. M. H. Kanode, first trick at Lancaster, a few days.

R. E. Powless, at Oldtown, is "bugs" on automobiles, and is too poor to buy a card.

The write-up is short this time and will continue to be until some of the brothers contribute a few items. Try it. Dirv. Coa.

M., St. P. & S. S. M. Ry.

Winnipeg Division—

I notice that this division has not been represented in our journal for the past two or three months. It is a shame that we cannot have a good write-up each month. I trust each local chairman will get busy and see that a correspondent is appointed at once who will represent us regularly. Recently our division superintendent and chief dispatcher went over the line between Thief River Falls and Glenwood and examined all the boys on the block rules. After they had finished their trip, our chief dispatcher took a thorough freight and rode over the same territory. We are sorry to say that he reports just two offices that used the block properly. This is a very bad showing, indeed. I call your attention to this matter trusting you will remedy it at once. Wake up and in every single instance use the block in accordance with the instructions that were dealt out to you by our officials. I know that this was new to some of the employees, but I trust you will get down to business at once and not give our officials an occasion to make such a report again.

Bro. Supry at Plumer is taking a few days' rest, being relieved by Bro. Wilson of Mahnomen. There is a new man at Mahnomen, but we are unable to give his name.

We understand that there is a new man at Detroit, but we are unable to say who he is at this time.

On account of the washout near Winger recently, traffic was delayed for a few days, and some of our trains had to be detoured via Detroit and the N. P. Ry. to Glyndon, thence via the G. N. Ry. Glyndon to Erskine, in this way running around the washout. Trains were very irregular for a few days on this account, but at the present time the track is passable.

Bro. Turnland at Winger is taking his usual rest, after two or three days and nights continuous work put in during the trouble.

How about the non who is working in the office with you? Have you asked him to come out and join us and help keep things moving by his support both morally and financially? He has no excuse, and it is up to you to ask him to come forward in a manly way and help pay for the benefits that he is reaping at your expense. In the near future we are going to compile a list of every non on the system and give you their names so that you can readily distinguish between friend and foe. This will indicate who is entitled

to favors and who is not. We do not want to do this until every single one has had a chance to affiliate with us, as we do not believe in doing anyone an injustice; however, it is about time for those who have been making promises for the last three or four months to make good unless they want their names to appear on this list. The organization can not exist on these flimsy promises. Let each member take it upon himself to see how many members he can secure in the next sixty days. If you get right down and work, the result will surprise you. I will now cut out, trusting that we will be represented each month in the journal.

CENT. 212.

D. S. S. & A. Ry.

*To the Officers and Members of Division No. 116,
Greeting:*

It is with feelings of mingled pleasure and regret that I offer you this, my first and final delegate's report. I say with a mingled feeling of pleasure and regret. Pleasure, because it has been my pleasant lot to have been associated with you as a fellow officer and co-worker in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for some years past, and finally as your representative to the biennial convention of the Grand Division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, a body which may well lift its head as pre-eminently peerless among labor organizations. A convention whose delegates might well be deemed qualified to sit in any convention as able representatives of not only labor organization, but legislative bodies, whether of State or national. A body whose judgment may be relied upon without fear of graft or boodling. A body whose officers are the peers of any diplomatic corps of this or any other government. A body who will yet make itself known among the nation's powers through its able president, Mr. Perham, whose cool and deliberate judgment and diplomatic talent will steadily work for the weal of not only the railroad telegraphers but laboring men at large, through the judiciary as well as the executive and legislative bodies of our land.

From a purely labor organization, having for its single purpose the uplifting of the railroad telegraphers in a financial way, the organization has risen to an organization having for its purpose the uplifting, not only of the telegrapher, but of all classes of railroad employes, not only financially but also socially. This will be accomplished through the affiliation with the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, of which affiliation Mr. Perham is the president. Therefore I am proud of having been a representative of such a great organization. It is with a feeling of regret that I offer this report because in making it, it will be the closing chapter of my work among you and with you. Friendships formed will become only pleasant memories, and faces once beheld with pleasure will have been gazed upon for the last time. I sincerely hope that my work among you, feeble though it has been, has met with some approval.

The seventh biennial and seventeenth regular session of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers met at Atlanta, Ga., May 10th, and was called to order by its president, Mr. Perham. After some debating, the Committee on Committees was elected and then adjournment was taken until the following morning to allow that committee to make its report. After the Committee on Committees had made its report, a detail of which I will not dwell upon, the convention settled down to business and a full grist of bills, more or less important was ground out.

All the officers were elected, most of them unanimously. This Order could not get more efficient officers than they have in Messrs. Perham and Quick and we do well to allow them to fulfill the work they have so ably begun.

Several minor bills were passed that are of but passing importance and which will be published in the new constitutions. The most important one was the one requiring members to pay their benefit assessments semi-annually instead of monthly as heretofore. A resolution was also offered raising the pay of delegates from \$5.00 to \$6.00 a day, and an amendment was offered to this making it retroactive to May 10, 1909. I considered this unjust and "graft" and voted against it, but to no avail, and I took the money.

The people of Atlanta gave us a hearty welcome, both the mayor of the city as well as the governor, Mr. Hoke Smith, welcoming us to the city and to the State. We visited several places of historic importance, including Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and the National Cemetery at Chattanooga. As some of you know, I was called away before it was time for me to leave for the South by the illness and subsequent death of my father, so this trip was for me one combined with pleasure and sorrow.

In closing this, my report, I wish to extend to all of you, in spirit, the hand of Fraternity. Be ever faithful to the Order.

Yours in S. O. & D.,

C. REIF.

Lehigh Valley Ry.

Auburn Division—

THE TELEGRAPHER just came to hand and I am very much pleased with the report of the Order on this line. (?) I have searched the book from cover to cover, and I can not find where the Lehigh men have one word to say. I can not think that they are afraid to come forward and speak for their rights. No, it can not be that, but what can be the reason that so little interest is shown when the grand officers have done everything they could to help us make the organization as strong on this railroad as on any other in the United States. We have always had the support of the grand officers, and always will have, so long as we are willing to help ourselves a little, but no one who is a broad thinker can reasonably expect that the Grand Division is going to do all the pushing. Remember they have other lines than the Lehigh Valley to look after, and

other business which is of far greater importance to the Order than simply traveling up and down the Lehigh trying to get some half-interested men to look out for their own interests. "Individual effort" for the Lehigh Valley does not come from the Grand Division, and no one should expect it to. The Grand Division has all it can take care of now.

"Individual effort" for the Lehigh Valley should be found right here at home, and every man be not afraid to put his shoulder to the wheel and help push this "band wagon" into better fields. When you stop to think of it you will see that most of our boys are "riding" and not "pushing." When we get the largest share in the "cart" with but a few to "push," it is going to be a long, tedious trip to the "greener fields" where the "honeysuckles" bloom all the year round. Those who are strong and able should get behind and push and help to carry those who are weaker. Help to carry them over the danger line to victory. The "advance guard" is moving onward and its supporters must not lose faith in the cause, but follow in its wake to pick up all the stragglers. Look back on the past two or three years and note what the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has done toward the uplifting of telegraphers and toward the upbuilding of the service on all railroads in the United States. The public is traveling with a greater degree of confidence in the telegraphers because their hours of labor have been reduced to a minimum, and there are not so many tired and sleepy telegraphers handling orders which mean so much to the traveling public. Look back and notice the strength of the Order a few years ago and then at what it is today. What has made it the power it is today? There must be some good to it or it would not grow so rapidly, would it? If there is good to be had by making it still stronger is it not a mistake not to make it stronger on this line as well as on all other lines.

Even during the recent panic a great number of schedules were obtained and some revised. The power that makes these schedules possible is secured by the efforts put forth by each individual member on each particular railroad. The men are alive to their own interests and the interests of their families. Why is it that so few on the Lehigh Valley are alive and such a vast army is sleeping?

Don't lose faith in the company because it is doing just as you and I would if we were in the same place. The officials are alive to their interests far more than we are. Do not lose faith in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers because the Order is alive to its best interests and is working every minute. It is on the move constantly and always doing something where there is something to be done. Can't we give it something to do over on this line? Can't we do something to draw its attention in a beneficial way? Yes, boys, we can, but not by sitting on the south side in the sun to warm our blood. We must work on the north side, on the east side, and on the west side and draw the baskers from the south side into the hive and set them to work.

Did you ever watch a hive of bees on a warm spring day when the first flowers were in bloom? How they come and go, always on the move. They go to the east, the west, the north, and to the south. They come from the east, west, north and south laden with the fruits of their labor. Even from the south side the baskers are but few, but they are either made to work or are driven out. Drones and baskers are not needed, for the busy season is at hand and no one must be idle. It depends upon what each one is willing to do, whether or not the whole family is going to live next winter. Individual effort must be put forth to its greatest extent, or the larder is not properly filled and many must suffer during the slow season.

Lehigh Valley System No. 124 is not very much like a hive of bees is it? But few of its family gather at the hive. Its members are scattered over four hundred miles of track, stretching in a line from New York to Buffalo, Camden and North Fair Haven. The flowers bloom all the year, but its larder is not filled because so few are willing to gather in the honey. Its individuals let the company put paris green on its flowers before they have extracted the "needful," with the result that many sick ones are on the south side curing. Get busy. Cert. 52, what have you to say?

CERT. 51.

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Ry.

I desire, through the columns of our noble journal, to extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the members of Fredericksburg Division No. 125, for the kindness shown me during the time of my great bereavement, occasioned by the death of my mother, Mrs. M. V. Leary, at Potomac, on July 4th, and for the beautiful floral design.

C. G. LEARY,

Cert. 8.

C., R. I. & P. Ry.

At a meeting held in Chicago, June 22d last, at the Kaiserhoff Hotel, a System Federation of The Railroad Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor was established, on the Rock Island Lines, and arrangements made at that time for a meeting of the officers of the various organizations on several railroads to be held at the New Southern Hotel, Chicago, Ill., July 12th.

The meeting called for July 12th, which was largely attended and lasted two days, was called to order by Bro. J. A. Newman, first vice-president of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Nine railroads having representatives of the various crafts employed thereon.

The meeting was addressed by the following representatives of the various organizations: D. W. Roderick, secretary-treasurer, and H. B. Perham, president of The Railroad Employees Department of the A. F. of L.; F. T. Hawley, president of Switchmen's Union of North America; P. J. Flannery, president of International Freight Handlers and Clerks Union; P. F. Richardson, president of International Association of Car

Workers; Jas. B. Connors, vice-president of Switchmen's Union of North America; A. Seng, third vice-president of Brotherhood of Boiler Makers and Iron Ship Builders of America; H. A. Vurpie, vice-president of International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees; J. D. Lonergan, chairman of the Rock Island Federation.

System Federations of the Department were formed on the following railroads:

Illinois Central, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, Iowa Central, and Chicago and Northwestern, and arrangements were made for the formation of System Federations on all other railroads, and the work will be pushed vigorously until a Federation is established on every railroad in the United States and Canada.

It was very evident from the great interest manifested by all in attendance at the meeting, that the organization will be a great success, and will be the means of bringing about a closer relationship between all railroad employees than has ever existed heretofore, in the immediate future. In fact, the success of the new department is positively assured, as the railroad employees in general have shown a deeper interest in this movement than in any of a similar character ever inaugurated.

The officers of all organizations who have not already taken steps to organize a System Federation on the line upon which they are employed, are earnestly requested and urged to get into communication with the representatives of the various crafts on their line, and get the movement started at once.

Information relative to the objects of the department, as well as copies of the constitution and by-laws, may be obtained from Bro. H. B. Perham, president, Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., or Bro. P. F. Richardson, secretary-treasurer, Car Bldg., 356 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

A meeting of the representatives of the various organizations on the following railroads will be held at the Kaiserhoff Hotel, Chicago, Ill., August 2d at 10 p. m.: E., J. & E.; C. & W. I.; Chicago Junction; Chicago Terminal Transfer, and Indiana Harbor.

Applications for department organizers will be received at this meeting, and arrangements made to place them on the different railroads.

M. E. SCHOOLER.

Secretary-Treasurer, Rock Island Federation.

Illinois Division, Chicago Terminal—

Business on the Illinois Division seems to be better than at any time since the panic. Everything seems to be busy.

Bro. Kay, who has been the second trick man at Silvis, is now holding down the new position created at Rock Island.

Four positions have been bulletined this month, as follows: Third trick at West Davenport, second trick at Silvis, third trick at Blue Island and day telegrapher's positions at Galva.

Telegrapher Coughlin, of Utica, is enjoying a vacation; position filled by A. R. Parson from C. & A.

Telegrapher B. Hummel is holding down the second trick at Silvis. Telegrapher F. S. Thomas, another new man, is holding down the second trick at Geneseo.

Telegrapher Nolan, from Morris, is holding down the third trick at Blue Island.

General Chairman Brown and General Secretary and Treasurer M. E. Schooler transacted business in Chicago the 31st, and attended the regular meeting at Hotel McCoy in the evening.

First Trick Telegrapher Bro. Allen, at Bureau, is holding down the agent's chair, during the absence of Bro. Bast, who is away enjoying a three weeks' vacation. Bro. Stage (our new brother) is holding the first trick, while Telegrapher Warner is working the third trick.

We had several promises from some of our old ex-members that they would be back in the Order again strong this pay, but up-to-date their applications have not been received. We are writing them again, and will keep it up until we have landed them. Come across boys, we want you all. The stronger the better. Remember it will soon be schedule time, and you want to say you helped to get better working conditions and pay.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Arkansas Division—

As our division correspondent, Bro. O. L. R. Cotney, has left the road, I will furnish a write-up for our division this month, although the boys have given me very little information as to what is taking place.

Bro. A. T. Holland has returned to work at Germania, after a few days' sickness. Mr. Mathis, from Mexico, relieved Bro. Holland until transferred to Brinkley, and then Mr. Kimball, from the I. M. & S. relieved Telegrapher Mathis.

A new position has been created at Carlisle; am unable to say who is filling it at present.

Roland has been made a night office; the position is held by Telegrapher Kimball, from I. M. & S., until bulletined.

Boys, the train-masters are going over the line, looking for bulletin boards that are not posted correctly, this means ten brownies for the forgetful ones. Look out night man and have them up-to-date.

Hot Springs, day telegrapher position, was bid in by Telegrapher F. E. Smith, from Western Union, at Hot Springs.

Telegrapher McLaughlin bid in Tenth St. station, but has not yet been transferred.

Bro. J. H. Finch, of Tupelo, has bid in the agency at Pulaski Heights station.

Bro. L. E. Sims bid in Lonoke, second trick.

Bro. E. R. Weiss, of Haskell, second trick, took a lay-off a few days ago, and visited Magazine. I understand that when he returned from his vacation the Ladies' Auxiliary gained a member,

Bro. E. H. Neely is holding the block job at Britain.

Bro. W. H. Scott, has been transferred from Haskell to some place on the Colorado Division, on account of ill health. Hope Bro. Scott will soon be able to be with us again.

Telegrapher E. H. Mitchell is holding Tenth St. station, temporarily, until McLaughlin is transferred.

Chief clerk to Superintendent Easley (Sanders) has been relieved by Chief Clerk Ames. Mr. Ames has been division agent for some time on the Arkansas Division.

All members of the O. R. T. on this division should furnish the local chairman with copies of their bids, when bidding on stations, or telegraph positions.

Bro. W. S. Mauney, of Blue Mountain, is taking a lay-off, being relieved Bro. R. R. Maloan, from Division No. 2.

Telegrapher Shepard is working third trick at Argenta. Telegrapher J. J. Dailey having resigned to take an extra gang.

Bro. H. H. Denton is relieving Bro. M. B. Wagoner as agent at Heth.

If the brothers will give me a line-up on what takes place on our division, I will endeavor to have our division represented every month. But situated as I am it is hard for me to get hold of any information unless it is furnished by the members. Bro. R. R. Wright, of Casa, keeps me pretty well posted as to what is going on on that end, but so far I am unable to get any one to keep up with the east end. Will some one please volunteer to be assistant on the east end?

Bro. B. J. Dunviddie relieved Bro. Scott, at Haskell.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. B. W. Hinman, of Kensett, drew third trick at Manly. Bro. Hinman was relieved at Kensett by Mr. O. M. Hoge.

Extra Telegrapher Feldberg is working second trick at Owatonna.

Mr. O. M. Hoge relieved Bro. Tjaden at Grundy Center. Bro. Tjaden drew second trick at Albert Lea on bulletin.

Mr. A. J. Gearheart drew third trick at Cedar Falls on bulletin; relieved at Palo by Mr. Glen Elson.

Bro. Smith, of Hardy, attended the convention at Atlanta; relieved by Mr. Lathrop.

Bro. Aldrich, of Bode, off a few days on vacation; relieved by Mr. Lathrop.

Bro. Aldrich, of Bode, gets Northwood on bulletin; Bro. McMahon, of Morrison, goes to Bode. Do not know who gets Morrison.

Mr. C. C. Bickle, of Grundy Center, is off on vacation; relieved by his brother.

We understand that Bro. Rice, of Popejoy, has a new automobile.

Div. Cor.

Oklahoma Division—

Telegrapher Hamilton has been transferred from Anadarko to "FT," El Reno yards.

Bro. Cavin came right through with what he knew about the branch. If all the boys would favor me with information as quickly as did Bro. Cavin and Mr. Williams at Anadarko, the writer could keep the members well informed.

Bro. T. B. Higgins has gone to Verden for a change. We suppose that he gets it regular. Bro. Higgins was agent at Addington.

Bro. Coleman, from Duncan, recently took a trip to McAlester and Mr. Marcel did his first telegraph work while Bro. Coleman was away.

Connors from Marlow frequently takes a trip to Hennessey.

Bro. Croush, the agent at Rush Springs, was off a few days last month and made a trip to Oklahoma City. We did not get the man's name who relieved him.

Bro. Martin from Alex was over to Chickasha to spend the 5th and came to the office to see us.

Bro. Riggan went to Oklahoma City on the 4th. Dudley, who is fighting the extra board at Chickasha, relieved him.

Bro. Cobb enjoyed a few days' layoff in June, and brought a wife back to Minco with him.

I understand there is a man at Kingfisher that the O. R. T. has never done anything for. Think he is working a nine-hour job.

C. H. Meadows is at Renfrow regularly. E. Chitty at Hennessey.

If the boys on north end will give a little dope we will put in the form of a write-up and send it in for publication.

We would like to hear from every brother on the Oklahoma Division. Let me have the changes and other items of interest. The writer wishes to thank all who have furnished news.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

El Paso Division—

This is our first write-up, but we hope that it will not be our last. We shall endeavor to have each write-up more interesting than the previous one.

We have received our robes of purple and gold and the necessary papers to hold high court at any time we are called upon to do so. Our motto is "Never Surrender." Peace, harmony and goodwill exists between employer and employe, and we hope this harmony will exist to the end. All of our requests have been readily granted by our chief dispatcher, Mr. Ryan, and the Order stands ready to work hand in hand with him in all matters.

We have issued Circular No. 1 to all, and expect to get out another one in a few days. So far we have received some very favorable answers, while others have not answered at all, but this does not disconcert us—while there is life there is hope. We expect by the last of this year to have a solid body of as good and loyal men as can be found anywhere. This is a case where it seems that the monthly write-up must be done by your

local chairman, with small aid from his assistants, as the others have not come forward in response to our call, but our shoulders are against the wheel and something is going to move and right soon.

Mr. C. W. Williamson is acting as chief dispatcher at Dalhart in place of Mr. E. P. Ryan, who is off on leave of absence.

The monumental nerve of some of our nons is getting to be a daily wonder. Some few days since the writer addressed what we consider a fairly convincing letter to Mr. R. G. Ervine, third trick man at McPherson, and last night we asked him on the wire if he had received our letter and what he thought of it. He replied that he had other use for his money, and that he was going to leave the service in September. We wonder if the first and second trick men are going to quit in September also. We suppose they are, as there is not a card in that office. Boys, it might be well to note these men, G. C. Mattics, H. W. Paine and Mr. Ervine, and any favors asked by them should be turned down.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Conductor Hinkins and the serious injury of Brakeman Parsons, caused by a car being derailed near Middle Water and dragging the caboose down over the bridge. At the last accounts Brakeman Parsons was improving.

This winds up our little song for this month, but in the future we expect to keep El Paso Division No. 126 before the eyes of the boys in box-car letters.

E. E. JOHNSTON,

Local Chairman.

LEROY RICE,

First Assistant.

W. H. PIEPER,

Second Assistant.

AN OPERATOR'S TRAVELS.

In 1870, a fortune to make,
I left the farm—it was a fake;
I went to work for the A. & P.,
Got a job at Sullivan—just suited me.

Two years of this was enough for me,
The beautiful world I wanted to see;
I started out to go to Cisco,
But went to work again on the Frisco.

Another year I stayed at Conway,
The wages small, I was broke before payday.
I left this pike and headed west,
Went straight through without a rest;
When I got in I could hardly see,
But I struck a job on the M. K. & T.

I worked at Eufaula, in the B. I. T.,
No siding between Muskogee and me;
'Twas a case of keep up, no chance for hay,
It was hit the ball if you wanted to stay.

I stayed three years, that was enough for me,
I went to Denison, struck the H. & T. C.;
The dispatchers sent me down to Groesbeck.
Where the centipedes hatched out by the peck.

I very soon got enough of this,
So they sent me to work at little Ennis;
All this time I managed to stay single,
But not a dollar did I have to jingle.

So I thought I'd try some married life,
Went back to Groesbeck and got a wife;
I built glass houses, and one a palace,
Packed our goods and went to Dallas.

I went to work for the W. U.,
But soon found out it would not do;
The boys all said "just go and see,
Mr. Tremble of the T. & P."

They gave me a job down at DeKalb,
Where I saw two men carried away on a slab;
Six months of this was enough for me,
And I quietly left the T. & P.

I was married three years, and you can bet,
I left every town owing a debt;
I worked as agent and operator too,
The salary so small, didn't save a sou.

My courage I soon began to lose,
And took to using a little booze;
My wife and baby they both cried,
I wished at birth that I had died.

Another operator said he felt
We both should strike the Cotton Belt;
This gave me courage again to try,
So I kissed wife and baby once more good-bye.

At Texarkana I struck the agent,
And got a job out at Mount Pleasant;
I stayed one year with Elmer Rodgers,
But got tired of his little church dodgers.

I was in good shape when I left the Belt,
And paid all my debts and still I felt,
The snug little sum of a hundred dollars
This would buy baby shoes and wife some collars.

After one month at home I began to feel
A thrill of roving along my keel;
I didn't know what it could be,
But struck out for the Santa Fe.

Mr. J. W. Byrnes says to me "if you will,
Please catch No. 1 and go to Gainesville."
Being hungry and broke, I thanked him with tears,
Brought my family over and stayed seven years.

Married ten years and no money to jingle,
I began to think I should have stayed single;
So off again, determined to see,
I headed direct for the old S. P.

I got a job, it looked good and fine,
At a little town they called Alpine;
So I settled down and sent for wife,
To come and help enjoy our life.

In three months time, with cloudless skies,
My wife took down with very sore eyes;
My baby boy took cold in his head,
And my New Foundland pup, I found him dead.

I began to think the hand of Fate
Was turning me down as out of date;
But with all my misfortune it wasn't so hard
To send in six dollars and get a new card.

Our few little goods were easy to pack,
To El Paso we went on our backward track;
My little family began pleading with me,
To come with them and try the F. W. & D. C.

In Ft. Worth my old friend Patello,
Gave me a pass out to Amarillo;
I went to work, kept still as a mouse,
And in ten years we built us a house.

The house is our home, a place to rest,
My wife and I have made our nest;
Sometimes our lines are a little hard,
But the old man carries an up-to-date card.

I worked from St. Louis clear to the sea,
And drifted back to the C. R. I. & P.;
Strange things do happen and you can't tell,
But here I am in Liberal.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts, Missouri Division—

The automatic block system is just about completed between Rock Island and Eldon. Signals are in operation as far west as Washington, but not in service yet. Guess everybody will be glad to see the old block system go. The arms on all train order semaphores are being inverted, and when clear will point up instead of down. Levers are being installed in some offices, relieving the old "gas pipe" system.

Bro. W. F. Rush, from Columbus Junction, third trick, to Culver, third trick.

Bro. J. E. Igoc, of Centerville, third trick, is off a few days, visiting in St. Joe. Relieved by Bro. G. C. Wallingsford (extra).

Mrs. M. O. Madsen is back at Mercer, nights, after a short vacation.

Mr. W. S. Cates, of Princeton, third trick, off for a couple of months, which he is spending in Colorado; being relieved by a Mr. Rush.

Bro. J. H. Wilson, the agent at Cotter, was off for a month. He was relieved by Bro. O. G. Edwards. Bro. Wilson resumed work recently, and Bro. Edwards was sent to Brighton, first trick.

Bro. T. J. Easter, agent at Ainsworth, spent a couple of days in Waterloo.

A steam shovel was cut in at the cinder pit at Seymour, to load cinders, for the washouts. Division Agent Mr. O. M. Cavin in charge.

Bro. S. E. Miller, of Seymour, third trick, bid in Columbus Junction, third trick. Bro. Wallingsford relieving.

Washouts were numerous on Seventh and Eighth Districts, during the heavy rains. Happy

Hollow, between Seymour and Harvard, gave quite a bit of trouble, and Grand River, from Princeton to Gallatin, put the Rock Island clear out of commission. Trains Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 and 12, were operated via Galesburg, Ill., and Santa Fe for some time, then were detoured over our own lines via Rock Island, Des Moines, Omaha, Belleville and McFarland. Stub trains were run on Nos. 1, 2, 61 and 62's time between Rock Island and point of washout for local service. Much damage was done to perishable freight on account of being delayed, as through traffic was suspended for five or six days.

Can not say anything for the Eighth District this month, as I did not get any news from down there. Would ask the boys on St. Joe line to mail their dope to Columbus Junction, instead of Seymour, and will be glad to hear from some on the Seventh District. My failure to come across last month was due to being transferred.

Con.

Amarillo Division—

Pardon my first attempt as a correspondent. It appears to me that our men have picked the most feeble stick they could find on the division to guide them in the straight and narrow path to O. R. T-ism; however, I will not shirk my duty. I will attempt to give the division a shake up, and ask that the men hand in their items early for the next write-up.

Bro. Burrows, at Vega, the last station on the Amarillo-Tucumcari extension, has sent in his application, and is entitled to all favors extended to members of the Order.

R. M. Thompson, at Wildorado, will be with us within the next thirty days. The Amarillo-Tucumcari extension is being operated by telephone at present.

Dispatcher Halock, second trick, is off for a short time; J. L. Wilson, from Ft. Worth, is handing out the dope during his absence.

Our former local chairman, Bro. G. L. Bashaw, who was located at Groom, is now doing a stunt at farming near Erick. He was relieved by J. F. Sansing. We regret the loss of Bro. Bashaw from the division; may success follow him.

Your humble servant thinks he is having a hard time, you men on the Amarillo Division will hear from me soon if I don't hear from you. Send me applications, and items for the journal, and we will get along fine.

Frank Sayles, from Amarillo freight office, wrestled the junk around Alanreed during Bro. Love's absence, June 19th to 23d.

Shamrock is a very busy place the first of the month. We welcome Bro. Ordway back with us. He is "slinging lightning" and counting the "mazuma" at the above place, and will be with us until September 1st, only, at which time he returns to school.

J. W. Lacey, the extra man at Shamrock, did not stay long enough to allow us to transfer him.

Boys, when you locate a non-member, drop me a line and he will receive application blanks by

first mail. The division might be in better shape, and it is up to us to make it solid and all we need is a little assistance from you to bring it up to standard. Send me any news items you have.

L. E. OSBORNE,
Local Chairman.

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry.

Michigan Division—

Telegrapher Fritz, of Kendallville, has resigned his position, and accepted one as agent for the Aetna Life Insurance Co.

Manager Ziesel, of "RT," Elkhart, has returned to duty, after a short vacation spent at the lakes. Bro. Hostick worked his trick, and Bro. Gaugwear, from Millersburg, relieved Bro. Hostick.

Telegrapher Snyder is spending his vacation with his parents in Ohio. Bro. Hostick is relieving him.

The Western Division was the first division to change the operating of trains from the left to right hand track, this was done July 25th with but very little delay to traffic. It is expected that the Michigan Division will be in shape to switch over about October 1st. The cost of this work, for the entire system will be close to two million dollars.

Bro. Eviston, has accepted the third trick at Goshen. CERT. 334.

"You got a card?" was the polite question asked a telegrapher who recently requested a favor of a brother down the line recently. When he answered in the affirmative our loyal brother replied, saying "Nuff said." His favor was granted. We must comment upon this brother's loyalty to that motto, "No cards, no favors." It shows the true spirit that exists among the boys on this end and encourages affiliation.

We regret to state that the youngest son of Bro. J. G. Frawley met with an accident recently and is now at his home with a fractured arm. We wish for his immediate recovery.

The latest rumor has it that Bro. Jim Madell is to give up the relief job to take North East third trick regular. If this is true we are sorry to miss Jimmie's smiles, as they have become quite familiar.

No doubt Mr. Bard will be glad to receive applications from any of the boys desiring the relief position.

The meeting held at Ashtabula recently was very interesting. A majority of the older boys were present and splendid enthusiasm was shown.

It appears the boys are experiencing a great deal of difficulty in getting a few days' vacation. We hope this point will be given due consideration at our next schedule revision. West Seneca tower seems to be the most difficult of our many plants, there having been several extra men there to learn it so far this season, each one either giving it up or resigning. The following is Bro. Stasco's modified description of "D," which he terms:

A TRAGEDY.

The welcoming toot of the green-tailed coach,
Warning "VO" of its approach;
A sleepy "op," tired and sore,
Lumbers lazily through the door,
And climbs the stairway wearily and slow,
Greeted by Buckley's cheer "Hello."
Then Buckley beats it double quick,
Laughing at the guy who works third trick.
While I ring off the YM's call,
And hear a switchman loudly bawl,
Throw over that switch, you blamed "old dope,"
(They'll get theirs some day, I hope.)
When will engine pull off No. 4,
Raved the man on the fone as he softly swore,
Then Smith calls up from Number five
And asks if we are dead or alive;
"Hello! Hello! shouts the YM again,
Where in Hades has the towerman been?
Start that East for Number 4,
And don't you hold 'em five minutes more."
Two long, shrill whistles then greet your ears,
And presently a "Central" on the hill appears;
Then you ring "13" till your arm is sore,
And finally start the train for 4;
He just gets started nicely in,
When Smith commences to raise a din,
And gently asks in accents low
"What makes the 'Central' so confounded slow?"
The west-bound engines gone up the lead,
Hurry 'em back, but little you heed;
For the dispatcher rings and you get ——
For not shutting off the blamed old bell;
And "CN's" message boy calls on 4 and 18,
You're the poorest "ham" I've ever seen;
Got any delays? Hurry 'm up!
Did I hear someone say "Dirty pup?"
All engines in passing whistle "shole,"
And the brakemen toss you a nice lump of coal,
But it must not hurt you, it's soft coal, you know,
Besides you ain't got time to say yes or no;
For as you look up and glance up the track,
You see No. 2 there, his flag going back;
One jumps from the chair to signal 2,
You look the other way, 19 is there too.
The story's the same day in and day out,
For the writer knows what he's talking about;
I could tell you much more as you can bet,
But the yardmaster's ringing the telephone yet;
He wants a clearance for NY 4,
And the Gardenville engine is up here once more;
So I'm going to bid you a long farewell,
While they hustle me off to a padded cell.

472.

C., B. & Q. Ry.

Omaha Division—

Bro. M. E. Taylor recently passed over the Omaha Division on his way to Dakota looking for a homestead. If living expenses don't get lower or salaries increase a little, there will be several of the brothers following Bro. Taylor from what they say.

Let every member try to land some non this month. It will show that you are interested if you will go after them and try to interest them.

We would like to have a few notes from each member this month. It takes but a minute to prepare them, and they will be a great help to the correspondent in making up the items which we all like to see each month.

Bro. N. O. Walther got Lyons, Neb., on bulletin.

Bro. Yocum from Uehling got Laurel on bulletin, but have not learned who relieved him at Uehling.

Mr. Abbot, of Ashland, is off on a vacation. It is strange how some of the boys can afford to go on vacations and when asked to join the Order they say they can not afford it. Very poor excuse sure.

Bro. Dunham, of Lyons, has been transferred to York first trick. Bro. N. O. Walther relieved him.

Keep after that non neighbor, and by doing this we will soon have a solid division. Just the other day one of the officials made the remark that the O. R. T. was doing more work than any other order he knew of, and that they had gained more on the Burlington Route in the last five years than the trainmen had gained in twenty years. Now, that is saying a good deal. When the officials notice these things it is enough to prove that it is time for all of us to belong.

D. D. Barton relieved Bro. N. O. Walther at Belden.

We need a good correspondent up the O'Neill line. Is there not a brother who will send Bro. McKee, at Yutan, Neb., anything that turns up on that line? He will appreciate it very much and it will go a long way toward making the write-up interesting.

W. W. Key, of Chalco, is off a few days; relieved by O. Greggorsor.

Bro. Holt, of Rosalie, was called home on account of the sickness of his father. He was relieved by Mr. J. N. Fillinger, who is a new man. Mr. Fillinger left for Omaha and took the necessary papers, saying that he would be up to date if he made good on the "Q."

Bro. Knudson, of Goodwin, is laying off this month, visiting his folks, who live at Viberg, S. D. Mr. Carson, of Milford, Neb., a phone man, is relieving him.

Mrs. De Pru, of Belden, has quit railroad work and gone on her claim in South Dakota. Mr. Barton secured the vacancy on bulletin.

Mr. Smith, of Orchard, is laying off a few days; Bro. Nye, of Laurel, is relieving him.

There are several new men on the O'Neill line now.

Bro. Marsh and family, of Jackson, spent a few days at Soo City.

With the help of Bro. Marsh, of Jackson we got some of the O'Neill line items. We wish to thank Bro. Marsh very much for them and hope that he will give us a "lift" every month from now on.

With the help of two good brothers on this end, we got the rest, for which I thank very much.

The brothers who like to see a nice write-up will have to jar loose and send in a few lines now and then. McKee

Galesburg Division—

Agent Breddett, of Augusta, was in Macomb between trains No. 16 and No. 11, July 12th, on business.

Bro. W. H. Ernest, of Bushnell, with his wife, is spending his vacation in Tombstone, Ariz. Extra Telegrapher Erickson is doing the relief stunt in his absence. On the return of Bro. Ernest, Bro. E. C. Kalin, also of Bushnell, will get a short rest of a week or so. Does not know at present where he will spend the time.

Bro. W. R. Miner, of Bardolph, was in Macomb on business, July 12th.

Agent E. V. Kinsey, of Colchester, is off for a week attending court at Lewiston, Ill. Bro. L. W. Colville, relief agent, is filling the position during his absence.

When Prof. "J" left "HF," Plymouth, a new school was started at Colmar, and from what can be heard on the wires he must be breaking students in now. Agent Acres seems to be a teacher. This telegrapher used to speak of joining the Order, but it looks as though he had changed his mind.

Telegrapher G. S. Herron, of Augusta, is holding down La Prairie a few days while Hendricks is off for a rest.

The new trainmen's phone is now in use and when a train arrives at a closed station equipped with a trainmen's phone, they can clear themselves, therefore doing away with a great many telegraphers. This may be all right, but time will tell. Telegraphers are cheaper than clearing up wrecks, etc., so we will have to wait for such changes as are made to suit the times.

Bro. C. E. Brown and wife, of Bushnell, visited in Quincy, July 18th.

Mr. Greenawalt, of "GT" office, Galesburg, and wife, spent Sunday, July 11th visiting friends in Chicago.

Two new telegraphers have been placed in the relay office at Galesburg. One is a Mr. Aberhanson, from Altona, and the other a new man from Chicago.

Bro. G. A. Davis, formerly of St. Augustine, who is now working on the Union Pacific, was visiting friends at St. Augustine a few days during the month. He is on his way east to spend his vacation with home folks. He reports every thing flourishing on the U. P.

Mr. Guy Allen, phone operator at Seminary St. yards, Galesburg, was relieved one night during the month by Helper Leo Carroll from Bradford. Allen was a little under the weather.

Bro. D. C. Root, from Knoxville to Yates City first trick, which he landed on bulletin, relieving Bro. A. S. Gustas. Bro. Root was relieved at Knoxville by Mr. Shirley, who got Knoxville on bulletin. Shirley is still a non, but we know Bro.

Ramp will soon fit him out with an up-to-date card.

Bro. L. W. Collville was relieved as second trick telegrapher at Rio by Mr. Shirley, before going to Knoxville. Shirley was formerly agent at Castleton.

Bro. F. A. Moser, formerly agent at Delong, relieved Mr. Shirley at Rio, and was relieved at Delong by Mr. Carroll from Bradford.

Bro. L. W. Collville, who has been relieving Bro. Dennes at Edwards as agent, has been assigned to the position as extra agent on the Galesburg Division. I have not yet learned what became of the former extra agent, Harry M. Thornton.

Mr. Daugherty, night chief dispatcher, is on vacation; relieved by Mr. Walter Tobin, who was relieved as dispatcher on the Peoria Branch by Extra Dispatcher Elders from "GT" office.

Mr. Milliken, the third trick dispatcher, of Quincy Branch, is on vacation. Relieved by Mr. Elders, extra dispatcher, who was relieved on the second trick Peoria Branch by Wire Chief Easton, of "GT" office. Wire Chief Kelley relieved Easton on second trick wire chief, and Kelley was relieved on third trick by extra Wire Chief Ramp.

Galesburg yard report shows a little better than 78,000 cars of freight handled during the month of June, and 1,137 freight trains in and 1,123 freight trains out during the month. This is quite an increase over the month of June, 1908.

Mr. Gray has been transferred from "GY" office, Galesburg yards, to Camp Point third trick; relieved by Mr. Dee from Santa Fe crossing; have not learned who relieved Mr. Dee, but "13" it was some disabled switchman.

Someone on the Quincy Branch has been amusing himself by opening the circuit and breaking the boys when they are reporting trains and copying train orders. The guilty person has also been answering calls and letting telegraphers send their business in the air. We are after this gentleman, and have a very good line on him, and I am in hopes that by the time this shows up in the journal we will have him landed and out of the service.

We have three nons on the Quincy Branch who slur the O. R. T. at every chance. This shows ignorance. They do not consider what the Order has done for them in the way of salary and working conditions, which means *all* to the telegrapher.

In correspondence from the local chairman of the Ottumwa Division, we learn that Bro. Shields has 128 telegraphers, and 126 of them are union men, and one of the two nons was coming into the Order last payday. I believe if each man who has a non working close to him would get after him, it would be but a matter of a short time until we could have nearly as many union men as has Bro. Shields.

I would like to urge every brother to turn to page 15 of the president's report in the supplement of *THE TELEGRAPHER* covering the negotiations of the last convention at Atlanta, Ga., and read pages 15 to 18 pertaining to co-operative ne-

gotiations; pages 24, 25 and 26, student teaching, children in charge of signal towers, and movement of trains by telephone; 28, 29, 30 and 31, in conclusion. This will explain to you what unionism is, what has been done, what is trying to be done and what can and will be done in the future.

Those who were members two years ago can easily note the difference in the size of the supplement as well as the size of the journal compared to the issues of two years ago, showing you that our grand Order, of which you are a worthy member, is growing and in the near future will be one of the strongest and largest fraternal orders in existence. With your support, your local and grand officers will be able to continue onward and upward.

Business on the "Stormy Route" is not very heavy at present.

Bro. Ward has been transferred from second trick at "X" office, Rock Island, to first trick, while Mr. Kirkland goes to Moline to relieve Bro. True for a few weeks.

Dispatcher Curry, of 23d street, Rock Island, is on vacation for a month. Mr. Hazard, of Terminal Junction, taking his place until his return.

Bro. A. S. Gustus, extra, has gone from Yates City to second trick at Rock Island while Bro. Ward is holding down first shift.

We are glad to hear from Bro. Ben Harrison once more, and hope that by this time that he is settled in his new home, for we hear he was married to a charming young lady of Rock Island.

He is now working in the C. B. & Q. ticket office at St. Paul, Minn., and every man on the Galesburg Division, extends his best wishes to them both for a long and happy life.

Mr. Eiker, first trick at Alpha, has been transferred to Briar Bluff as agent while Miss Cornwall is taking a short rest. Did not learn who went to Alpha.

It seems as though this end of the Galesburg Division could do better than it has in the past, so please each and every man and woman send at least one news item for the journal next month. I fear that if Bro. Adams had failed me the "Stormy Route" would have been shy this time. Send all news to Bro. Malone at Galesburg, or Bro. Armstrong at Macomb, and it will reach these columns without delay. Drv. Coa.

Burlington Division—

We are very short of items. On account of the shortage of extra men to fill vacancies we have had few changes on our division.

Bro. Lowman has returned from his vacation in the South, and is again at his post at Tracey.

Bro. Dale Ellis, who relieved Bro. Lowman, at Tracey, is now relieving Mr. E. L. Logan, at Dallas City, Ill. We do not know where Mr. Logan went to spend his vacation.

Mr. D. F. Berry, at Brighton, is taking a vacation, and had a hard time getting away. He had to get Mr. McConahey, at Washington, to relieve

him, and send his son over to Washington as helper in Mr. McConahey's place.

Bro. C. E. Butler asked to get off a few days to go home, on account of sickness in the family, and Mr. Allison had to send to Kansas City for an extra man to take charge of Woolson station. What do you think of that for a surplus of telegraphers and station men. That guy that wrote so much about the telephone going to make plenty of men has guessed wrong, the telephone is driving all the men who once would have learned the business into something else, and when one that is working now can get another job he takes it, so where is it going to end. It looks now as though the fellow who makes those "high go roller" telephones will have to invent some kind of an electric agent and press the button when you want things done.

Bro. J. H. Barnard, our old hand at the wheel, at LoVilia, for nearly twenty-five years, met with the serious and painful accident of falling off the running with a heavy box of freight, the box lighting on his leg breaking it just above the knee. Bro. E. G. Oller is relieving him.

Bro. G. A. Oliver, at Hamilton, has been off sick thirty days with a very bad attack of the mumps, being relieved by Bro. E. G. Oller.

Mr. S. M. Lowman has been off two months with a very bad attack of rheumatism, he spent several weeks in Hot Springs. Bro. Dale Ellis is doing the stunt at Tracey.

Bro. H. W. Ward, of Harvey, expects to see Seattle in all of its glory some time this month.

Bro. G. A. Micke, at Swan, has quit the service and gone to South Dakota, where he is working for the B. & M.

Mr. M. C. Ray, at Ford, has the sympathy of all the brothers in his sad bereavement, caused by the death of his brother in the "RA," Coon River, near Des Moines.

J. L. Davis, the day telegrapher in C. B. & Q. freight office, in Des Moines, has gone to the C. R. I. & P. Bro. J. E. Lynn has the day job. There is a new night man, whose name we do not know. Div. Cor.

Sheridan Division—

One of our esteemed brothers took a little sympathy on me this month, and sent the majority of these notes.

Bro. B. J. Keys, the agent at Worland, is laying off, and has gone to the coast; Mr. Jas. Fagon, of Upton, is relieving him.

Bro. Bob Ross, agent at Basin, is laying off, visiting Crow agency and playing ball with the red skins. Bro. Vacek has his place.

The B. R. T. run a big special from Sheridan to Crow agency, taking in the battlefield and the agency sights. Several outsiders were among the party, and every body came home satisfied and ready to go on such another outing.

Time freight extra 3,133. Conductor Barr, Engineer Dougherty, was derailed one mile west of Dunmore on the 17th, supposed by sun-kink; 8 cars coke and merchandise went in the ditch; trains were delayed several hours.

Bro. Federicks and Sister Federicks are holding down second and third tricks at Wyola, regular, with Mr. Runyon, the unconvinced, holding down first trick.

Mr. G. A. Lewis, a new man, is now the third trick telegrapher at Crow agency.

Bro. O. O. Merritt, who was formerly agent at Ballantine and Toluca, is now agent at Greybull, vice Mr. McClung who resigned to try his hand at the real estate business.

Mr. M. E. McCarthy, a new man from the C. N. W. is holding down the agent's job at Ballantine. A new depot is being built at Ballantine which will make it nice for some old head when the bulletin comes out.

Bro. R. P. Peck, the genial night telegrapher at Hardin, is temporarily acting as agent at Toluca.

Wm. Henderson, the former night telegrapher at Deitz, is now working nights at Hardin.

Bro. G. B. Federicks worked a few nights at Hardin, Wyola being closed one trick, on account of a shortage of telegraphers.

A Mr. G. C. Shepherd, one of the old-time booze fighting telegraphers from New Mexico, tried to work nights at Hardin, but as usual with one of his kind, his stay was of short duration.

Bro. Geo. Cooper, former night telegrapher at Ranchester, has left the service, and accepted a position with the big Horn Timber Co. He was relieved by Bro. Frank Mills, from Kirby.

Bro. McMillan, the former agent at Deitz, has been transferred to the agency at Cody. Former Agent Watson resigned, going to the coast.

Bro. Rastus Elder, a former telegrapher at Osage, who went to Texas about a year since, has decided to return to the "Q" and will arrive shortly.

Mr. Ed. Edge, an old-timer, has entered the service, and is stationed at Ulm, nights. This gives Ulm two men.

Bro. Steve Tupper claims he has one of the best ranches in the vicinity of Hardin. We can hardly doubt his word, as Hardin is noted for being in one of the best farming communities in Montana.

There was over thirty telegraphers hired in the month of June. This is an average of one a day.

A Mr. Meacham is working the third trick at Upton, relieving Mr. Fagan.

Bro. Essex, the agent at Dewey, has just returned from a long vacation trip through the East and in Missouri, his home State.

Wm. H. Reinhart holds the third trick at Clearmont at present.

Those who have not paid dues for the present term should take a word from the wise and do so.

The secretary and treasurer advises that dues are coming in like flies, and new applications are also numerous.

Let us get busy and see if we can not secure the applications of the few remaining nons and make our division solid. While we talk about the banner division there is plenty of room for work, and interest should be manifested at all times.

Several boys have lost out on account of sleeping on duty. This looks like some of us are taking advantage of the nine-hour law, as in every case it was found to be a nine-hour man that was discharged. It would be a good idea to discontinue this boys, as it causes more work for all concerned, and you know well enough that you wouldn't want to break your arm off like those dispatchers do calling a man, when he's "dead in the hay." Try and give the dispatcher your best, and you will find a big change in the manner in which he treats you.

Our former chief dispatcher, Mr. C. D. Peckenaugh, has been promoted to train-master, vice H. C. Hughes, transferred to the Burlington Division.

Night Chief Dispatcher Harry A. Kimball now holds down the chief's chair, with Mr. F. C. Runnells acting night chief.

Messrs. Smith and Johnson, from the first trick dispatcher's "(Z)" office are up in the Big Horn Mountains looking for trout and taking in a little of the surplus fresh air. Messrs. Dow and Childs are relieving them.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Sterling Division—

Every telegrapher on the Sterling Division should be up-to-date in our Order; compare the present with the past, and then picture the future prospects. There is much to be gained by each one doing a share of the work. Send me your blanks and get lined-up, or send blanks to Bro. Feary, at Mitchell.

J. Corbett (but not the famous Jim) is doing the relief act at Grover, while Bro. F. A. Thornbrough takes a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. C. L. Friddell, formerly at Wallace, and later at Dalton, has taken a station on the D. & R. G., understand at Rico, Colo. We commend him to Division No. 49.

Bro. F. C. Fry, of Sidney, days, is doing the act as extra dispatcher, while the dispatchers are enjoying their annual vacation. I wonder when the poor telegraphers will be enjoying their "annual" vacations?

Bro. A. M. Smith, the relief agent now at Elwood, has the following outline of relief work ahead of him: From Elwood to Maywood, three weeks, then Farnam, Mitchell and Madrid. At each of these positions he will relieve an agent with an up-to-date card.

Ere this meets your gaze your correspondent expects to be located at Dalton, Neb., and there I would like to hear from all the nons on the division. I wish they would tell me why it is that they are still nons, and if after twenty years in this world I am in the wrong and why.

Two brothers who left us last month (A. B. Delahoyde and John Kramer) are still absent from the division. No report from them as yet.

Bro. F. A. Bullock, formerly agent at Wellfleet, and later cashier at Brush, has recently been enjoying a pleasant visit to California.

Bro. R. C. Norris, of Maywood, is hoping for early relief, expecting to visit Chicago and other Eastern Points.

We hope to give you more news after we get moved to Dalton, just be patient, and don't forget that the nons must still be looked after.

J. T. MADDOX.

Brookfield Division—

Bro. H. M. Edsall is working on the Sheridan Division.

Bros. Thomason and Saunders have changed tricks a few days, on account of Bro. Saunders being sick.

Bro. H. Smith has been appointed assistant local chairman, and his territory will include the Q. O. & K. C. R. R. as well as the St. Joe branch.

The 'phone system is in operation from Brookfield to Hannibal and Quincy, and is working well.

Let each individual report his items to division correspondent, and give us a chance to represent you.

Let's hear from the boys east of Cameron Junction, to Quincy and Hannibal.

Bro. G. D. Freeman is taking a few days' vacation.

H. C. Crane and Brakeman Cox are attending court at Liberty, and Timothy Phelan is in Crane's place on St. Joe and K. C. runs.

Bro. L. E. Wilhait is off a few days; relieved by Bro. Schackelford.

Bro. Saunders and wife are visiting in Stewartsville. He was relieved by C. W. Carroll.

Quite a number of the boys could not get relief to attend Fourth of July celebrations.

Local way freights were annulled July 5th.

Bro. C. S. Stevens bid in the third trick at South Park.

The following positions are on bulletin: Second trick at Ely, second trick at Hunnewell, second trick at Clarence, third trick at Shelbyna, and agency at Anabel.

On account of heavy rains affecting track and washing out in some places, trains were annulled or detoured.

The Burlington handled the Wabash and C. & A., while the Rock Island had the Santa Fe.

A 'phone office was temporarily installed three and one-half miles west of Randolph, the cross-over, until Wabash could repair its track, where it washed out. We did not learn the 'phone operator's name.

Bros. Thomason, Kay and Edsall handled the train wire while communication was cut off from Brookfield.

Dispatchers excused telegraphers from one to three hours, during slack business, but we are making up for it now.

We understand L. B. Lamb, night chief at Brookfield, goes to general manager's office, nights, in Chicago.

J. E. Dunn relieving Wm. McCue, who is taking a few weeks' off. Div. Cor.

Wymore Division—

We are very sorry to advise that there were no items received this month, and therefore this write-up will consist only of what the division correspondent was able to gather personally.

Everything is lovely with the exception that we are not getting the nons to join us as rapidly as they should. We have altogether too many of them, and we certainly ought to be able to land a few applications if we all go after them. Let us get busy and reduce the number, making the Wymore Division the most solid of them all.

By the way, what about your dues for the present term? There are a number who have not yet come across, and I would suggest that they line up before it slips their memory.

Have you ever noticed how the old stand-patters come up with their dues? They may have sickness and other forms of disaster befall them, but they always manage to find the five iron dollars to square them with the Order that helps them earn their bread and butter. I have often thought that the example set by these brothers must make the back slider feel mighty small when he thinks the matter over, providing he has enough gray matter to allow him to do any thinking.

Bro. C. F. Wahl, of Tecumseh, recently returned from a honeymoon trip. No cigars in sight yet.

Mr. R. C. Reid was recently transferred from nights at Fortescue to the third trick at Tecumseh.

Bro. E. L. Money is now located at Blue Springs as 'phoner-agent.

Jno. R. Boyd, 'phoner-agent at Hollis, recently filed his application, and will be wearing the wreath and sounder ere this appears.

The depot at Johnson burned on the night of July 4th, and Bro. Jessup is now doing business in a box car.

Superior is to have a tower with a 15-lever machine located near the Santa Fe-Burlington crossing.

The increase in business made it necessary to install a third trick man at Firth and Tecumseh. Mr. McGuire, a new man, is holding down the third trick at Firth at present.

Trust the weather will be cooler so that we can make a better showing next month.

Remember those dues.

Div. Cor.

Ottumwa Division—

Mr. M. J. Graham, Monmouth tower, has returned from his honeymoon trip in the East, and resumed work.

Joe Barry, formerly of Monmouth tower, is now working as telegrapher and clerk at Havelock, Neb.; relieved by Mr. A. T. Parker.

Bro. F. M. Graham, of Biggsville Cabin, was off a few days the first part of the month; relieved by Bro. A. H. Kleiman, a new man here.

Mr. H. W. Barnes, of Kirkwood, has returned from his trip to North Dakota, and has resumed work. He was relieved by Bro. J. F. Braberton,

who has now resumed his regular trick. Mr. Barnes says everything looks fine in that part of the country.

Bro. R. W. Lee, second trick at West Burlington, has resigned; can not say what his intentions are, and sorry to see him leave us. Relieved temporarily by Bro. R. A. Sanberg, of Lockridge, he in turn by Mr. C. M. Pumphrey, of Batavia, third trick.

Telegrapher Ketchum at Lockridge, second trick, has resigned, we understand, to take service with the Santa Fe. Relieved by Mr. R. A. Thompson, a new man here.

Bro. F. A. Sense is enjoying a vacation, and taking a Pacific Coast tour. Relieved by Mr. W. M. Long, from the C. & E. I.

Bro. G. R. Bannister, who has been working third trick at Dudley, has left the service; relieved by L. E. Douney, who has also left the service, he being relieved by Bro. A. H. Kleiman.

Bro. Stover who is doing the twelve-hour owl stunt at Cleveland, was off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Mowrey.

Bro. J. M. Carr, of Melrose, is on the sick list; relieved by Bro. H. E. Conine, of Dudley, necessitating the closing of second trick at Dudley.

Bro. C. F. Critchfield received second trick at Albia on bulletin.

Bro. H. H. Mowrey bid in second trick at Tower 307 on bulletin.

In order to have a write-up it is necessary to have a little help. One can not keep tab on the whole division. Anyone having notes, please drop a postal either to Bro. Shields at Chariton, or Bro. Walter at Fairfield.

Wish to thank Bros. Conine, of Dudley, and Swanson, of Monmouth, for notes this month. Won't some more of you get busy?

Some few days ago when the schedule was distributed, a circular notice was put out with it. The circular would lead one to believe that there were some positions cut by schedule, or, at least, could be. Going on to say that no cut was contemplated at the present time, the lower figures being shown indicating that they could be reverted to, should circumstances make it necessary, or words to that effect. There is nothing to it; what your schedule calls for is what goes.

CERT. 283.

La Crosse Division—

Bro. A. A. Fitz, second trick man at East Dubuque, is taking a 30-day vacation to make a tour of the West; relieved by Telegrapher Chisholm.

Bro. Roy Garber, of Diamond Bluff, is on a three-week vacation; relieved by Telegrapher O'Connell.

Bro. Freid and Bro. Kregs, second and third trick men at Cassville, took a trip to Dubuque the first of the month.

Bro. Clark, the agent at Cassville, took a trip to Savanna, last week.

Bro. Cleary, of Galena, was off for a week or so; relieved by Bro. Birtsel, of Blanding. When Bro. Cleary returned, Birtsel made a few days' visit at Dubuque.

Bro. Graves, agent at Galena Junction, and Bro. Livingston, third trick man at Portage, were visitors at Dubuque, last week.

Bro. Steading, third trick man at Galena Junction, was also a visitor at Dubuque one night last week.

Bro. Willard, agent at McCortney, was at East Dubuque this week.

Bro. Rogers, the agent at Grand Crossing, has resumed duty after an extensive trip through the western States.

Telegrapher Groff, side-wire man at "CH," office, is on a three or four weeks' vacation; relieved by Walter Holmes, of Savanna yards.

Telegrapher Paul also side-wire man at "CX," is on a vacation; relieved by a man signing "N," from Chicago.

We understand that our old friend, B. C. Honison is on his wedding trip and when he returns will relieve Mr. Ragen, city ticket agent at Winona. On account of the death of H. W. Lhise, Mr. Ragen has been appointed general city ticket and passenger agent at Dubuque. Honison was formerly one of our hardest workers, and I am sure we all wish him success in his new undertaking.

It is rumored that Bro. Cummings, of Glen Haven, has resigned to go into business with his father at some place in the East. Did not hear who took his place.

Bro. T. B. O'Brine, agent at Bay City, laid off two weeks on account of weak eyes. Telegrapher Barth relieved him.

Bro. Brown, the second trick man at Potosi, visited Dubuque last week during the W. O. W. convention.

Telegrapher Elkins, from Curry, recently took a trip to Chicago; relieved by Mr. Barth from Fountain City. Understand Mr. Barth will enroll as soon as he gets off the extra list.

Bro. J. W. Ragatz from North Yard made a flying trip to Dubuque; relieved by Telegrapher Foehringer.

Mr. Sperry from Oakland, is doing the agent's "stunt" at Onalaska, after which he intends to take a month's vacation. Bro. Larson, from Division No. 23 is relieving him.

Bro. Griffon from Fountain City spent a few days at Maiden Rock; relieved by Telegrapher Barth.

Bro. Nelson, from Dayton Bluff, is taking a trip to Seattle. Have not been able to find out who is relieving him.

Mr. Risser from Dayton Bluff is working at "H" office, Minneapolis; relieved by Bro. Jay from DeSoto.

Bro. Wehrman from Prescott and Bro. Levitt from Curry, are making a trip to Chicago and Milwaukee. Telegrapher Kemp is relieving Bro. Levitt and Mr. Foehringer is working Mr. Kemp's trick at Curry. Bro. Burns from Alma is work-

ing Bro. Wehrman's trick at "SD," and Mr. White is working Bro. Burns' trick at Alma.

Bro. Vogel has been transferred from first trick at Hastings to the position of third trick dispatcher at Newport. CHAS. 1371.

Aurora Division—

Sister Sarah E. Saunders, of Berwyn tower, has been called to Oklahoma on account of the death of her sister. Relieved by Miss Annie Roach.

Bro. H. M. Kaut, of Downers Grove station days, was recently called to Dubuque, Iowa, on account of the death of his grandmother.

Miss Ida Parish, the phoner at Western Springs tower, did not show up for work at the regular time on June 29th, forcing the company to work third trick operator and second trick operator twelve hours and to close the office from 4 a. m. to 6 a. m. This is the second time this has taken place recently, once at "SY," Aurora, office. This is a very poor way to quit. We are glad to note that in neither case was the wreath and sounder worn, and we hope that none of our brothers and sisters will take such steps when quitting as to desert their jobs.

Bro. Russell, of Downers Grove tower, made his regularly monthly trip to Leland, Ill., July 17th. We hope the brother will be able to line up the other two telegraphers at Downers Grove tower.

Bro. Stoneburg, who has been working at Galva tower for the last thirty days, has returned to his old job at Somonauk Cabin.

Mr. C. F. Stein, who has been working at Somonauk Cabin, returned to Sandwich and is now working second trick phoner job at that station. We expect before this goes to the printer we will again be able to call him Bro. Stein.

Mr. E. G. Noack, formerly second trick man at Sandwich, has bid in "SY," Aurora yard office. We wish him success, which will no doubt go with this young telegrapher. His work has always been satisfactory to all concerned, and we can safely say that before this reaches the printer we can again call him brother.

Bro. Carley, of Bristol tower, is relieving Bro. Doty at the station while the latter is taking a vacation.

Bro. E. F. Todd local chairman, was a caller at Princeton, Ill., the first part of the month, looking after some grievances at that station.

Bro. Ranger, of Somonauk Cabin, was a Chicago visitor July 21st.

Bro. McVey spent his 4th of July at Mendota. Drv. Con.

McCook Division—

This division seems to be a dead one so far as several of its members are concerned. The local chairman has had great difficulty in securing a division correspondent. Of those he has asked some have not the time, others not the inclination. One brother even went so far as to ask "What is in it?" This kind of feeling is wrong, boys, and if you are asked to help out the Order in any

way and have the time you should do so to the best of your ability. It is enough to make some of the founders of our Order who labored for the good of their fellow telegraphers, turn in their graves to hear such a question "What is in it?" Another thing, boys, get on the job. This is one thing a great many of the telegraphers are not doing. Telegraphers who carry up-to-date cards and claim to be good men when put "up against it" are not "there with the goods." If you are the agent show the superintendent that you appreciate your job and everything he does for you. If you are the telegrapher, help the agent all you can. Don't be afraid of your work. Be ready and willing to do your part. He will appreciate it. It is very gratifying to know that when anything goes wrong it is not an Order man who is up against it. Show them that you are on the job every minute of the time you are supposed to work.

J. W. Church, night telegrapher of Orleans, has gone to Cambridge to work nights, Telegrapher F. E. Mathais, of the Oxford freight house, relieving him permanently.

Mr. Z. T. Kemper, who has been agent at Alma for the past twenty-five years, had the misfortune some few months ago to run a splinter in his hand, while performing his various duties about the station, which in time became irritated and swollen and recently blood poison set in and he was compelled to have it amputated. Mr. Kemper expected to remain in the service, but it has been decided that they can not use him to advantage, and presume he will be relieved as soon as it can be done.

H. L. Billesbauch, the cashier at Orleans, is off on a few days' vacation; relieved by Evert Neaurbauer. Later we learn that Billesbauch has been made night telegrapher at Minden, Neaurbauer remaining at Orleans.

Our genial trainmaster, W. G. Dungan, of the Oberlin and St. Francis Branches, is off on a two weeks' vacation, fishing in the Estes Park region.

Bro. Irwin, of Beaver City, made a business trip to Lincoln between trains last week. He reports business at his station good.

Conyers, of Traer, made a visit with home folks at Franklin the fore part of the week, coming down on the stock train and returning on No. 190.

Day telegrapher C. A. Peterson at Orleans expects to depart for California in the near future. This is the first layoff Pete has had in four years, and is well deserved, as he is on the job all the time.

Get busy, some of you fellows, and if you are too busy to handle the correspondence for this division, at least send in a few items each month to help out.

Telegrapher Lee Curtis, who is on leave of absence from the Rock Island for ninety days, is relieving Bro. Chapin at Otis. Bro. Chapin is holding down Norcaturn.

Mr. G. S. Scott has been transferred from acting agent at Akron to regular agent at Brush,

succeeding Bro. Bullock, who was acting agent at Brush during Mr. Curry's illness.

Bro. A. C. Hugg, from first trick at Akron to agent at Akron, succeeding Mr. Scott.

Bro. Stayner has been transferred from second trick at Brush to second trick at Akron, succeeding Bro. Cowart.

Bro. Cowart, who has been visiting home folks in Alabama, is now working third trick at Remkleman.

Bro. C. R. Hunt, from Utica, Md., Brookfield Division, is now working first trick at Akron.

Bro. Bullock at Brush has been taking a vacation visiting friends at Salt Lake; relieved by Bro. C. V. Glenn. Bro. Glenn was relieved by Mr. A. M. Smith who has been working as helper at Brush. Understand Smith was too heavy at second trick at Brush, and moved to Pinneo, nights, relieving Mr. A. M. Thune, who has resigned. Mr. R. C. Cutler, who relieved Mr. Thune, is now working third trick at Akron. Thune went from Akron to Pinneo.

The telegraphers at Akron are now working on a straight nine-hour basis, with no meal hour off.

Bro. Dewitt, who has been at Crest for some time, has been transferred to the train service; relieved by Mr. H. E. Peterson.

Telegrapher Curtis has resigned and is going back East.

Bro. C. H. Gist has sold out his business in Denver and indications are that he will re-enter the service. Strange how the old-timers will drift back.

A. V. Anderson is now working in Mr. Koller's office at McCook. CART. 758.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

Lakeland District—

Again it is time to let our members know that there is "something doing in the good old summer time." The summer time has reached us all right, but we are not having such weather as we read about in the Middle West, where the thermometer is reported to be as high as 108. There is no place like the land of flowers, where one works half the year and rests in the shade the other half, and where coal bills are almost unknown.

The agency at Crystal River has been bulletined, and, we understand, bid in by Bro. Brantley, local chairman. This is the second time a non has checked up short at that agency. How long will it take to find out that up-to-date members are more to be depended upon than nons and students?

The above change puts Dade City on the bulletin board. Here is a nice place for some worthy brother.

The clerk-telegrapher position at Croom is also in the last shake-up.

There may have occurred other vacancies, but your correspondent is unable to give them, as these are all he has heard of, and on account of having to leave home for a week he can not wait to learn more.

There are several of our members who have not paid dues for the term ending June 30th, and their names will be dropped on July 31st, unless they pay up before that time. I wish every up-to-date member on the district would write to Bro. Brantley, local chairman, and get the names of these delinquents and see if they can not be prevailed upon to correct this mistake before it is too late. We all expect that something will be doing before the end of the year, and we can not expect as much with a depleted membership as one that presents a solid front.

There are also a few more nons on the district than there should be, and we want your help in getting them to see the error of their way. Now while the sun is shining and the mocking birds are singing in the trees across the track, lets get right down for two hours each day and see how much missionary work we can do. If each member of this district will devote even half of that much time each day in writing to nons on the district, there will not be a corporal's guard left inside of thirty days. Just try it for one month and see the difference in the number of applications sent in from the Lakeland District.

D. C.

Waycross District—

I have just learned that Bro. Sasser makes a weekly report to the members of his local board, letting them know what is going on on the district. We write to the journal each month so all the members, not only of the district, but of the division, may know what is going on down here.

There were four new members from this district last month; while this is not as large a percentage as we would like to see, yet if each district on the system showed this number of new members each month, there would soon be no nons left to work upon. At this rate there would be approximately 600 for a year. We would exhaust the supply of nons long ere that number could be reached. In correspondence with Bro. Williams, general secretary and treasurer, he said if the same effort was put forth on the other districts that is being put forth on this, there would soon be nothing to do but remind the members of their duties as such. What a glorious condition that would be. It would not then be necessary to ask "When will the committee go up for a revision of the schedule?" The committee would go whenever the members thought it necessary.

One thing in particular about Bro. Sasser's report, was a list of the nons on the district, and since that report was made one of the nons has joined and one left the road. With this kind of work in less than two months there will be nothing but members on the Waycross District. We have had it 100 per cent once before. Write to Bro. Sasser now and get him to give you the names of the nons, and help him to get them all into the Order. There is not many of them left.

Bro. J. C. Saville is temporarily at Pidcock, and Bro. O. L. Dunn has gone from Pidcock to

Sylvester, second trick. Mr. Graddy, at Sylvester, has resigned.

Bro. H. B. Gross has been transferred from Nahunta to Waynesville agency.

Bro. E. W. Smoak is working the Acree agency until it has been decided who wins on the bulletin of the 30th of June. Bro. Smoak was working second trick at Valdosta, but on account of Bro. R. L. Hall being the older man he was given the place.

Several brothers have been off recently on account of sickness; among the number is Bro. Holzenhof, of Stockton, who has been spending a few weeks in Florida on account of the illness of his mother.

Bro. T. H. Matthews, of McDonald, is now off duty and at Folkston, with his wife, who is quite ill.

Bro. Geo. Perry, of Dupont, was off duty several days, attending his wife who was very ill. We are glad to note that she is improving.

We are indebted to Bro. E. H. Baker, of Tifton, for a number of notes. Bro. Baker will be remembered by the older men on the B. & W., as he formerly worked at Tifton, but has been with the Tampa Northern for the past two or three years, as agent at Fivay Junction, Fla. During all this time Bro. Baker has kept in touch with the A. C. L., and always boasted of an up-to-date card in Division No. 132. We fear we will lose him now as he is with the G. S. & F., but working a joint position. Bro. Baker is working the third trick at Union Station. He reports that the first trick man, Mr. Hickey, has filled out his papers and sent to Bro. Watson of Division No. 56. There have been two changes in the second trick at Tifton within a short time. Mr. Autrey was let out, on account of being unable to get along with A. C. L. dispatcher, and Bro. Piper, from Division No. 46, had to go home on account of sickness and did not return. We understand that he is at work for Central of Georgia, near Athens. Bro. McCorvey, the present man, is a good one.

Our attention has been called to the fact that some of the third trick men on B. & W. side are not as prompt in answering calls as they should be, which leads to the belief that there is sleeping going on. Now this is not going to do at all. After working as we have for an eight-hour day, we certainly can not afford to let it slip from our grasp, because a few third trick men will persist in sleeping on duty. This looks bad and should by all means be stopped.

The third trick at Valdosta is now on bulletin, also the second trick at Nahunta.

Bro. Austin, the third trick man at Thomasville, resigned late in June, and was relieved by Bro. F. B. Powell, of Pelham. Mr. C. A. Bowen, who formerly worked at Pelham, is again working the clerk-telegrapher position at Pelham.

Don't forget to write Bro. Sasser for a list of the nons, and help him to get the district solid by the end of the month.

D. C.

Richmond District, South—

Notes are scarce this month, although a good many things have taken place, but few of them have been reported.

Complaint was made early in the month that vacancies were not being bulletined, so Bro. Bridgers, local chairman, sent out circular letter to all members, asking them to notify him of any vacancy occurring so he could take up same and have the bulletin issued. I hope every member on the district will do this every time he hears of a vacancy. Don't put it off till tomorrow, but let Bro. Bridgers know about it "now." It is only by having the help of every member on the district that the best work can be accomplished, and the greatest results obtained.

The meeting at Rocky Mount, on July 10th, was success from every point of view, but could have been more liberally attended. The members who remained away do not know what a treat they missed. It was decided to hold these meetings monthly as long as we can get the requisite number. The first business taken up was the election of permanent officers, and the following were elected: Chief telegrapher, J. H. Williams; first vice-chief telegrapher, A. B. Douglas; second vice-chief telegrapher, C. T. Bolick; past chief telegrapher, D. B. Rector; marshal, P. S. Newton; secretary, D. H. Parker; inside sentinel, H. L. Gardner; outside sentinel, R. H. Merchant.

It was decided to select a hall other than the Masonic Temple if possible, and notice of the change will be made when the notice of the meeting is mailed out. It is earnestly desired that every member who is in a position to attend these meetings will do so, as a great many questions of interest and importance come up for discussion. Our members in the South are far behind the lines East and West, when it comes to members who can get up in meeting and speak out what they think. This is because so few of them have been in the habit of attending meetings. It is very important that you should study these questions and be able to state your side of them.

After the meeting on the 10th, refreshments were served, which were enjoyed immensely by all present. This feature of the meetings will be well looked after in the future, and I don't think many of the members will have any cause for regret on account of attending the monthly meetings at Rocky Mount.

There were no candidates for initiation this month, the first time for quite a while. We expect to have several at the next meeting.

While this account is written under the Richmond District South, we do not want the members on the Richmond North, Norfolk and Wilmington District to feel they are not included, as you can look over the list of officers and see that all are represented. We want each district to send a good representation each month hereafter.

Some of the changes that have taken place this month are as follows:

Bro. W. B. Rector, from "X," Rocky Mount, to Richmond, "K," as copyist and extra dispatcher.

Mr. J. B. Farmer, from "YD" tower, to second "CO," which is on bulletin. Bro. Merchant going from second trick "CO," South Rocky Mount, to the Halifax agency, on the north end.

Bro. Chas. Bolick, first trick at South Rocky Mount, is off for a few days' vacation, and is being relieved by Mr. Foster, from third trick. Mr. Newman, from the Southern Railway, is holding down the third trick at present. Bro. Bolick intends to visit his parents at Ridgeway, S. C., and then make a trip to Washington, D. C., and Memphis.

It will be of interest to some of the brothers to know that Bro. C. L. Gribble, formerly at Pee Dee, is now in the far Northwest, being located at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, on the Great Northern Railway.

Bro. F. A. Truitt is back at his old trick in Elm City, after spending a delightful honeymoon in "The Land of the Sky" in Western North Carolina.

We would like to meet you all at the monthly meetings in Rocky Mount. TAR HEEL.

Gainesville District—

We are glad to welcome into the Order, this month, Bro. J. L. Johnson, the new agent at Santa Fe. All brothers kindly extend to Bro. Johnson the right hand of fellowship. Bro. Johnson went to Santa Fe when Bro. H. B. James was transferred from that point to Haynesworth, nights.

It is reported that the agency at Worthington Springs will be reopened at an early date. Would like to see a good Order man go to that beautiful spot.

The freight agency at St. Petersburg has been on bulletin, and understand Bro. R. T. Thorne, formerly ticket agent at St. Petersburg, was the successful bidder. This is quite a promotion for Bro. Thorne, as the freight agency pays \$110.00 per month, and is a very responsible position.

Mr. Beville, who was for some time agent at Croom, is acting ticket agent at present. Have not heard who will get the place permanently. Mr. Beville has been out of the telegraph service for some time. He at one time was a strong O. R. T. member, and we hope to see him with the right kind of a pink slip next month.

More later.

CRACKER.

All Members Division No. 132:

WILSON, N. C., July 19, 1909.

Brother O. P. Raiford, of Hamer, has asked me to express his sincere thanks for the help rendered him during the illness of his family, and his own words being much more expressive than I can write, I will quote his letter:

"Bro. Williams, words can not express my true appreciation to you and all concerned for the kind-

new shown me by brother O. R. T.'s and its local chairmen.

"I sincerely hope that you will extend to each subscriber to the cause, my hearts gratitude and true appreciation for such liberal contribution, and may the God above bless each one, if I am never able to prove my thanks personally to them.

"Again and again thanking you, and extending my best wishes."

Anything I can add to the above will be superfluous. Am glad to say Mrs. Raiford is fast recovering, and that Bro. Raiford says she will soon be well again.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS,

General Secretary and Treasurer.

Richmond District North—

I will let the members know of a little that is happening on the north end of the system this month, and try and make a much better report in September.

After the promotion of Bro. Smoak, from clerk-telegrapher to agent at Manchester, the clerk-telegrapher's position, paying \$60.00 per month was abolished, and the clerical work is now being performed by a man who can not telegraph. Bro. Smoak is doing the telegraphing, which, we understand, is very light.

The following positions have been bulletined, but so far we have not heard who have been appointed to fill the vacancies:

First and third tricks in "K," Richmond; third trick at Weldon; third trick at Stony Creek, and third trick at Enfield.

It is rumored that Bro. W. B. Rector, from Rocky Mount, "X," will get one of the places in "K" office, Richmond.

This district was not very liberally represented at the Rocky Mount meeting, on the 10th, but we hope to have more at the next, and succeeding meetings.

There has not been a new application sent from this district in a month, but we expect to have several before another week has passed. Let's all pull together, as the members are doing on the Waycross District, and we will soon be in better shape than they, as we have all main lines, and a higher minimum than they have down there. This can be made the banner district if we work hard enough. Will you not help this month and send in at least one application?

D. C.

Savannah District—

Three new applications in as many days is going some, but that is what we did on this district last week, and hope to make it as many this week.

Just think there has been twenty new members joined on this district since April 1st. What other district can show a like number? Don't all speak at once.

Understand there has been, or will soon be changes at Offerman, Ludowici and Blackshear. In fact there has been two changes already made, Offerman and Ludowici. Mr. J. B. Simpson went

from Offerman agency to Ludowici agency. We can not say who is acting at Offerman.

As one who is in a position to appreciate good work when he sees it, I want to congratulate the membership, and especially the local board, upon the progress made on this district during the last three months. Let us, with one accord, pull together for a solid division. This district is all main line, and therefore easy of access. We can make it solid O. R. T. if we put forth the same effort we have within the past three months. I know it is hot, and an after-dinner nap is most enticing, but we can forego that pleasure and devote the time instead trying to show some non how much better it would be for him to join the O. R. T. CRACKER JOE'S SUCCESSOR

Jacksonville District—

Bro. Tedder, our very efficient local chairman, is setting the pace for the other local chairmen to follow. He is right on the job all the time. Not only the local chairmanship, but the railroad job as well. There is no cause for complaint from his station. Every bulletin comes out as soon as a vacancy occurs, and applicants can be sure their claims will receive due consideration at his hands.

Bro. C. C. Young, of Haines City, who was married the first of the month of June, and who has been off on his honeymoon, is back at work. Bro. Young was relieved, at Haines City, by Bro. T. J. Tedder, and the agency at Seffner was held down by Bro. W. W. Tedder.

We are glad to have with us, at Tampa, Bro. Geo. B. Walker, of Division No. 8. We are always glad to welcome members from other lines to the bright land of flowers, the "Sunny South" (without any question marks just now).

A letter from Bro. W. J. Sigler, of Winter Park, who is now spending some time in the mountains of Kentucky, says he is having a delightful trip. It must be very refreshing to get way up into a high place, and away from the sound of a railroad train or a mosquito.

Understand another brother has reported nearly all the changes, so will cut it out for this time, and see what has been done. Don't forget we must get this district solid by September 1st.

JACK.

Montgomery District—

Everybody seems to be very busy with water-melons, peaches and cantaloupes. The watermelon and cantaloupe movement has been very heavy and they are still moving, but the shipment of peaches has not been so great. Only a few cars have been moved so far. As soon as train crews get their eight and ten hours rest, they are being called for another trip on account of the melon rush. No doubt we will handle several hundred more carloads than we did last season, as the price seems to be very good.

Bro. A. H. Strickland, the agent at Enterprise, is taking a few days' vacation, visiting Eastern cities and the coast. We understand that his

clerk, Mr. Howell, is doing the work while he is away.

Mr. L. P. Bailey, the agent at Pinckard, has been off a few days on business; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Johnson.

Mr. J. W. Wise, the agent at Brockton, is attending court in Dothan, Ala. Relieved by Bro. Huey, of Daleville. Bro. Huey's brother is doing the stunt at Daleville.

Bro. Jones, from "X" office at Montgomery, is spending a few days with home folks; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Johnson.

Bro. Mozley, of Sprague, was relieved a few days by Bro. Evans, extra telegrapher.

A Mr. Mullins is doing the stunt at Sellers while Mr. Thames is taking a vacation. Bro. Dean, "night owl" at Tennille, was relieved two or three nights by Extra Telegrapher Johnson on account of sickness.

Mr. Thames, of Sellers, goes on the extra list. Relieved by Mr. Spoorman. Understand Mr. Spoorman had only been checked in a few days before he disappeared with what cash was on hand, leaving the office in charge of the section foreman's boy, who is nothing but a mere lad. Am very glad to say this man was not a brother. A Mr. Faircloth will go to Sellers.

I find that there are two or three students along the line, and am very sorry to say that one of our brothers is guilty of harboring one of them. For the life of me I can not understand how a brother can do this after signing the obligation he does. Not only that, but we know that the very student he has will at any time take his job for less money than he is getting today. This is one of the reasons we are so poorly paid today. Let's live right up to the rules of the Order in every way and see if we don't feel better. And don't forget to apply the motto "No card, no favors" to those who have shown us that they care nothing for the welfare of others. The men who have been working on the road for years and can't see where the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has benefited them are the kind of men to which the motto "No card, no favors" should apply. Treat the man who is just entering the service like a brother and if, after a reasonable length of time he does not come on the right side, make the rule apply to him.

No items from the east end, and therefore I am unable to give you very much news. One brother was kind enough to contribute a few items from one branch. CERT. 1247.

Jacksonville District—

As the regular correspondent for this district is spending a month in "Old Kentucky," I will endeavor to put in a few items for him from this district.

I do not like to look over our journal and not see at least a few items from my own district, and I wish there were a few more men who felt the same way.

The handling of this district for the past year has been rather a tough proposition, and at times

very discouraging. Our local chairman has worked faithfully on the nons and has been successful in landing some of them, but there are still too many left. Precious few words of encouragement and very little help has he received from the members. This certainly ought not to be the case.

Boys, let's take a little more interest in our welfare; all I ask you to do is to help yourself and look out for our own interests. If a man is not willing to do this he certainly can not expect others to look out for him very long.

I fear that too many of us think that all we have to do is to keep our dues paid and look to the Order to do the rest without giving a thought as to what it takes to make up and keep the Order together.

I would like to see more interest displayed among the members on this as well as other districts. The next two months are going to be dull ones with some of us. Why not spend one or two hours each day during these two months writing to the nons around us and do our best to get them to join our Order.

The writer intends to spend at least four hours every day hammering away on the nons, and do what he can to drive a few words home to them that will not be easily forgotten, and if the other members will devote one hour per day to this work, I am satisfied that at the end of two months we will see a big change, so much so that I hardly think it would be necessary for me or any one else to write a letter like the one you have just read.

Suppose we try this and see what will be the result. Remember that when by your efforts you add one more to our number you have not only helped that man, but you have strengthened the organization of which you are a member just that much.

Since the last write-up notices have been sent out for the following vacancies: Tampa first trick and Maitland agency. Bro. B. H. Bowen being the oldest applicant, filled the first trick at Tampa. Mr. B. H. Guthrie succeeded in landing the Winter Garden agency. Up to this time we do not know who will get the Maitland agency.

Bro. C. C. Young, after a month's vacation spent on a wedding tour through Washington and points in Virginia and Ohio, has resumed duty at Haines City, relieving Bro. T. J. Tedder, who has returned to Seffner, relieving Bro. W. W. Tedder, who has taken charge of the Maitland agency temporarily. Mr. R. D. Warring, who has been agent at that point, has resigned and gone into the mercantile business at Orlando.

Bro. W. J. Sigler, of Winter Park, is enjoying a month's vacation in Kentucky, while Bro. E. C. Clark is holding down that agency.

The dull season has once more reached this part of the country, but will be with us only about two months, and those of us who do not know how can soon learn how to handle a few thousand boxes of oranges. CERT. 111.

Norfolk Division—

Bro. J. B. Edmondson is with us again, working first trick at Suffolk.

Bro. G. C. Blow, the first trick man at Suffolk, is doing the copying in "KN" dispatchers' office. I understand that he will hold the position for about three or four months.

Mr. H. H. Jones, the regular copier in "KN" office, has been relieving Bro. C. H. Flucner, assistant chief dispatcher at Tarboro for ten days.

Bro. C. H. Flucner has just returned from a ten-day vacation; he reports a fine time.

Bro. W. C. Andrews, of Vondemere, has been off for a few weeks, taking a vacation. We understand that while off he got married. Do not know the bride's name. We extend our hand to Bro. Andrews for a long and happy life.

Bro. H. L. Gardner and Bro. D. C. Parker, local chairman, attended the meeting held at Rocky Mount, the 11th of July. They report a good time. We were very sorry to hear that but two attended from the Norfolk Division.

Let's all get busy and see if we can't have a larger attendance on the second Saturday night of August.

Bro. B. I. Allsbrook, of Cofield, has been working the second trick at Whaley, relieving Bro. Marquette.

Bro. J. P. Horrell, of Kelford, was suspended for ten days on account of not reporting for duty. Understand while Bro. Horrell is off he will not return to Kelford any more.

Bro. Marquette, of Whaley, has accepted third trick at Kelford. Think Bro. Horrell will take second at Whaley.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. R. C. Pendur, of Scotland Neck, has lost out. Hope he will be able to get back with us.

The clerk's job at Scotland Neck is now on bulletin. It pays \$50 monthly.

I am sorry to say we still have some nons over here. Get after them.

Remember the flagman on Nos. 306 and 307 is a W. U. scab. We want to keep a watch on this man, as you know a man that will scab will do anything that is not good.

Business is very dull over here now.

Get in line, boys, and let's see if we can't go to the front. Never give up. Keep on trying.

STONEWALL JACKSON.

C., C., & St. L. Ry.

Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—

Boys on the Sandy Division and the Columbus and Delaware branches must not feel slighted this month, as the brothers who were asked for items on those divisions failed completely. We received but two communications for this month's write-up.

Bro. J. R. Howser spent a Sunday in Van Wert recently.

Many of the brothers are off on short vacations, but can name only a few.

Bro. Vaughters, of Monroe, is off ten days; relieved by Telegrapher Chester. Bro. Demory,

of "WM," Middletown, was relieved for some time by this same man.

The June meeting was held on the 15th at the regular place in Springfield. On account of the illness of his child, Bro. Bright was not in the chair. Fourth Vice-President Dermody was present, and filled the chair. After business every brother present, of whom there was only a fair number, made a report. Bro. Dermody closed with a speech that was excellent. His remarks were refreshing to the boys. They all went home light-hearted and extend their sympathy to those who did not come. The west enders were again prominent by their absence. Even Edwards, of "NY," and "Hero Dewey" of "KD," were not there nor a brother from around Middletown. Boys, attend these meetings and learn to be sociable at least. Regulars, keep up your spirits and attendance.

Bro. Markland, of Edgemont, made a trip to Toledo lately. He intends to leave us soon to enter another line of business. Success to him. We regret to lose one of our baseball stars.

Bro. Butler, of Sharonville, is holding down the third trick at Edgemont for the present.

Your correspondent and wife spent a week on a trip to Niagara in July, being relieved by Telegrapher Morgan, a C. T. U. A. man.

Extra Dispatcher Burch has been working the Cincinnati Division wire while the regular men have been taking vacations.

Bro. T. J. Welsh bid in "DN," Middletown, in the latter part of June.

Bro. Barrett, of Division No. 93, and Bro. Haines, of Division No. 36, have been transferred to Division No. 138.

Telegrapher Bell, of Sharonville, has been removed from the service. The third trick being taken by Telegrapher Morgan.

Bro. Stevick, of "Q," Miamisburg, contemplates a western trip in the near future.

Business remains about the same, but should pick up after Congress adjourns. Then, when conditions warrant it, the O. R. T. should be in a position to do something. That condition is simply a solid line-up. Keep up the cards, brothers, and get after the desirable nons.

Thanks to the brothers for the items sent me this month and those who failed please use the stamped envelope next month.

C. R.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division, Division No. 138, for their kind donation during the sickness and death of my dear wife.

Fraternally yours,

E. E. WEBER.

Indianapolis Division—

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Bro. Whalen, after which Bro. J. J. Dermody was introduced and gave us a good talk of one and one-half hours on the progress of the O. R. T. and

advice as to what we should do in the future. He also compared the present salaries with those we should receive in the near future if the brothers would exert a little more energy in lining up the nons. This must be done before we can expect to get our rights.

Bro. Dermody also touched on the telephone question, stating that 133 railroads are in an organization that compels them to install the telephone system to a certain extent, and that on the roads where the telephones are installed trains are continually being delayed because business can not be handled by phone as quickly as it can by telegraph. Bro. Dermody states that the railroads not in this organization will have nothing to do with the telephone system.

I can't take the space in the journal to describe the meeting in detail. Come to the next meeting—come to all of them. The talks of Bros. Dermody and Whalen were invigorating, and all who attended this meeting felt as though they had been benefited.

Bro. Whalen gave us a good word for the loyal stand taken by the Big Four boys to secure recognition and their present schedule.

Bro. Johnson, of the C. C. & L. gave a talk in regard to the fight on their road. He states that thirty out of their thirty-four telegraphers are members. This should make the Big Four boys feel like getting busy.

The L. E. & W., C. C. & L. and Big Four were represented. A nice crowd turned out, but we hope for more next month.

Bro. King, the third trick man at Gretna, is off on thirty days' vacation, visiting his old home in Kansas and his brother in Montana. Telegrapher Schultz is doing the third trick stunt.

Telegrapher Connely was off for three or four days recently, visiting at Dayton and Springfield. Telegrapher Kindell relieved him.

Telegrapher Humrichouse, second trick man at Versailles, is back to work after eighteen days layoff.

Brothers Hatcher, Fouts and Shoffner have now received their cards.

C. W. Buchanan, trainmaster, has been transferred to the Cleveland Division. T. J. Hayes, of the P. & E., is now our trainmaster.

Telegrapher Shepard, the second trick man at Raleigh, is off duty, taking his wife to the hospital at Indianapolis. Telegrapher Coats is doing the relief.

The second trick at Mix is on the bulletin.

Telegrapher Kindell worked second trick at Raleigh for Telegrapher Shepard, who was off on account of his wife being sick. Telegrapher Coats was there, but was sent home to serve the remainder of his thirty days.

Bro. Clegg is off duty on account of sickness. Bro. Grim is relieving him, and Bro. Bodenmiller, of Spofford, is relieving Bro. Grim.

Telegrapher Mann, of Winchester, resigned to take a position in a summer resort. Telegrapher Harper has also resigned.

Bro. Fouts has been assigned to first trick at Fortville.

Telegrapher Coats is working second trick at Manchester in Mann's place.

Telegrapher Wert worked second at Farmland, and Fouts takes first at Fortville.

Bro. Miller resumed first trick at Ansonia after several weeks' vacation. Telegrapher Walters resumed second at Elroy.

Bro. Bodenmiller has returned to his position at Spofford.

The second trick at Gretna, second and third tricks at Farmland and the second trick at Winchester are on bulletin.

Bro. Barbee has been assigned second trick at Mix. This change leaves an opening at Gretna.

Bro. DeBoben is off on account of sickness. Telegrapher Kindell is relieving him.

Telegrapher Stephens, of Wainwright, has returned to work.

Bros. Hutsell and Kelly are taking vacation together. They will visit St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph and Denver.

Bro. Heckerman, second trick man at Ansonia, visited Bros. Hutsell and Kelly at Muncie a few hours last month.

Bro. Jenkins is again out with his drag net, looking for nons. We have not heard how successful he has been this month.

Div. Cos.

Mattoon West, St. Louis Division—

Bro. D. V. Wycoff bid in second trick and sister Mary Carroll, third at 12th St., Mattoon.

Bro. Morgan bid in "KA," Mattoon, second trick.

Bro. Roberts, the first trick man at Pana, is off on account of sickness; relieved by Telegrapher Church. Bro. Roberts is in bad condition, as the doctor reports appendicitis.

Bro. Williams relieved Bro. Whalen at Hillsboro for a few days.

Mr. E. R. Bonnell has been over the line examining telegraphers on the book of rules. This is a fine thing and one that each and every man ought to take a great deal of interest in, for the better you know the rules the easier it is for you to run business successfully.

Bro. Wycoff's wife and little daughter, Josephine, of Witt, have gone on a two-months' visit to their old home at Fort Branch, Ind. In the meantime Bro. Wycoff will move to Mattoon and be his own housekeeper until their return.

Bro. Whalen, of Hillsboro, was off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Williams, late of the Wabash at Edwardsville, Ill.

Several changes have taken place since our last issue. Bro. Bruster, of Livingston second trick, has gone to Pana third trick, and Bro. Henderson, of second trick 12th St., has gone to "MX," Mattoon on bulletin.

Bro. F. J. Clare worked at "QN," East St. Louis office, one day, while a telegrapher who signed "G" worked at "QE," East St. Louis, in Bro. Clare's place.

A few days since while traveling at the rate of sixty miles per hour going into Irving, No. 18 threw a tire on engine 6408. As it happened they were double-heading No. 18, and she was delayed but a few minutes. Engine 6408 cut the bolts off the joints for more than a mile, and it was only luck that it didn't do more damage.

Business is still on the rise, and indications point to a most prosperous year for the railroads in this part of the country.

I beg to ask the brothers and sisters on the west end not to blame me because we did not have a write-up for the month of June. I forwarded same to Bro. R. B. Cook, general correspondent, but I rather think he was attending the convention at Atlanta, Ga., as a delegate at the time, and it failed to reach Bro. Quick's office in time for publication. CERT. 668.

Cleveland-Indianapolis Division—

Extra Telegrapher Harper has resigned and gone to the Hocking Valley.

Telegrapher Foster, the third trick man at Farmland, has taken the agency at Selma, leaving his old trick open.

Telegrapher Fouts has bid in the first trick at Fortville, which was made vacant by the resignation of Telegrapher Hanks, who has taken a job of braking.

Telegrapher Barbee bid in the second trick at Mix, made vacant by the resignation of Telegrapher White. We are unable to learn where White went.

The second trick at Gretna is open for bids, as is the second trick at Winchester. The last-named vacancy was caused by Telegrapher Mann resigning. We understand he went to the G. R. & I.

Bro. Smith, second trick at Fortville, who has been working first trick there until Telegrapher Fouts took charge of it, has taken a trip east, to see Niagara Falls.

Bro. Doan, third trick at Quincy, who has been off a few days, has returned to duty. He was relieved by Telegrapher Barbee.

Bro. Slagle worked the second trick at Mix until he was relieved by Telegrapher Barbee.

Telegrapher Stephens, the second trick man at Wainwright, has been off a few days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Olvey.

Bro. Nowlin, first trick man at Taft, is taking a vacation; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Burkett.

Telegrapher Olvey has been working second trick at Fortville during Bro. Smith's vacation.

J. W. Sellers is working second trick at Gretna until it is filled by bulletin.

Telegrapher Coats is doing extra work on the second trick at Winchester. Telegrapher Wert is holding down second trick at Farmland and Telegrapher Hatcher third trick at the same place. All of these places are to be filled by bulletin.

Bro. Dicks, Belt Junction second trick, is laying off; relieved by Telegrapher Olvey.

Bro. Carl Martz has bid in second trick at Farmland, leaving third trick at Mix open.

Bro. Heckerman, of Ansonia second trick, is taking a vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher Walters.

Telegrapher Simmons, who has been on the sick list for a long time, has returned to duty.

T. J. Hayes, our new trainmaster, and Mr. Bonnell were over the road to see the boys and make examinations.

Bro. Thatcher, third trick at Fortville, is off on a vacation; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Olvey.

Bro. Kelly is taking in sights in the West, being relieved by Telegrapher Hill.

Telegrapher Coats has been assigned to the second trick at Gretna regularly.

J. W. R., CERT. 594.

T. & B. V. Ry.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the columns of our noble journal, to express my appreciation and sincere thanks to the members of the O. R. T. on the T. & B. V. R. R. at Shiro, Texas, for kindness shown my brother's family during the time of their bereavement occasioned by the sudden death on February 20th of my dear brother, Edgar R. Deen, who was agent and telegrapher at Shiro, Texas. The brethren of the Order can rest assured that they will never be forgotten by the undersigned nor his brother's family.

JAMES R. DEEN, Cert. 6620.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.

The present outlook on this division is favorable, and we are sure to pull through, provided we can in some manner bring each and every member to realize the importance of making every effort to protect and build up our organization. We are merely existing at present, although we have done some good. In order to get this division lined up and arouse interest we will have to select a suitable candidate for general chairman, and elect him to that office. We would like to have some one who is thoroughly familiar with conditions, and who is an able and energetic worker. In other words we want some one that will take the situation in hand and hustle. We should hold monthly meetings, which would give each member a chance to express his views, thereby bringing the telegraphers more closely in touch with the situation at all times, we trust that we will not find a single brother lacking when asked for his co-operation to this end. The proper spirit is what we want, together with the initiation of nons and delinquent members. It is highly important that we strengthen our Order on this line, and better our conditions, as we have not yet reached the rate of pay which we rightly deserve. Get down to business, we need you and you need help, and its up to both of us to "come clean." What we want is a schedule

and an increased rate of pay, and we hope to be successful in our efforts to secure them. When we get a schedule we will be in a position to settle our differences, etc. I name several cases

where telegraphers have been discharged for failure to again come on duty after having served the limit of the law. There was no means by which they could be reinstated, under present conditions.

We expect to try with renewed energy to bring Division No. 146 up in line with divisions working under a much higher minimum than we are, and in this connection I would like to ask again that every member of this division watch the nons, and when you can land one bring him in. Brothers do not allow students to your main office wires. There are several students on this division. I will refrain from calling names in this connection, I see this work going on, and I trust that each member will give his attention to such cases and endeavor to cut out student work, as you know this is a part of obligation, and is necessary to success. I am at all times ready to assist any one in any way to protect our interest along this line, and do not merely ask that they let me know, but solicit anything from you or any other brother in which I can be of assistance to anyone in matters pertaining to the upbuilding of the Order.

Nons are getting to be numerous on the Brunswick Division, and there is also a good bunch on the Birmingham Division. It is now in order to elect a general chairman. We want an up-to-date, wide awake, energetic man who is able to take the situation in hand, who understands what we are in need of, and the right way to go after the men as a body and inaugurate a business-like system of handling schedule makers. We have done a great deal of good, the officers have done their entire duty, and what they have done has shown loyalty to the Order, but we see where a general chairman would be of great assistance to us. As local chairman I ask that each member give the Order his heartiest support, and we will draw up a contract asking that the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad Company recognize our Order, then after we are recognized by the railroad company we can get our seniority rights. This will give each man who is an employe of this company a chance to bid on a position when it is bulletined, and the oldest man in point of service will get it. After we have secured a contract with the railroad company, we can in due course of time revise the schedule, asking for say ten per cent increase in wages over the entire division. This would make a \$50.00 job pay \$55.00, or an increase of \$60.00 per year. What does it cost you to keep up your dues in the Order which is doing so much good? It doesn't cost you over \$10.00 per year. After the existence of our division for a couple of years, I most humbly ask, why we could not have a \$75.00 minimum over the entire division. I trust that this is plain enough to every sensible man who wishes to better himself and others. Give your heartiest and most careful thought to our welfare, and when you are called upon to act in connection with the good of the Order, do so willingly and we will assure you that you will

be proud of our great Order before the expiration of many months. What we want is strength as a body, and by having it we can easily do the rest. With it we can do good, but without it we can do nothing. We would like to have suggestions made by brothers naming some person who, in their opinion, would make an officer to come up to the above specifications. Mail this information to the local chairman of this division, and let's get busy on this matter. There is one more thing to which I would like to call attention. There are one or two cases where students are using the main line wires for practice, after hours, and I know of one case where there is a student receiving information by telegraph after the regular telegrapher is off duty, as to the arrival of trains at that station. I could not say that the brother in charge knows of the existence of such a thing, still I trust he is wise and will have this practice discontinued. Just have the student business cut out, and not allow them to touch our wires under any consideration.

It is rumored that the Offerman agency was transferred from Mr. J. B. Simpson to one Mr. Upshaw, July 7th. This rumor is not confirmed, however.

Bro. Beard has returned to work at "CD," after a short vacation.

Bro. C. G. Hunter, of Bristol, is off on a vacation. Mr. Quinn, from Guysie, "KI," is relieving him.

Effective July 3d, telegraph office at Guysie is closed. The agency will be continued.

Bro. W. M. English will take a leave of absence, beginning 15th instant, to take a trip through Florida and the Eastern States.

Bro. Roop, is doing the copest stunt in dispatcher's office at Manchester, having been recently promoted. He will go to "FD" in a few days to relieve Mr. R. L. Spaulding on first trick there.

Mr. R. L. Spaulding, first trick at "FD," is off on a three weeks' vacation, beginning with 15th inst., to take a trip to Memphis and the Eastern States.

Mr. W. J. English, second trick at "FD," will be off on a vacation after the first of August for a month.

L. C.

Norfolk & Southern Ry.

The news column of Division No. 147 will evidently surprise and gratify all Order men, when they realize that another division is established, so be prepared to hear our success from time to time.

Allow me to say a few words which I feel justified in mentioning in this issue of the journal for the benefit of this young division, as we do not want any kind of a set back which would be detrimental to the Order and ourselves.

I find a majority of the young members hold a wrong impression of the benefits derived and ultimate aim of our Order, and I am desirous of correcting this erroneous impression before it

takes too large a hold upon our present good standing.

The question, "When are we going to ask for a raise in salary?" is frequently heard. Boys, the first step in this direction lies in good service to your company, the best you can give, for we can not expect a larger salary until we prove our worth, and even though we consider that at the present time we deserve more than we are getting, we must keep right on doing our best, and then if the officials don't consider we are worth more, and we feel justified in doing so, let us ask them if they expect us to give them the best of service when our minds are not on our work?

Can we do our best or give the company the best that is in us, when we are working with the knowledge that on pay day we will not be able to pay up this or that little bill, but that we will have to continue cutting expenses and depriving ourselves of the little necessities that really make life worth living? How about that doctor's bill which occasionally rolls around when we are the least prepared to meet it, and ten chances to one by the time that one is paid another of the same sort is made, you are continually in debt, and the money that you sign for on pay day is not yours to do with as you will, but must be distributed among creditors who are clamoring for their money. Usually one finds that when it is all paid out it would take as much again if one had it to square up with the world. Under these conditions how can they expect our hearts and the interest of the company to be in our work?

Now on the other hand, don't you think we could work with more pleasure and look out for the interest of the company better, if we were free of debt and were working with the knowledge that if we were careful with our savings we would be able to put a little in the bank for that rainy day, or the day when the railroad company gently tells us our services are no longer needed on account of old age?

When the matter is explained to the officials of our company at the proper time, and they begin to realize that instead of trying to force them to pay us unreasonable salaries, we are simply asking for what we consider our just dues, they will view it in the proper light. We must endeavor to show them that they are making a mistake in not making conditions such that we will take an interest in the welfare of the company, instead of being antagonistic. We desire to show them we are only trying to do what is right, and that we are only too willing to work hand in hand with our superiors. Which proves the most beneficial to the company, better paid men with their whole hearts in their work, whose chief aim is to save the company all they can in every way, or the underpaid telegrapher who is continually grumbling and who will do only what he is compelled to? Will some reader please answer, and will he please state why some railroad officials persist in being antagonistic to our Order when it means better service to them, and for every

dollar raise we receive, we will give them two dollars better service in return? This has proved to be the case time and time again, on railroads where Order men and officials railroad, in every sense of the word, together. Now what sort of diplomacy is an official using when he openly declares war on our Order? If the officials are adverse to Order men, why do they not antagonize the Order of Railroad Engineers, the Order of Railroad Conductors? Why should they just as soon as Order of Railroad Telegraphers is mentioned almost pull the hair out by the roots in their madness, and claim that we are ungrateful?

Now doesn't it stand to reason that we should receive the same respect and consideration from the officials that other orders do, or do they consider telegraphers so far beneath the rank and file of railroad men, that we are not worth more consideration than we have already received?

We would like to hear from our brother readers in regard to this subject. We will consider this as our debut in the lime-light of the Order world, and hope to make the boys on this division, who read these items every month, feel that they are a part of the Order and to make them take an interest of all that sounds of brotherhood.

Let me add that Division No. 147, N. & S. Ry., will hold a rally meeting at Norfolk, on September 5th, and cordially invites any and all brother-telegraphers on other roads to attend, and make this meeting a success. Bring your wife, sister, mother or sweetheart, or all of them, and we will endeavor to give you the best time we are able to arrange.

This invitation does not apply to Order men only, but to the nons as well, who will be welcomed most heartily, and be assured there will be plenty of application blanks on hand, and also some of us there to fill them out.

Proper arrangements have been made for chaperones for both ladies and gentlemen, and if we can arrange to do so we will visit Ocean View.

We earnestly request that all attend who can possibly get off, or arrange for their relief on that date, for I am certain you will never regret your trip. Thanking you all, and wishing the Order and its members success, happiness and prosperity in every way, I am yours to stay in the news column. CERT. 327.

Vandalla Ry.

West Subdivision—

I don't make any pretensions of being a writer, but I am very much disappointed when there are no items from our division. We must brace up and let our friends know we are still living.

Bro. E. P. Pierron, the first trick man at Rose Lake, was off sick a few days. Telegrapher Lyerla, from Hagarstown, relieved him.

Telegrapher Middleton, the first trick man at Greenville, was on his vacation recently, making a tour through the West.

Telegrapher Williams, who worked the first trick at Highland, has accepted the agency at Staunton, Ind.

Bro. L. N. Foreman, the old-time night owl at Formosa, is at present located at the C. & G. W. at Hayfield, Minn.

Telegrapher Reynolds, second trick at Effingham, took his vacation last month, by making a tour of the West. He was relieved by H. G. Foster, an old time boy from Marshall.

Business is on the increase. Gravel trains, work trains and the double tracking at Effingham make business better.

Extra Dispatcher P. M. Herrin made a flying trip to East St. Louis to meet his wife, who was returning from a pleasure trip up in Missouri.

Bro. H. Tucker, third trick man at Rose Lake, was absent a few days recently, visiting his old home in and about Mt. Vernon. He was relieved by Mr. H. G. Foster.

Bro. Theo. Gaston, second trick at Brownstown, has built a nice little cottage, and will move into it in the near future.

G. H. West, formerly second trick man at Hagarstown, has left the service. We understand that he intends to embark in the harness business. We wish him success.

V. F. Baughman, first trick man at Formosa, has left the service. We do not know where he is located at present.

Bro. W. O. Carson, formerly of Greenville, is working on the Missouri Pacific, on the Pueblo Division.

Bro. C. H. Wilson, former first trick man at Smithboro, is now with the Frisco, in Kansas.

Bro. T. J. Lynch, lately second trick at Collinsville, is now with the Burlington, in Nebraska.

Bro. Orville A. Pierron, formerly on the Vandalia, is now working third trick on the O. S. L. and San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake R. R., at Sandy, Utah. CERT. 40.

East End—

There is not much doing this month, as I have received items from no one.

We hear that Bro. C. R. Shortridge is going home for a few days.

Bro. George Sturus, of Alameda tower, was off three days this month. He was relieved by Telegrapher W. C. Brown.

Bro. P. W. Carpenter, of third trick at Fillmore, was off one night; relieved by Mr. Morris, a new man.

Mr. Siddons, the third trick man at Alameda, was off a few days on a trip to Chicago; relieved by Telegrapher Fred Francis.

Freight business ought to begin to be better as new grain is now moving.

We hear that Bro. Jess McCullough drew Vevay Park first trick on bulletin.

We still have the usual number of confirmed nons and backsliders who work eight hours and draw \$60, \$65 and \$70 per month and claim the O. R. T. never did them any good. If they would

read some things besides Deadwood Dick serials they would find that those "higher up" have their associations and organizations. We refer to the association of superintendents of telegraph which met at Detroit lately. Mr. Celar, our present superintendent, holds an office in the association. Mr. John L. Davis, our former chief dispatcher, is president. These men know the benefit of meeting each other and becoming acquainted for their mutual benefit, but you could not convince our lordly nons of this.

We hear of a man on the Monon who has been working as agent-telegrapher for forty years and now draws just \$10 more per month than when he began. CERT. 278.

St. Louis West Sub-Division—

Bro. G. H. Challis, third trick man at "BW," Brownstown, who has held that position for some time, was recently married. The bride is an excellent young lady of Brownstown. This division extends congratulations to both.

Mr. J. T. Middleton has returned from his western trip, but did not go as far west as he had intended on account of his transportation arriving late. However, he reached Ogden, Utah, where he has a brother, and reports a very pleasant visit. He also enjoyed the scenery en route.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, third trick, was transferred to the first trick at Greenville during Mr. Middleton's absence. Bro. H. C. Heck, third trick at "WF," Effingham, worked third trick at Greenville during this time.

Mr. J. P. Drury, a new man from Altamont, relieved Bro. Heck at Effingham. The work was a little new to him, and the dispatcher had some difficulty in getting the desired information from him in the way of what trains he had out of there.

Mr. A. H. Reynolds, second trick at "F," Effingham, is off for thirty days attending the exposition at Seattle.

Bro. C. N. Jones, regular first trick man at "MC," St. Elmo, has resumed duty after a few weeks' vacation.

Mr. F. O. Berry, who relieved Bro. Jones at St. Elmo, relieved Agent Orrel of Smithboro one day while the latter was attending trial at Greenville.

Former Bro. G. H. Vest, of Hagarstown, who was recently working third trick at Rose Lake, tendered his resignation by wire, which was accepted. Am informed he has accepted a position on the Big Four and will report there at once.

Mr. A. H. Reynolds, of Effingham, has returned from his western trip, and is back at the old stand. Mr. H. G. Foster, who relieved him, is now working third trick at Rose Lake.

We understand that Bro. M. C. Phillips, third trick at "F," Effingham, expects to be off a few days to attend the Terre Haute races, which come off between July 12th and the 23d.

Quite a few men are making their appearance on this end the past few weeks. Among these are Mr. Paccate, of Pierron, who took the examina-

tions a short time ago, and was assigned first trick at Hagarstown for a starter. This, however, is not a permanent assignment, as he is just doing relief work.

A few nights since a party of fifteen or sixteen people from Effingham went to Altamont to attend a lodge gathering, expecting to return on No. 14, but for some reason the night agent forgot to display his white and green light. As Altamont is a flag stop, in the absence of the proper signals, this train not being equipped with a wireless telegraph outfit, the conductor had no means of knowing these passengers wished to board his train. As a result, No. 14 run the passengers, and it was necessary to run a "Diamond Special" from Effingham to Altamont and return to handle the human freight.

Mr. O. M. Beck, the third trick man at Hagarstown, has been transferred to "EY" tower at Terre Haute.

Mr. R. K. Boyles, extra telegrapher, of Bluff City, is now holding third trick at Hagarstown. From the commotion on the wire the other night, and the kick prints on the door (visible yet) it would indicate that some of our new men are putting away too much hay. It might be well for those who are guilty of delaying trains on this account to bear in mind the proverb "Make hay while the sun shines."

Considerable trouble is being experienced by the first and second trick men in reporting trains clear of the block when such trains do not display markers. From the fact that the train crews are very careless in not showing markers (?), it behooves us to be on the alert to see that they have them displayed. A short time ago a train left Rose Lake without markers and got as far as Mulberry Grove before it was noticed. It appears that the block records for that day all show this train was O. K., which would seem to indicate that the boys do not keep their eyes "peeled" as they should, or that they noticed the mistake, and being very modest did not call the dispatcher's attention to it. Presume they wrote the O. K. from force of habit.

John Zehnder, former agent at St. Jacob, was laid in his last resting place, July the 6th, his death being caused by stomach trouble.

This is the pay day on which you want to appropriate a few dollars to securing an up-to-date card. Don't put it off any longer. "Procrastination is the thief of time," and it is up to you to make good and keep in line. It appears that some of the brothers are getting cold feet, and have announced their intention of dropping out this month. We regret to hear this and hope this declaration is false.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, third trick at Greenville, off two weeks, visiting home folks in Northern Indiana. Relieved by a Mr. Renfro.

Many thanks to Bro. Heck, for a liberal contribution of the items for the write-up this month.

Div. Cor.

Wabash Ry.

Peru Division—

Bro. C. W. Stadler has resumed work at Woodburn, after several days' leave of absence. Telegrapher Romick has gone to Maumee to work as agent a few days for Bro. M. F. Temple, who is laying off and visiting friends at Burrows, Ind.

Bro. J. C. Cox, agent at Liberty Center, has been off for a few days, and was relieved by Telegrapher Romick.

Dispatcher H. E. Test is handling trains between Peru and Toledo, during the absence of Dispatcher Allen.

At present Bro. Jno. Kieff is laid up with rheumatism at his home at Williamsport. We wish him speedy recovery. He was relieved at Danville by Bro. F. L. Ribble, from West Lebanon, who was later relieved by Bro. Muzzy.

Bro. Erskine, third trick man at Tilton, has bid in Toledo yard, and will be transferred there in the near future.

Bro. Hetrick, of Stateline, is off three days to look after some business matters. He was relieved by Bro. Davis, from Wauseon, O.

Bro. Roy Zentmyer, of Attica, was off a couple of days recently; relieved by Telegrapher Brown.

Bro. G. W. Patrick, of West Point, bid in the agency at Williamsport. He was relieved at West Point by Bro. E. W. Patrick, until agency there is assigned. Telegrapher Edwards is working the third trick at Williamsport for the present.

Bro. L. Hanson, the third trick man at Williamsport, is on the sick list and is being relieved by Telegrapher Sierien, from the Detroit Division.

Dispatcher H. E. Sweet is taking a vacation for a few days, and is being relieved by Dispatcher Martin.

Bro. Spencer, of West Point, is working a few days for Agent Bro. E. W. Patrick, at West Point, on account of his sudden sickness. R. F. Davis is working Bro. Spencer's trick.

Bro. Walter Muzzy, who is working third trick at Danville at present, is a stranger to some of us, but we are glad to learn he is not a stranger. He has been agent at Ramsey, Ill., for the Clover Leaf for the last nine years, and was one of Division No. 2's delegates at Atlanta in May.

Bro. F. A. Weckerly and family left for Woodburn, Ore., July 12th, for an extended visit with relatives and friends. Bro. Weckerly left "Loaded for Bear," and from the expression of his eye as he told some of us what would happen Mr. Bear should he meet him while hunting in the mountains, we feel sorry for the bear.

W. E. Dowe holds third trick at Delphi during the absence of Bro. Weckerly. Mr. Dowe is a new man on this division, and we are assured he will be Bro. Dowe in due time.

Bro. H. S. Sanders, of Logansport, is winner of first prize (an emblem ring), given by our local chairman, Bro. W. P. Shutt to the brother sending him the greatest number of applications by June 30th. Bros. L. Hanson, of Williamsport,

and F. L. Ribble, of West Lebanon, were tied for second prize, and compromised by each accepting an emblem button.

Bro. Hefner, local chairman of Decatur Division, has called a meeting at Decatur, for the night of July 24th. He expects one of the Grand Officers there that night, and they expect a good meeting. The Peru Division will be represented by Bro. W. P. Shutt, of Delphi, and probably other brothers will be present.

Bro. H. S. Parkman, third trick man at Waukegon, has been checked in as agent there for ninety days, while the regular agent is away on vacation.

Dispatcher Test threshed wheat on his farm up the Mississinewa recently.

Bro. Swigart, third trick man at Clymers, has resigned to go to Canada. He was relieved by Telegrapher Todd, who came from New Waverly. Telegrapher Lennon is doing the stunt at New Waverly.

Bro. Hurley, of Clymers, was in Logansport on business recently.

Mr. A. D. Davis, agent at Britton, Mich., paid Bro. Sanders, at Logansport, a short visit recently, while en route to Sadorus, Ill., to visit friends.

Telegrapher Edwards has returned to work at Peru, after two weeks' vacation and a trip through the Southwestern States. He will work in place of Manager Overman, at Peru, "Z" office, while he takes his vacation. Bro. Gladden, the regular night man at "Z," will do Mr. Edward's trick, and Bro. Vangundy will do the night work until Mr. Overman returns.

Bro. Erskine, of Tilton, is off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Brown.

Bro. Harris, of Roanoke, has returned to duty, after several days' leave of absence.

I understand there is a certain employe on Peru Division who is using his influence trying to get the O. R. T. members to drop out of the Order, and has gone so far as to ask some of them to write the officials of the road that they have withdrawn their membership from O. R. T., and do not intend to bother with the Order again. Of course the O. R. T. boys just let his hot-air go in at one ear and out at the other, and considered who is trying to give them advice. The brothers who know this man personally don't take very much stock in him and pay but very little attention to his argument, as he has thus far failed to make very much of a mark in the railroad business. I do not know whether the company is paying him for his knocking on the Order, or for doing the work he was assigned to, but it is likely they would rather he would do his work, and leave other people's business alone. Should he influence some one to drop out of the Order, in case the one influenced would happen to die, or get sick, I suppose this Mr. Knocker would give his family the benefits the O. R. T. would of paid, had he not dropped out. I am like the other brothers, I don't think there is much to him, and I think the company is about

like myself, for I understand they do not pay him quite so much as the gentleman that formerly held his position. I think they sized him up for all he is worth, and from his salary he is not worth much. Brothers and Sisters, don't listen to such a man. He may do you harm, but he can not hurt the Grand O. R. T. The officials are looking for men who can look out for their own welfare as well as the company's.

Con.

Decatur and Springfield Divisions—

Bro. Ayers, recently agent at Morrisonville, but later out of service, is now back as agent Brisbane. Glad to see Bro. Ayers with us again.

Telegrapher Provencher, a non, was recently let out at Forrest, on account of insubordination. I understand. He could never see any good in the O. R. T., and no doubt he will lay his misfortune at our door.

Bro. Eft, who was off sick at Morrisonville last month, is back at the old stand.

Bro. Stinebarger, of Honey Bend, has been trying for some time to get relief in order to take a vacation. The crop of telegraphers seems to be short this summer.

There are now some good positions vacant, and you should get your bid in if you want one.

A meeting is to be held in Decatur, July 24th. Bro. Quick is to be with us if possible. There should be a good attendance.

Boys, you will have to send in a few notes, or we can not expect to be represented in these pages. "Rox."

Springfield Division—

Bro. S. E. Fouché, the second trick man at Bluff, was on the sick list a few days recently; relieved by C. S. Klinefelter, of Griggsville.

Bro. W. N. Dean, of third trick at Baylis, is taking a month's vacation, which he is spending with home folks at New Salem.

Mr. F. Pennington, the agent at Maysville, is in the hospital, at Decatur, on account of his eyes; an operation is necessary; relieved by Bro. C. H. Claus.

Mr. T. E. Smith, the agent at Pittsfield, is planning on taking the trip to Niagara Falls, in August, when the Wabash runs its annual excursion. This is certainly one of the nicest trips advertised. The writer can speak from experience, having made the trip in 1902.

Several of the brothers attended the "Fair" at Griggsville, in July.

Bro. Geo. East, agent at Naples, has taken his wife to Colorado for her health. Relieved by Mr. McLarty, from Bowen. Bro. East has the best wishes of the boys on this division for the restoration of his wife's health.

Mr. J. E. Blakeman and wife, of Alexander, visited Camp Point recently, but decided not to locate there owing to the salary which was not satisfactory.

Mr. W. L. Ritchie, of Curran, also visited Camp Point, but declined the position for the same reason.

Hope the brothers will be prompt in remitting dues for the new card. The insurance dues must now be paid six months in advance, instead of monthly as heretofore.

The telegraphers on this division who remember Mr. Fred. Cromwell, formerly agent at New Salem, Griggsville and Chapin, will be pleased to learn of his present location. He is located at Cherry Creek, Ariz., in the employ of the Santa Fe, Pres. & Phoe. R. R.

Our extra men are kept pretty busy and should have no complaint in the way of lack of employment.

Don't forget to send your journal to some non when you have finished reading it. If you are not in a position to know the standing of some one to whom you wish to send the copy, it will take but a few minutes to call up and get the information.

The dispatchers are taking their vacations. Mr. L. Gillmore, first trick, is away at present, and Mr. D. Driscoll, regular second trick man is relieving Mr. Gillmore, while Mr. Sanders, regular third trick, is relieving Mr. Driscoll; Mr. O. C. Little, car distributor, is relieving Mr. Sanders, and C. R. Tomilson, formerly of "JN" office, Springfield, but later a switchman in Springfield yards, is distributing cars.

We received a cordial invitation to the meeting held by the brothers of Decatur Division, in Decatur, July 24th, and hope some of the brothers on this division were able to attend, as much good is sure to come from such meetings.

Mr. N. W. McRoberts, the first trick man at Shops, is away on vacation; relieved by Bro. J. A. Conroy.

A new style seal, called the Tyden automatic seal, will soon be put in use on the Wabash, and as every seal bears a different number, we will be obliged to watch our seal records very closely. Conductors are not now required to keep seal records, and the record rests wholly with the agents.

We have been patiently waiting for some of the boys to "make good" in the way of sending in their applications, but for some reason or other they are not responding as quickly as we expected. The excuse generally offered is the empty pocket-book story, and while in a great many cases this is the true condition of things, if there had been no protective organization in existence the past few years, how many more of us would be in this same plight? To those who are barely making expenses and do not feel able to meet the expense of membership in the Order, will say that it is one of the chief aims of the Order to raise the rates of pay for all telegraphers, as it is a well recognized fact that the men in our line of work have been as a class the poorest paid in the railroad service, when the responsibility, hours of service and seven days each week are taken into consideration.

I believe the nons generally give the Order credit for a great deal of the improvement in our working conditions, as the expression "the Order never got me anything" is not as common as at one time, and there are too many things the Order has secured for them that can be referred to, to make such an excuse plausible and in recognition of these benefits, gratitude to the Order and a conviction that they should assist and help bear the expense of continued effort in behalf of the telegraphers, we feel justified in soliciting their membership and active support.

When our present schedule established the minimum, some of our offices were paying \$45.00 or less, and all men now holding these positions are deriving an annual increase of \$60.00 or more, and it seems only reasonable to ask them to pay \$8.00 per year in dues to maintain benefits already secured and assist in the work of securing further concessions, as our minimum and conditions are below that paid by some roads in this territory.

Notwithstanding the shorter hours some of our brothers work, there was no reduction in pay during the recent financial flurry, and as business continues to grow and conditions approach a normal state, we feel as though we had weathered the storm, and were stronger in consequence.

There have been a few items of interest the past month not chronicled here. I must have some assistance in these write-ups, or miss a great many items. Two hundred and forty miles on this division, and it is impossible to keep tab on everything without some help. Don't wait for a request, but make a note of events as they occur, and send to your local chairman about the 23d or 24th of each month, which will allow time to get them in shape before the 28th, the day on which they must be in Bro. Quick's office.

We notice that the express company will charge for the return of beer empties on and after August 1st, also raise the charge on bread empties returned. Looks like with this increase in revenue they could afford to open their hearts and allow us 10 per cent on prepaid received shipments, as some express companies do.

CERT. 957.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Everything is moving in the same old way on the Mollie—still we have a few nons. They will come in pay-day though, for several of them have promised to do so. Pay-days are a long time apart though. I know several nons who have not had a pay-day in three years. I don't see how they make it, but they are still living and doing well. The reason that I know some of our nons haven't had a pay-day in three years, is because some of them told me they would join "pay-day," three years ago, and they are still nons. You know they would not tell a fellow this and then not come in as they promised. Get after those nons boys, and get them lined up.

Bro. Dancer, of Ruslor, was off a few days recently; relieved by Bro. Stovall, of Bethel.

Bro. Stovall is on the extra list on account of the bosses discontinuing the third trick at Rualor and Perry.

Telegrapher Robinson, of Ramer, relieved Bro. Beadles and Fowler, of Cayce and Berkeley, a few days this month.

Bro. Murdaugh, of Clamore, relieved Mr. Carroll, of Oakton. Bro. Murdaugh, was relieved by Mr. Rutledge, of Perry.

Bro. L. H. Roberson, the agent at Moscow, was off one day this month, and was relieved by Telegrapher Franklin.

Mr. Nolan has returned to work after a vacation of several days. Bro. Nelson relieved Mr. Nolan.

Bro. Jones, of Tamma yard, was off duty a few days; relieved by Bro. Nelson.

Bro. Snooks, third trick man at Red Bud, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Haynes.

Bro. G. W. Williamson is taking a vacation and enjoying sights in the Western country; relieved by Bro. Nelson.

Bro. M. S. McCord, telegrapher at Oriville, was off a few days this month; relieved by Mr. Grissom.

Bro. Parker, the agent at Ava, is off duty for thirty days; relieved by our former brother and local chairman, Bro. Stearns. We are glad to have Bro. Stearns with us again. He was our local chairman when we secured our present contract. Bro. Stearns worked as agent at Alto Pass a few days.

Bro. Burton is working nights at "WC," Murphysboro. He was relieved at Percy by Bro. D. Underwood.

Bro. Grayboldt, the third trick man at Mountain Glenn, is off a few days; relieved by Mr. Loyd Lawrence.

Bro. Rinhart, the second trick at Jonesboro, and Bro. Bryant, the third trick man at Jonesboro have traded jobs.

This month would be a good time to get new members. Get after those nons and try and get a solid line up on the M. & O. We can very easily do this if the members will get busy. Do your duty and we will yet have our end solid.

Div. Cor.

Boston & Maine Ry.

At Fitchburg, Mass., on Sunday, June 13th, was held the second meeting in an effort to make this section solid. Like the first meeting, it was a pronounced success. This meeting was held under the auspices of Divisions Nos. 41, 104 and 139, all of which were well represented. The members of the committee having charge of the affair were O. A. Pitcher, Division 139; L. P. Clifton, Division No. 41, and J. P. Rutledge, Division No. 104. It is safe to say that Northern Massachusetts never witnessed such a large and enthusiastic gathering of telegraphers. The committee had arranged a pleasing program, which included dinner at a local cafe. The music rendered by Prof. Egan was grand, and the tricks he performed, by playing on several musical instru-

ments at one time, caused considerable merriment, as well as admiration for the professor. The committee is to be complimented in having secured the services of Mr. Egan. Cigars were passed around, and while the results of union labor went up in smoke, brothers long in the harness of O. R. T.-ism, gave reasons for the faith that is in them. O. A. Pitcher, of No. 139, was temporary chairman, and made a pleasing address which set everybody present at ease, he then proceeded to introduce everybody, at the conclusion of which he introduced John F. Mullen, of No. 104, as chairman of the day. Bro. Mullen briefly stated the object of the meeting, etc., and introduced Bro. L. P. Clifton, local chairman of the Fitchburg Division, who in a short, snappy and pungent speech outlined the work that had been done, and what also confronted us, "a solid and united front is what we must have in our department. What would you think of a general in the army going into battle with his forces unnecessarily divided?"

Bro. C. K. Potter, of the west end of Fitchburg Division then spoke, incidentally mentioning the necessity of the boys carrying out their part of the contract with the railroad companies if they expected committees to meet with degree of success.

A representative of the United Garment Workers addressed the meeting in behalf of the union label.

Bro. H. L. Jones, of Fremont, N. H., the genial local chairman of the W. N. & P. was introduced as a man who "laid wake o' nites" planning for the O. R. T. Bro. Jones' talk was a surprise to everyone present in that it showed a persistence of effort in his territory truly remarkable. His old New Hampshire home is practically solid, not only solid but fluid as well, as there is always something moving down there.

The chairman then commenced an introduction so lengthy that all eyes were turned toward the door expecting to see Tom Pierson or Bro. Quick enter, but instead it brought erect the towering form of Leonard Jackson Ross of the Old Colony Division general committee. The chairman stated that Bro. Ross was an economist and some other things, but he said Mullen couldn't feaze him, because he was on to his curves (this refers to chairman's base ball proclivities). Bro. Ross started off by saying he came prepared to say something, and no stone was too small for Bro. Ross attention and the fund of information he had gathered proved to be interesting as well as entertaining to every one.

At this juncture two sisters from Division No. 41 arrived and were given seats on the platform.

Bro. T. J. Fogarty, chief telegrapher of Division No. 41, was asked to explain the formula for getting the sisters out to meetings. Tom is one of the oldest O. R. T. men in the East, and a general favorite with all the boys; he proceeded in his witty way to get back at his tormentors.

Vice-Chairman Ross took charge of the meeting at this period, and introduced the following.

who spoke on general principles: F. H. Willard, of Nashua; F. M. Morgan, secretary of Division No. 41; Jas. D. Ryan, secretary of Fitchburg C. L. U.; S. M. Savage, of Clinton; G. H. Cook, of Groton, and John F. Mullen, of Marlboro, who took occasion to speak of the railroad department of the A. F. of L., and urged those present to give President Perham all the assistance possible in this new and progressive movement. He asked those present to study the new plan, and he said he hoped the time was not far off when the plan would be put into practical operation in this section. "It's up to you, the rank and file. We know no East, we know no West, but we think we know that it is best to stand as one against a common foe."

Bro. Jas. P. Rutledge, for the committee of arrangements thanked those who assisted the committee and complimented the membership on the good attendance.

The meeting opened at 10 a. m. and closed at 5 p. m.

Boston will probably be the scene of the next gathering of this nature. CERT. 14.

Kingston & Pembroke Ry.

What is the matter with the K. & P. Ry. boys? I have been watching for something in THE TELEGRAPHER from our line and only once have I seen anything. It is time some one was waking up and letting other divisions see that we are not dead. Our new schedule, which was the first, took effect June 15th, and I think the boys are all well satisfied with it, as I have heard no complaints. We have a good schedule after a hard struggle, but good things come slow. We all keep in line by remitting dues promptly to Bro. Morris Brandon, and assessments to Bro. Quick, 709 Star Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Bro. Campbell, of Verona, is on the sick list; relieved by Mr. Craig.

Bro. Cameron is on vacation; relieved by Mr. Bertram. We suppose that "Larry" is rusticated around Montreal.

Bro. Boyd is holding down Verona, which was Bro. Crawford's old post.

I hope some one will "come to the front" and write up the K. & P. line regularly.

CERT. 1055.

New York, New Haven & Hartford Ry.

Old Colony Division—

The shortening of the working day of the telegrapher, due to the passage of the nine-hour law, has been of great benefit, and one of the effects is the pleasing spectacle of seeing eighteen telegraphers playing the national game, base ball. Bro. George Clark, of South Framingham, was quick to see the benefit to be derived from this sport both as a means of recreation and of keeping the boys in touch with each other, and organized two teams on the north end of this division, both of which played many games last year. This year he has a first trick team, known

as Clark's Pets, captained by Old Eli Icaton, of Cohaug fame, with Tommy Evans and Pat Egan as the battery. The second trick team is led by Darby Sinclair, the active bidder, with 104 Mullen as the twirler and Old Eli behind the bat. This team is called Clark's Superbas.

The Boston and Albany boys have also taken advantage of the nine-hour law and have a team which has been heralded far and wide as invincible.

Words long and loud have been exchanged as to the respective merits of the B. & A. and New Havens. Finally the gladiators met in mortal combat at South Framingham, June 30th. That there might not be favor shown it was agreed to have a rank outsider for umpire, and Jackson Jehovah Ross secured a clog dancer from a local theatre to do the job. The toss of the coin gave the Superbas their outs, and everybody was on his haunches, ready to scoop the ball, should the B. & A. possibly find the delivery of our massive and mighty twirler. The first two men could not find the upshoots and snake curves, and died at the plate; the next one accidentally hit the ball to the pitcher and the Superbas came to bat. And such work was indulged in, that silence reigned in the camp of the "Nyc Lessee." Inning after inning the gruelling contest went on; pitcher after pitcher gave way before the triphammers of the Superbas, until finally the agony ended with N. H. proudly floating to the breeze to the tune of 22 to 12 runs.

George Clark works first trick at South Framingham, and is looking for new worlds to conquer. "O. C."

Midland Division—

We are very glad to note the return of Bro. Stoughton to "XN," after a ten days' lay off on account of sickness. Bro. Gough, of East Hartford, did the honors as agent during Bro. Stoughton's absence.

It looks very much at this writing as though we were going to make the old Air Line solid, and if it is possible to do so it will be a matter to be proud of, for I don't think there is hardly another stretch of fifty-five miles of track on the "New Haven" where every one belongs.

Bro. White, of Westchester, is going to leave the ranks of grief and trouble and try tower work for a change, he having bid in the third trick at Burnside Junction.

"73" Old Pal "T1." The pleasure of the passing of Mr. Turner of Vernon Junction is all ours.

Bro. W. F. Johnson, Jr., is away on a two weeks' vacation, which he is spending at the resorts along the shore.

If any one can give me a good reason why we must continually say Mr. Kenyon and Mr. Hopkins, when speaking of those two telegraphers at the Union Depot, I wish they would hand it to me.

After eight years of steady night work Bro. Gilbert has bid in the second trick at Vernon Junction.

On July 1st, Bro. T. P. Dowd left us to return to commercial work again, he having accepted a first-class position with the Postal, in Springfield. Bro. Dowd was one of the most expert telegraphers that ever came to this division, besides being a "Good Fellow." We all wish him success in his new field.

It is to be hoped that when Vernon Junction, third trick, goes up for bid, it won't go begging to some newcomer.

Come on some of you eight-hour men who are so interested in our Order, take a trip up to Rockville, it's still Mr. Fanning.

Miss Zeulke is doing the relief work at Vernon Cabin, during the absence of Bro. Johnson.

If you have not paid your dues and assessment in the Mutual Benefit Department before you read this, let it serve as an additional reminder that the only good member is the paid up one.

Bro. Kelly, "MI," third trick, came in and did the town with some of the tender-feet a short while ago, and returned to Willimantic convinced that there is only one Hartford.

Let Bro. Generous take you out to his summer camp on the Willimantic River, he will entertain you for a day.

A flying trip to Portland, Maine, is one of Bro. Murphy's latest stunts.

Bro. Knox was a recent visitor at Woodmont on the Sound.

If any one has the courage to make a trip to East Longmeadow with me, don't be bashful. "Say when."

Business is on the pick up, and soon we will be having more than we want to do.

Regardless of the warm weather you should arrange to attend the meetings each month. Don't stay at home and kick about what is not done, that in your estimation should have been done.

Bro. and Mrs. Kingsland will spend the last two weeks in August at Bro. Kingsland's old home in Vermont, and as he has not been there for the past five years, there will be a warm welcome for them both.

Bro. Swaine just returned from a ten days' vacation spent in New York City, where he did all the resorts from the Bronx to Only Coney. "En."

Pretzel City Telegraphers' Club.

What is to be known as The Pretzel City Telegraphers' Club has been organized at Freeport, Ill., and the following officers have been elected: Chief telegrapher, Walter Kelly; secretary-treasurer, H. E. Keister, 60 Second St., Freeport, Ill.; first vice-chief telegrapher, Albert Smith; second vice-chief telegrapher, Jerry Sweeney; Marshal, Harry Granger; inside sentinel, F. K. Hunsicker; past chief telegrapher, Chas. Stocks.

Regular meetings will be held on the third Friday of each month in Stien Hall, Freeport, Ill. This is a joint club, the telegraphers located on the C. N. W., C. M. St. P., C. G. W. and I. C. railroads being the founders. All members of the O. R. T. are eligible to membership at no additional expense. Any one desiring to become a member, or wishing information relative to the club, may obtain same by addressing Bro. Kiester at the above address.

W. KELLY,
Chief Telegrapher.





MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 125 is due Aug. 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires Sept. 30, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....	\$2.40 per year
On 500 00 (Series B).....	3.60 per year
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....	7.20 per year

BENEFITS PAID DURING JULY, 1909.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CERT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
879..	James Gillander	Diabetes Mellitus.....	131..	22920..	C..	\$1,000 00
908..	Claude C. Denney.....	Tuberculous Infection	31..	7985..	B..	500 00
909..	Geo. T. Plotner.....	Exhaustion from Pneumonia....	109..	26526..	A..	300 00
910..	Chas. Galvani.....	Paralysis	93..	17426..	A..	300 00
911..	T. J. Coan.....	Appendicitis	12..	19717..	C..	1,000 00
912..	Clarence Gregory.....	Malaria' Poisoning	97..	27470..	A..	300 00
913..	Joseph C. Nicholas....	Injuries (Struck by Automobile).	2..	11240..	C..	1,000 00
914..	Clyde D. Carpenter ...	Electrocuted while taking Bath.	Grand	29937..	A..	300 00
915..	Wharton G. Justice....	Drowned.....	88..	9244..	C..	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to June 30, 1909.....	\$785 867 68
Received on Assessment Account July, 1909.....	17,740 00
	<hr/> \$803,607 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to June 30, 1909.....	\$535,081 47
Death Claims paid in July	5,700 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,178 45
Assessments transferred to dues.....	201 53
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, July 31, 1909.....	261 446 23
	<hr/> \$803,607 68

L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

General Offices, St. Louis, Mo.

GRAND OFFICERS.

H. B. PERHAM.....President. St. Louis, Mo.	L. W. QUICK....Grand Secretary and Treasurer. St. Louis, Mo.
J. A. NEWMAN.....First Vice-President. Flat "B," 3960 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Ill.	T. M. PIERSON.....Second Vice-President. St. Louis, Mo.
D. CAMPBELL.....Third Vice-President. 264 Rushholme Road, Toronto, Ont.	J. J. DERMODY.....Fourth Vice-President. St. Louis, Mo.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. O. Sinks, Chairman, Jefferson St. Depot, Portland, Ore.	C. E. Layman, Troutville, Va.
Geo. O. Forbes, Secretary, Spring Hill Junction, N. S.	C. G. Kelso, 1106 N. Jefferson St., Springfield, Mo.
	Geo. E. Joslin, Lock Box 11, Centerdale, R. I.

ADVERTISING.

All correspondence pertaining to advertising should be addressed to W. N. Gates, Advertising Manager, Garfield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

DIVISION DIRECTORY.

GRAND DIVISION—Attached membership not confined to any particular railroad or territory. H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis Mo.

No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Masonic Temple, cor. Main and Market sts. (P. O. Bldg.), Lewistown, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Caratine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltzman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munes, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo.; W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen't Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 53 Jameson ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chill Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m. in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. B. West, Local Chairman, 11 Thompson st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division meets 3d Saturday evening in Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at Rochester, N. Y.; Jan., Mar., May, July Sept. and Nov., at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. M. B. Lynch, Local Chairman, 962 State st., Schenectady, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Wednesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Beech Creek District meets 2d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Mechanics' Hall, South Clearfield, Pa. J. W. Martenis, Local Chairman, Vilas, Pa. Electric Div. and Grand Central Terminal—Meets 2d Wednesday, at 9:30 a. m., and 4th Wednesday, at 8 p. m., each month, Colonial Building, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York. H. D. Murty, Local Chairman of Grand Central Terminal, 115 South High st., Mount Vernon, N. Y. E. M. O'Meara, Local Chairman of Electric Div., Dumont, N. J.; G. P. Alrutz, Asst Local Chairman, in charge of Station Depart-

ment, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div. Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambricht, S. & T., Elizabethtown, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14.—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16.—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18.—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. 1st, 2d and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio. A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Cincinnati, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20.—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoser, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermya, Pa.; C. E. Downie, Local Chairman, Southern Div., South Fallsburgh, N. Y.; S. H. Mulligan, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., Middletown, N. Y.;

F. A. Wood, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., East Branch, N. Y.; W. F. Persbacher, Local Chairman Scranton Div., Dickson City, Pa.; P. A. Towner, Local Chairman Northern Div., Sidney, N. Y.; F. A. McCuen, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Div., Oneida, N. Y.

No. 21.—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 22.—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System. R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.

No. 23.—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. and the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Ry. Systems. Meets subject to call of Local Chairmen. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 320 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.; E. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 320 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberg, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 837 High st., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25.—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. E. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James Place, Brooklyn N. Y.

No. 27.—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31.—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7016 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

No. 32.—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; E. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., 1516 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33.—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore Md. J. D. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman Eastern District, Baltimore Division; C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO," General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of January, April, July and October, at Woodstock, Md., at 8 p. m.; third Friday of February, August and November, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m., and third Friday of March, June, September and December, at Washington Junction, Md., at 11 a. m. M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Divisions, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 1st.

No. 34.—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellow's Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36.—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. H. I. Woodward, Chief Tel., 156 Carew st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39.—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Cossoworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40.—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, B'g Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42.—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43.—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 17 Bergen ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. B. Homan, Gen'l Chairman, Pando, Colo.; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2513 Pine st., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, Gen'l Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman; Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, Drexel, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. E., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets fourth Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky.

- Meets 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.
- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1, 114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. F. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Morea, Kan.
- No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.
- No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Asst Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 630 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy O. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nicholls, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.
- No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets third Sunday each month at Hattiesburg, Miss. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Asst Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.
- No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, Limestone, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.
- No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden,

N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.

No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. N. T. Bryson, Chief Tel., 84 Sweets ave., Trenton, N. J.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.

No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.

No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. DeSouza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loos st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal Jones, Chief Tel.; 1620 West Pensacola ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Asst Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and

Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.

No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.

No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Belmond, Iowa.

No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.

No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.

No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. T. M. Seem, Chief Tel., Starkey, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.

No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.

No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.

No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.

No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.

No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H.; G. A. Hall, Chief Tel., Boscawen, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.

No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.

No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.

- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.
- No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Conemaugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.
- No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.
- No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres, Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; J. H. McLean, Acting Gen'l S. & T., L'Anse, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:15 p. m.; Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct. and Nov. and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, Sept., and Dec. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Saulte Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springfield, Ind.
- No. 122—WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.
- No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets 2d Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, 3d floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Penola, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Box 176, Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; I. W. Luak, S. & T., 406 Chestnut st., Virginia, Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Board of Trade Building, Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Local Chairmen. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdell, N. Y., and Local Chairman Eastern Division; E. E. Smith, G. S. & T., Stoneboro, Pa., and Local Chairman Franklin Division; C. D. Hull, 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio, Local Chairman Toledo Division; J. H. Walker, Hillsdale, Mich., Local Chairman Michigan Division; M. S. Lowe, Monroe, Mich., Local Chairman Detroit Division; W. R. Adams, 402 W. 7th st., Auburn, Ind., Local Chairman, Lansing Division; E. D. Graham, 207 E. 7th st., Mishawaka, Ind., Local Chairman Western Division.
- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.

- No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—C. A. Bileau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.
- No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on 2d Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.
- No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.
- No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets 3d Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Building, Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.
- No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Building, Olean, N. Y.; A. D. Matthewson, Chief Tel., Ichua, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.
- No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcinum, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.
- No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 138—Division covers C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Building, Springfield, O. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division—Meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman. Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman, Indianapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg, monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; D. C. Houck, Mooreland, Ind., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlement, Local Chairman, Carrier Mills, Ill.
- No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.
- No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. S. F. Gallagher, Gen'l Chairman, Fabyan House, N. H.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.
- No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. B. Dunn, Gen'l Chairman, Centre Point, Texas; J. H. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Josephine st., San Antonio, Texas.
- No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.
- No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. I. C. Hart, Gen'l Chairman, Elmira, Mich.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.
- No. 144—Division covers the Trinity and Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Texas.
- No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. Geo. C. Webster, G. S. & T., Dalhart, Texas.
- No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. W. M. English, Gen'l Chairman, Talladega, Ala.; J. C. Means, Gen'l S. & T., Oglethorpe, Ga.
- No. 147—Division covers the Norfolk & Southern Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. R. S. Tilden, Gen'l Chairman, 32 George St., Newbern, N. C.; Chas. D. Lane, Gen'l S. & T., Dover, N. C.
- No. 148—Division covers the Grand Trunk Western Ry. System. M. P. Brophy, Gen'l S. & T., Upton Works, Mich.
- TWIN CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB.—Meets second Saturday night each month at Columbia Hall, Prior and University aves., St. Paul, Minn. R. R. Foulkes, Pres., 232 Cayuga st., St. Paul, Minn.; T. H. Line, S. & T., 2365 Doswell ave., St. Paul, Minn.
- TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF N. Y.—Meets subject to call of President at "The Plaza," 141st st. and Edgecombe ave., New York City; M. G. Woolley, President, 155th st. and 8th ave., New York City; E. Neumuller, S. & T., 126 Union st., High Bridge, New York City.

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB
OF RICHMOND, VA.—Meets at Picket Camp
Hall, 307 N. 7th st., second Saturday night of
each month. All O. R. T. men are cordinally
invited. There will be short talks on various
subjects of interest to telegraphers at each meet-
ing.

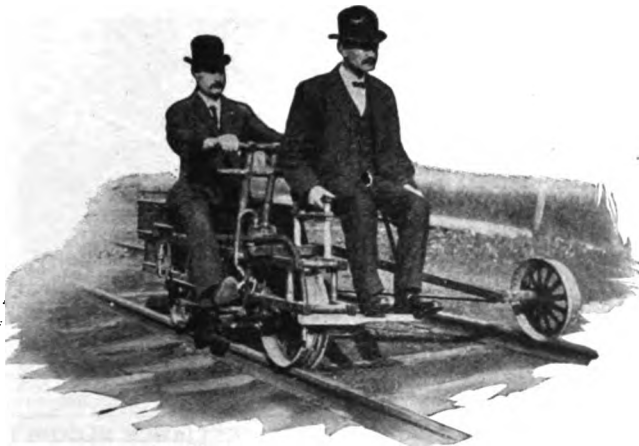
PRETZEL CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB,
FREEPORT, ILL.—Meets third Friday night

of each month at Stein Hall, 103 Stephenson
st., Freeport, Ill. All O. R. T. members are
cordially invited. This club is organized more
particularly in the interests of the telegraphers
of the C. M. & St. P., C. G. W., and I. C.
railways, all of whom should make special effort
to attend. Walter Kelly, Chief Telegrapher,
Rutland, Ill.; H. E. Kiester, S. & T., 60 Second
st., Freeport, Ill.



Could You Ask More?

This High Grade Car on Easy Terms



BUDA NO. 10A MOTOR VELOCIPEDE

The car shown here is our No 10A. It is like the No. 10 which we illustrated last month, except that it has a seat in front for passenger.

We provide these cars also with an extra guide arm and wheel, making a four wheeled velocipede. This latter feature is considered very desirable by some, and it is desirable where much speed is to be made or where car is to be used on roads where there are numerous severe curves.

However you will note that our velocipedes are driven from the front wheel. This imparts a pulling instead of pushing motion thus doing away with tendency to derailment present in those cars driven from the rear.

If you are thinking of buying a car, you wouldn't hesitate about picking out a BUDA if you could see it. Our cars are handsome in appearance, workmanship and mechanical design. They are put up "right" and anyone using a Buda velocipede will tell you so. We are now making the two lower sills (which carry engine) of square steel tubing. This adds but a trifle to the weight and a great deal to the strength. Let us tell you about our easy terms.

HAND PROPELLED VELOCIPEDES. We make them in several styles—all ball bearing. We make a wire spoke velocipede with rubber tread tires that may interest you. It's very light and runs noiselessly and with particular smoothness.

OUR CATALOGUE No. AT135 SHOWS ALL TYPES OF
MOTOR AND HAND PROPELLED VELOCIPEDES

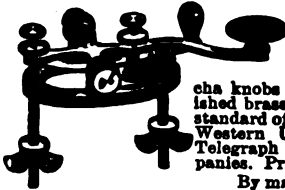
Buda Foundry & Manufacturing Co.
CHICAGO

"SOMETHING ELECTRICAL FOR EVERYBODY"

CATALOG G94
184 PAGES

1000 ILLUSTRATIONS FREE

STEEL LEVER KEYS



All parts are handsomely finished. Has nickel-plated lever, gutta percha knobs and highly polished brasswork. It is the standard of the Postal and Western Union Telegraph Companies. Price.....**95c**
By mail, 9c extra.

STEEL LEVER KEYS

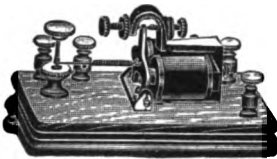
TOP CONNECTIONS

A thoroughly reliable instrument that has been universally adopted by telegraphers. All Keys are fitted with our improved adjustment spring holder.



Price.....**\$1.05**
By mail, 9c extra.

STANDARD PONY RELAY



Finely finished and mounted on mahogany base with ornamental surface. Will work with perfect ease on lines up to 20 miles, where main line sounders fail to give satisfaction. Requires much less battery power than a main line sounder of similar resistance. Price, wound to 20 ohms....**\$1.50**

GEM ELECTRIC MASSAGE VIBRATOR

(BATTERY TYPE)



This outfit is a practical electric massage machine for household use.

The vibrations are of such a character as to be very penetrating, thus reaching the deep muscular parts of the body.

It is self contained, the vibrator, cord, plug and four applicators being carried in a space left for them in the same box that contains the batteries. The box is finished in imitation leather and has nickel-plated carrying handle

List No. 2243. Gem Electric Massage Vibrator..... Net Price **\$6.50**

APOLLO MEDICAL BATTERY

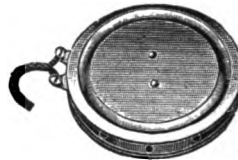


This new double cell medical battery is particularly recommended where more current is desired than can be obtained from the single cell type. It is furnished in polished oak or mahogany case. All metal parts finished in polished nickel. Dimensions, 9x7x4 1/2 in. high. Furnished with one Foot Plate, two Sponges, one Massage Roller, one Hair Brush and two Metal

Hand Electrodes, two Wooden Electrode Handles, one pair Silk Conducting Cords. It has Nickel-Plated Binding Posts, Battery and Pole Changing Switches. Induction Coil arranged with graduated scale. All Electrodes contained in a separate compartment.

List No. 223. Apollo Battery..... **\$7.20**

RELIABLE FLOOR TREAD

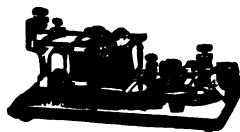


A slight pressure of the foot will close the contact. It's construction is simple. Its action perfect. When placed under rug or carpet it cannot become short circuited. It is felt-lined, so there is not the slightest chance

of scratching the most highly finished floor. It is but 1/4-inch thick and very easy to wire.

List No. 1150.... Price **\$0.75**

EUREKA TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENT



A moderate priced combination set, being low in price, durable and efficient. Copy of Philosophy and Practice of Morse Telegraphy free with each instrument. Wound, 5 ohms, \$1.15; Wound, 20 ohms, \$1.35.

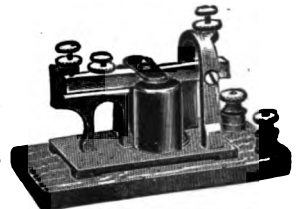
phy free with each instrument. Wound, 5 ohms, \$1.15; Wound, 20 ohms, \$1.35.

IMPROVED GIANT SOUNDER

Unequaled for quick action, loudness and clear tone. A very popular instrument with expert telegraphers.

Price, 5 ohms,

\$1.40

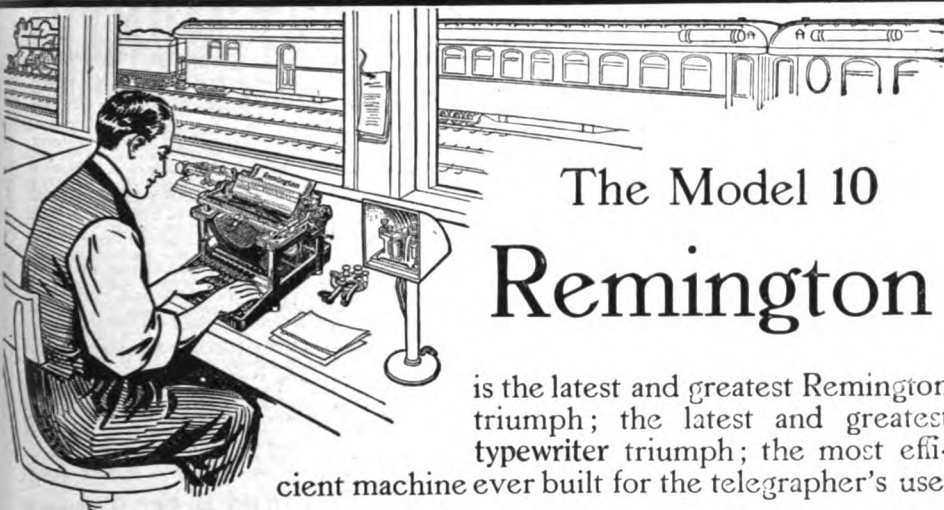


MANHATTAN ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CO., New York

General Offices and Showrooms, 17 PARK PLACE

BRANCHES { 110 West 42nd St., New York.
27 West 125th St., New York.
185 Fifth Ave., Chicago.

FACTORIES { Jersey City, N.J.
Ravenna, Ohio.



The Model 10 Remington

is the latest and greatest Remington triumph; the latest and greatest typewriter triumph; the most efficient machine ever built for the telegrapher's use.

The Model 10 has all the famous Remington qualities which have always made the Remington the telegrapher's choice, combined with new features which mean more work and faster work with less labor than ever before.

Remington Typewriter Company

(Incorporated)

New York and Everywhere

THE DOUBLE SPEED KEY IS THE COMING KEY



Why pay big money for a Complicated Device with a fantastic name when Double Speed Key will do the work faster and better and can be bought for one-third the price? Get one and be convinced. Send for circular.

AGENTS WANTED EVERYWHERE.

J. H. BUNNELL & CO.,

Manufacturers of High-Grade Telegraph Apparatus.

20 Park Place

NEW YORK

OUR NEW CATALOGUE 25 X SENT ON APPLICATION.

GET THIS \$1200.00 NEXT MONTH!

WHAT A BLESSING TO ALWAYS HAVE MONEY IN ABUNDANCE



"SEE IT ENERGIZE."
See view Comb. Portable
and Bathroom Outfit.

Hundreds Getting Rich the "New Way." Said to be world's greatest and surest money maker. You can, it's easy. One man actually made \$1281.00 in ONE MONTH, \$51.50 in 15 MINUTES, \$800.00 in EIGHT DAYS. Not a fairy tale, fake or humbug, but absolutely true—sworn statement. New, wonderful discovery. Causing great enthusiasm. Readers, listen, see, read how this invention has made, is making thousands of dollars for others. Does \$1200.00 Monthly "My sales \$1281.00 one month, \$1118.00 another. Best thing I ever sold." **INTEREST YOU?** ever sold. Not one complaint from 2000 customers. **M. G. STONEMAN, Mont.** "SOLD \$2212.00 IN 2 WEEKS. Not one dissatisfied user," writes Korstad & Mercer, Minn. "My sales \$1680.00 IN 73 DAYS," writes C. D. Rasp, Wis. "Canvassed 60 PEOPLE—GOT 55 ORDERS. Sold \$320.00 in 16 days," writes W. H. Reese, Pa. "Enclosed order for \$115.00 FIRST DAY'S WORK. Best thing I ever worked," writes L. H. Langley, N. D. "Everybody thinks apparatus finest thing. Sold 15 one afternoon," writes Miss Eva Edwards, Nev., after ordering 73. "I averaged \$164.25 WEEKLY for three months, undoubtedly best line on market," writes J. W. Beem, Kan. "Finest seller I ever saw, catches the eye. Don't want anything better. SELL 8 OUT OF 10 HOUSES," writes Wm. Maroney, Okla. "A man that can't sell your outfit couldn't sell bread in a famine, send 48 more," writes J. B. Cashman, Minn. "I make \$100.00 DAILY," writes J. Sevegne, N. Y.

HUNDREDS MEN AND WOMEN TELL OF WONDERFUL SUCCESS equipping town and farm homes with Allen's Portable Bath Apparatus. 50,000 already sold. Acknowledged best thing ever happened for humanity. Nothing like it. Gives every home a modern bathroom for only \$5.00. Think of it! Costs nothing to operate. Used wherever water in any form exists. So energizes water that one gallon does more than tub full old way. Gives cleansing, friction, massage, shower baths altogether or separately. Cleanses almost automatically. Makes bathing 5 minute operation. Only clean, running water touches body—no immersion. No tubs, buckets, bowls, washrags or sponges—no plumbing. Insures cleanliness without drudgery—prolongs life—prevents disease. Small, but mighty—carried in grip. Endorsed by famous Battle Creek Sanitarium and other celebrated authorities. Most popular, easiest, quickest, surest selling household article going.

Let us give you an appointment worth \$40.00 to \$60.00 weekly

plus freedom from drudgery, long hours, wage earning, bossism, job hunting. We want more AGENTS, SALESMEN, MANAGERS, either sex, at home or traveling, all or spare time, to fill orders, appoint, supply, control sub-agents. Hustlers getting rich. **EXPERIENCE UNNECESSARY.** Simply supply enormous demand already made—that's all. Every customer anxious to boost your business. No easier, quicker certain way to make money. Exciting business—big profits—popular goods, guaranteed by an old reliable \$50,000.00 house—absolutely no competition—exclusive territory—co-operation and assistance.

CREDIT GIVEN—SEND NO MONEY—only your name and address on a postal card today for world's greatest agency offer, valuable booklets, credit plan, proofs of phenomenal success. **ALL FREE. COSTS NOTHING TO INVESTIGATE. MEET US THAT FAR ANYHOW.**

THE ALLEN MFG. CO., - 2228 ALLEN BLDG., TOLEDO, OHIO

Typewriters

That's All

FOR SALE OR RENT

All standard makes rebuilt in our own shop by expert workmen, and sold at the very lowest figures.

A guarantee that is good given with all sales and also with all repair work done.

The only Typewriter Company represented at the **Atlanta Convention.** For references ask your Delegate.

Send for our catalogue.

McDonald Typewriter Co.,

263 LaSalle St., Chicago.

W. F. McDonald, Pres. John A. Black, Secy. & Treas. G. Dal Jones, Secy.-Treas. Division 91, O. R. T. Chief Tel. Div. 91, O. R. T.

Column Finder and Paragrapher

Press the key designating the column or paragraph position you desire to reach, and the carriage immediately moves to that position without shock or jar. "It's like express service." One of the 28 features of the easy-action, light-running

MODEL 10

Smith Premier Typewriter

Complete description of all features sent free on request.

THE SMITH PREMIER TYPEWRITER CO., INC.

Syracuse, New York, U. S. A.



A BIGGER DAY'S EARNINGS—NOW



That's what you want. Isn't it?
You want to make more money at once. Without months or years of study. Without night work in addition to the everlasting daily grind. You want more money now.

Here's your opportunity. Here's your chance to get into business for yourself, to be your own boss, and to make from

\$5 to \$10 Per Day Net Profit

Dozens of men are now making this liberal income. They are stowing away a nice little fortune. They are living well, too. Are you grinding away trying to make both ends meet? Get into a real, live, permanent, growing, profitable business for yourself. Let us set you up in the card printing business with our

SUPERIOR AUTOMATIC CARD PRINTING PRESS

Men with no previous experience or knowledge of printing are now netting \$5 to \$10 per day with our press and the outfit pictured here. Read what Joseph Wallace, 278 State Street, Chicago, says, "I have been running a card printing business with the Superior Automatic Card Press for over a year and have taken in as high as \$30 per day—always over \$150 net profit per month."

Think of that! Always over \$150 net profit per month! How does that compare with your earnings?

If you have \$65 cash and want a profitable, independent business of your own, write at once for our booklet "A Bigger Day's Earnings" giving full details and showing how our outfit pays for itself. Write right now.

SUPERIOR BRASS & FIXTURE CO.

162 W. Jackson Boul.

CHICAGO.

Our Famous "Railroad Special"

Designed for Operators who do heavy train order work; has finely ground and carefully tested agate point, firmly vulcanized into a hard rubber handle, cannot possibly come loose, large rough grip smoothest, easiest writing stylii ever made. Sent postpaid for 60 cts. Send for one today, and use it 6 days, then we'll buy it back for 65 cts. if you want to sell.

A fine safety razor only 30 cts. postpaid. We guarantee our razor to do as good work as any \$5.00 razor made, is heavily nickel-plated, adjustable for light or close shave, simple to use, and cannot get out of order, mailed packed in a neat box, with 3 keen blades for the price of only 2 shaves. Order today. Have yourself money.

STAR NOVELTY CO., FT. SCOTT, KANSAS.

Our Safety Three-Wheeler

IS THE STRONGEST, LIGHTEST RUNNING CAR KNOWN.
IT IS THE IDEAL CAR FOR OPERATORS.

"The Rider is Seated Inside of the Rail Instead of Directly over it."

By our original placing of the seat, the rider's weight is borne equally by each wheel. This gives the car the greatest possible strength with least possible weight and renders it absolutely safe in rounding curves at full speed.

It has
BALL BEARINGS
and
RUBBER TIRES
and is practically noiseless.

It can be folded into a package eighteen inches thick and weighs sixty pounds. The

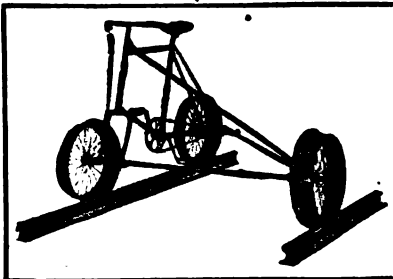
materials and workmanship are all of the best and fully covered by our guarantee.

B. M. Mahoney, B. & O. operator at Leslie, Md., says: "Am still riding my wheel purchased two years ago and it is giving perfect satisfaction."

**COULD
YOU WANT
MORE THAN THAT?**

We also make single and double seat four-wheel cars, tandem

four-wheelers, extra front seats—easily attachable to any of these models—and motor cars



Write to day for catalog and prices.

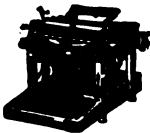
Light Inspection Car Co., Hagerstown, Ind., U. S. A.

SHORTHAND IN 30 DAYS

We absolutely guarantee to teach shorthand complete in thirty days. You can learn in spare time in your own home, no matter where you live. No need to spend months as with old systems. Boyd's Syllable System is different in principle from all other systems. The first radical improvement in shorthand since 1839. It is easy to learn—easy to write—easy to read. Simple. Practical. Speedy. Sure. No ruled lines—no positions—no shading, as in other systems. No long list of word signs to confuse. Only nine characters to learn and you have the entire English language at your absolute command. The best system for stenographers, private secretaries, newspaper reporters. Lawyers, ministers, teachers, physicians, literary folk and business men may now learn shorthand for their own use. Thousands of business and professional men and women find their shorthand a great advantage. The Boyd System is the only system suited to home study. Our graduates hold lucrative, high-grade positions everywhere. Send to-day for free booklets, testimonials, guarantee offer, and full description of this new Syllable shorthand system.

Address

CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS, 1010 Chicago Opera House Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

Rebuilt  New

REMINGTON TYPEWRITERS

To members of O. R. T. only

No. 6 REMINGTON REBUILT NEW.
LATEST IMPROVED with No. 9
Speed Escapement, Push-In Variable
Line Spacer.

PRICE

Cash, with Order..... \$50.00

\$5.00 Cash with Order, Balance

C. O. D., with Examination.. 55 00

\$10.00 Cash with Order,

\$10.00 Monthly..... 60.00

**SPLENDID No. 6 REMINGTON
REBUILT NEW**

Cash with Order..... \$35.00

\$5.00 with Order, Balance

C. O. D., with Examination.. 40.00

\$10.00 Cash with Order, Balance

\$7.00 Monthly..... 45.00

FULLY GUARANTEED

All other makes cheap

GENERAL TYPEWRITER REBUILDERS

31 Murray St., NEW YORK CITY

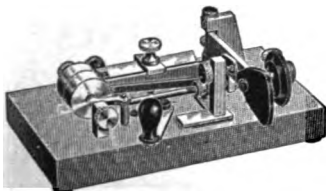
MORE MECOGRAPHY

Are in use than all other automatic transmitters
combined.

No other sending machine in the world gives
such universal satisfaction.

Every operator, whether expert or tyro, for
his own good, ought to use some sending
machine. Get the best—the nerve-saving
MECOGRAPH.

Don't waste any money on an inferior
infringing machine, the manufacturers of
which we have suits against. (We expect to
win.)



BEST IN MEN.—We were the first to make a
low price on sending machines. At the time
the Mecograph made its appearance the very
cheapest transmitter was \$24.00. We brought
the price down to \$3.00, and now we place it at
\$1.00, and until further notice will fill orders
at \$7.50.

Carrying case, \$1.00 extra.

SEND FOR CIRCULAR.

Made by

MECOGRAPH COMPANY

Manufacturers of Telegraph Instruments.

321 Frankfort Ave. CLEVELAND, OHIO, U. S. A.



"BUILT TO USE."

Our Flangeless Folding Bicycle At-
tachment is built from Shelby Seamless
Steel Tubing, equipped with Aluminum
Wheels, Ball Bearings, Rubber Cushion
Tires. It transforms an ordinary Bicycle
into a Railroad Velocipede, abso-
lutely noiseless in operation. It's
safest to use owing to this feature. In
fact, it's the most feasible method of
cheap individual rapid transit. Machine
folds without detaching. Invented,
perfected and patented by a railroad
man. Price of a tachment, \$15.00, but
worth more. Read these letters, they
were not meant for publication.

"Have had Machine now over a month, and
like it better every day. One of its greatest
points is its perfectly quiet running. Rode
nine miles in a heavy fog and could hear
every train near without stopping to listen.
I consider this a gr. at advantage, and it
might save one's life sometime. It also takes
frogs and switches better than flange style
Attachments." IRA B. BA ES,
Snodas, Ohio. With Pennsylvania System.

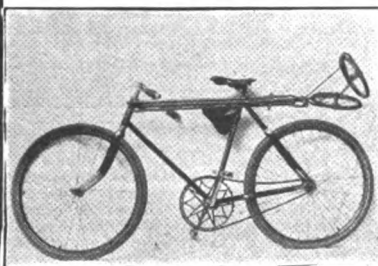
"I received Attachment and tried it on two
miles of curve reverse, and it stuck to the
rails just as fast as I cared to drive it. I never
saw anything like it. Please give me your
price on another, also price on tires."

R. G. SMITH, Opr.,
Rising, Illinois. C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co.

"Have thoroughly tried Attachments re-
ceived from you, and am well pleased with
them. Mr. Miller, the M. K. & T. agent, is
well pleased with his. We rode the At-
tachment 16 miles yesterday and never had any
trouble at all." R. T. COLL, Agent,
East Lynne, Mo. St. L. & S. F. Ry. Co.

Our illustrated booklet, "BUILT TO
USE," tells you all about these Ma-
chines. Send today for it, and our
Special proposition to the first pur-
chaser in a town. Address us at
North Judson, Indiana.

MCCORMICK FOLDING VELOCIPEDE CO.



Do you want to get into a more profitable business?

Write me today for particulars regarding good locations for new stores—also information about a retail line that will pay largest possible profits on a comparatively small investment.

EDWARD B. MOON, 13 West Water St., Chicago, Ill.



Get Busy, Boys!

If your townspeople contemplate putting in an exchange, or the farmers in your vicinity build a rural party line, write us about it and we will tell you how you can make a lot of money on the side.

Government experts pronounce our telephones better than all others.

SWEDISH-AMERICAN TELEPHONE CO.
CHICAGO, ILL. Div. 15.

Operators can guarantee fair treatment to prospective customers from the firm. The President and Treasurer is an O. E. C. man in good standing, Div. No. 110, Logansport, Indiana. Sales manager is a B. L. E. man, No. 129, Pontoon Div., McGregor, Iowa.

TYPEWRITER BARGAINS.

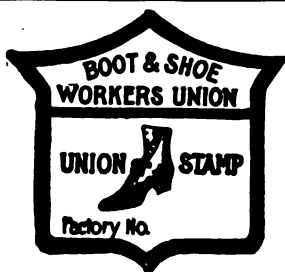


OLIVER
REMINGTON
SMITH PREMIER

TYPEWRITERS.
Rebuilt new \$35.00, instead of \$100.00.
Other makes \$15.00.

Free Trial, Free Delivery, Monthly Payments.

ALBRIGHT BROS. REBUILT TYPEWRITER CO.
824 Holland Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. P.O. Box 252, San Francisco, Cal. 81 New St., New York, N.Y.



UNDERSTAND BROTHER UNIONIST

That the best made shoes—the shoes made under the best manufacturing conditions—the shoes that best stand wear—bear the Union Stamp, as shown herewith.

Ask your dealer for Union Stamp Shoes, and if he can not supply you write

BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' UNION
246 Summer Street, BOSTON, MASS.

OPERATORS WANTED

Experienced Railroad Telegraph and Station Men. Send stamped envelope for application blank and full particulars. We had calls for 158 more station men than we could furnish during July. Write today.

American Railway Bureau, 132 Clark St. Chicago

TYPEWRITER VALUES

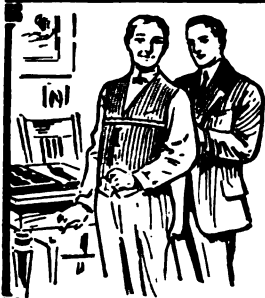
that will interest you.

We Aim to Save You Money on every machine we send out. Exceptional offers on Smith Premier, Remington and Fay Shoes.

We rent all makes, with rental allowance if purchased. Ask for particulars and Catalog.

ROCKWELL-BARNES COMPANY
1301 Baldwin Bldg., Chicago

Easy Work-Good Pay



Make Big Money Right in Your Own Town

WE START YOU FREE

One Good Hustling Agent Wanted in every community to take orders for our celebrated made-to-measure clothing. If you write to us before we get an agent in your territory you will receive an astonishing offer. No money required, no experience necessary, we furnish you with everything, and place you in a business of your own that will mean from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00 a year to you. *Easiest and most profitable business in the world.* Every man in your vicinity a possible customer. Our low prices and able assistance get the trade for you.

PANTS \$2⁵⁰ up SUITS \$9⁰⁰ EXPRESS PREPAID

Every garment cut and made to measure in the latest city styles—a perfect fit guaranteed. Money refunded if goods are not satisfactory. Beautiful Sample Outfit, order blanks, tape line, FREE. With our complete instructions you can take measurements just as accurately as any tailor. If you are looking for a splendid opportunity to increase your income write us today.

THE PROGRESS TAILORING CO., 169 Harrison Street, CHICAGO

MODEL LAUNDERED SHIRTS

Satisfaction guaranteed to the man who wears our brand of shirts. They are honestly made of the best materials and we cut each size on an individual size pattern, which assures you of a perfect fit.

The Model Royal Blue, our well known indigo Railroad Men's Shirt is warranted not to fade. It can be had in plain blue indigo, white pin dot, and white hair line stripe, made with either attached cuffs and attached collar or attached cuffs and two detached collars.

Buy MODEL Shirts and convince yourself that they are the best. We make all kinds of fine laundered shirts at \$1.00 and \$1.50. If your dealer cannot supply you with our shirts, we will send on receipt of price, carrying charges prepaid.



Union Made

Model Shirt Company

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

RED OR BLACK "VULCAN" STYLO PENS

AGENTS The ONLY perfect, non-leakable stylo pens at a moderate price. Two sizes, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches.



WANTED

Extra size, 8 in. (black only), \$1.25. By mail, postpaid upon receipt of PRICE Mfrs. of "Juno", "Independent", and "Vulcan" Stylographic and Fountain Pens, Thames Bldg., 125 Greenwich St., NEW YORK. Est. 1894

\$1.00

PATENTS C. L. PARKER

Attorney at Law and Solicitor of Patents
158 McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Patents secured promptly. Reports rendered as to patentability, validity and infringement. Hand Book for Inventors sent upon request.

QUALITY COUNTS!

The verdict of men high in their profession who have used all makes of sending machines, is, that the **DINGER is the BEST OF ALL.**

It is **BEST** because in the first place, it is properly designed. (**BUILT RIGHT to WORK RIGHT.**) Because every piece of material entering into it is the best for the purpose that money can buy! Because it is made by skilled labor! Because it can be adjusted to the various conditions of wire while in operation. Because it will work equally well on long or short circuits, and because the Almighty Dollar is not the only thing we have in view in producing this splendid machine.

We take a reasonable pride in the fact that the **DINGER** contains the most up-to-date improvements found in any sending machine, and is considered the best by the men who know, irrespective of price.

The **DINGER** was purchased, because of its superiority over all others, at \$7.50 the regular price, or \$2.50 more than other so called ten-dollar machines all the time that they were being sold at half price! That means something! It means that Quality Counts! It means that experienced men whose ability enabled them to distinguish the difference between a good machine at a fair price and an inferior machine at any old price, insisted on getting the **DINGER QUALITY**, and got it!

The Value of a sending machine is Not the Price set upon it by the man who has it for sale and commands you to buy his and no other, but what it is actually worth to the man who has to use it!

If you are "on the fence" about buying a sending machine, by all means delay your purchase long enough to investigate the merits of **The BEST, The MACHINE THAT GETS THERE, THE DINGER!**

Our 32-page catalogue is yours for the asking. If you think of any reason why you should not buy a Dinger, ask us about it.

D. & R. MANUFACTURING CO., Cleveland, Ohio.



TYPEWRITERS, ALL MAKES.

At $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ manufacturer's prices
All the Standard Machines, including

LATEST MODELS.

SOLD OR RENTED ANYWHERE.

Rental applied on price.

Write for Illustrated Catalogue.

TYPEWRITER EMPORIUM,

92-94 E. LAKE STREET,

CHICAGO

The Phillips Code

PRICE, \$1.00

PRICE, \$1.00

A thoroughly tested method of shorthand, arranged for **Telegraphic Purposes** and contemplating the rapid transmission of press reports; also intended to be used as an easily acquired method for **General Newspaper and Court Reporting.**

ADDRESS

L. W. QUICK

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Grand Sec'y and Treas.

A Golden Opportunity

About to organize a company to operate proven, free milling gold properties. Pre-organization stock very reasonable. Mines located on Motier L-ade, Yuba County, California. For particulars, write

THE RED CROSS GOLD MINES CO.,
403-404 Electric Bldg., CLEVELAND, O.

Be DOCTOR of Mechano-Therapy



\$3000 to \$5000 A YEAR

WE TEACH YOU BY MAIL

In six months you can begin practicing Mechano-Therapy—an elevating and highly paid profession for men and women. More comprehensive than Osteopathy. Endorsed by physicians. A fascinating study, easy to learn and equal to college course—we guarantee success—an ordinary education and our course of instruction fits you for a professional life. Authorized diplomas to graduates. Work absorbingly interesting. Vast opportunities for social and financial betterment. Special terms now. Write today for prospectus—free.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MECHANO-THERAPY
Department 600, - 120-122 Randolph St., Chicago

BLOOD POISON

successfully treated in any stage. If you have ulcers, mucous patches in the mouth, sore throat, eruptions, copper colored spots on the body, falling hair, swollen glands, pains in the bones, or severe continued headaches, our special treatment will cure you. Our DR. PANTER, former chief physician of the original Cook Remedy Co., treated over 20,000 patients of that company in the last fifteen years ending May 12th, 1908, the date that company discontinued taking cases to treat. Booklet on Blood Poison, testimonials and full information about your case, FREE. Write **PANTER REMEDY CO.,** Suite 338, 67 Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.

READ THIS, BOYS!

We want to sell 25,000 pairs of half sleeves in the next 30 days. This sleeve is made of good Black Satteen, lettered O. R. T., Agents, or plain, as you wish. Sent to any address for 25c in coin, or express or P. O. order. Send your order today. Address,

M. E. CARTER, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

STUDY LAW AT HOME

The oldest and best school. Instruction by mail adapted to every one. Recognized by courts and educators. Experienced and competent instructors. Takes spare time only. Three courses—Preparatory, Business, College. Prepares for practice. Will better your condition and prospects in business. Students and graduates everywhere. Full particulars and Easy Payment Plan Free. Spring Correspondence School of Law. 700 Majestic Building, Detroit, Mich.



SCIENTIFIC DIAMONDS

The Latest Sensation

If you are in doubt let us convince you. Send us \$2.50 deposit and we will send you on approval heavy 14-k. solid gold Tiffany, set with 1-k. Scientific Diamond. Price \$5.00. If satisfactory remit \$2.50 by first mail. If not, return and we will refund deposit. Send for catalog.

W. H. HOLLISTER & CO., Importers,
Dept. X. Masonic Temple, Chicago.

This Great Invention Works With Nature

Ever since I perfected my Anti-Tension Compress (pat. 8-19-02) I have advertised it as an improvement on the suspensory bandage and a positive aid to Nature in curing Varicocele and its attendant ailments. As proof I receive many letters of commendation. I would like to send you some facsimile copies free, plainly sealed, with a copy of my booklet on the Cause, Effect and Cure of this widespread complaint. May I do so? My Anti-Tension Compress included for \$3.00. Address—

MARK M. KERR, M.D.,
Station K 799 Cincinnati, Ohio.



THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER

Subscription, \$1.00 Per Year.

Learn Watch Repairing

Be a watchmaker—you can learn this profitable trade by correspondence in a few weeks in your own home by the DeSelm Chart System. After you complete the course you will know a watch from A to Z. You will know just what the matter is and how to repair it. When you graduate you will be a practical watchmaker and repairer and competent to fill any position. Positions for our graduates. Ask for our Free Book. It explains our system and terms.

THE DESELM WATCH SCHOOL
10 Perry St. ATTICA, INDIANA



THE Railroad Telegrapher

IS PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE
ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS

Its offices are located on the seventh floor
of the Star Building, corner Twelfth
and Olive streets, St. Louis, Mo.

IF ITS BADGES

for Organizations or Clubs you are interested in,
write for our catalogue and discounts.

STEINER ENGRAVING & BADGE CO.
9 NORTH 5TH ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.



FLASH LIKE GENUINE

Day or night. You can own a Diamond equal in brilliancy to any genuine stone at one-third the cost.

Baroda Diamonds in Solid Gold Rings
stand acid test and expert examination. We guarantee them. See them first, then pay. Catalogue Free. Patent Ring Measure included for FIVE two-cent stamps.

THE BARODA COMPANY
Dept. 20. 220 North State Street, Chicago

REGULATION UNIFORM CAP



\$2.50

Express
Prepaid

BLACK ribbed silk (best quality), heavy patent leather visor. Gold embroidered letters, two rows gold tape. Mention **correct size**. Prompt shipments. Light weight. Forwarded **express prepaid** on receipt of express or P. O. money order. \$2.50 catalogue mailed free.
GOETTLER HAT CO., 1260 S. Broadway, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Rider Agents Wanted



in each town to ride and exhibit sample 1910 model. *Write for Special Offer.*
Finest Guaranteed **\$10 to \$27**
1910 Models with Coaster-Brakes and Puncture-Proof tires.
1908 & 1909 Models all of best makes **\$7 to \$12**
500 Second Hand Wheels
All makes and models, **\$3 to \$8**
good as new.....
Great Factory Clearing Sale.
We **Ship On Approval** without a cent deposit, pay the freight and allow **TEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL.**
Tires, coaster-brakes, parts, repairs and sundries, half usual prices. Do not buy till you get our catalogs and offer. *Write now.*
MEAD CYCLE CO., Dept. 8-42 Chicago

Every Operator

Needs a card and pass case, and cards. Three unequalled offers.

No. 1—Genuine Cordovan Leather Case, black, smooth grain, with transparent pocket, buttoned pocket, and gusset pocket; and 100 finest cards, ladies' or gentlemen's, script or old English, with one or two following devices in color: wreath and sounder, key, relay, O. R. T. Monogram, railway clerks emblem, for 65c. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, 65c.

No. 2—Genuine Levant Leather Case, black, seal grain, with transparent pocket, buttoned pocket and gusset pocket; and 100 cards, same as above, for \$1.30. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, \$1.00.

No. 3—Genuine English Calf Leather Case, russet, ribbed grain, with transparent pocket, flap pocket and three gusset pockets; and 100 cards, same as above, for \$1.45. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, \$1.15. Name on all cases.

Wedding Invitations or Announcements
Finest quality, 100 for \$2.50. 50 for \$2.50, express prepaid. Patronize the fraternity.

E. J. WILKINS, FRIENDSHIP, N. Y. Cert. of Div. 41

WRITE ME



for special price list on telegraphers' mills before buying. I give the best values to be had and personally inspect and pass every machine before it goes out of my shop. When writing mention O. R. T. certificate number.

ALL MAKES

W. A. WHITEHEAD

36 LASALLE STREET

CHICAGO

Subscribe for

... THE ...

Railroad Telegrapher

Subscription, \$1.00 PER YEAR

THE ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Officers and Members, Division No. _____

The Subscriber _____

by occupation a _____ of _____ years

experience, born in _____

voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for initiation into THE ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS, and agrees, if admitted, that he will cheerfully conform to all the laws, rules, mandates and edicts of the Order.

I have not been rejected for membership in the Order within the past year.

Fee enclosed, \$ _____

Signature of Petitioner _____

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 190 _____

*My Postoffice address is _____

Employed by _____ Railroad.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY: That we the subscribers, are personally acquainted with Mr. _____ and, from a confidence in his integrity and the uprightness of his intention, do cheerfully recommend and propose him as a proper candidate for membership in this Order.

RECOMMENDERS.

*Be careful and fill in your postoffice address



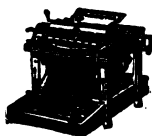
LEARN HOW TO EARN
FROM \$3000 TO \$10000
YEARLY IN THE
REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

We will teach you by mail Real Estate, General Brokerage, and Insurance, and appoint you Special Representative of the largest co-operative real estate and brokerage company. Our co-operative department will give you more choice, salable property to handle than any other institution, and you can commence work without interfering with your present occupation and without any investment of capital. A Commercial Law Course free to each representative. Write for 62-page book free. The Cross Co., 4102 Reaper Block, Chicago

Be a R. R. Mail Clerk

R. R. Mail Clerks, P. O. Clerks, City and R. F. D. Carriers receive high salaries for easy work. Many examinations soon. Let us prepare you. Pres't of our College conducted Gov't examinations for years. Write to-day for our free Book about Government Positions.

OZMENT'S CIVIL SERVICE COLLEGE.
Dept. 33, St. Louis, Mo.



Remingtons, \$12.00-\$35.00; Densmore, \$12.50; Underwoods, \$30.00-\$45.00; L. C. Smith's, \$30.00 to \$45.00; Smith Premier, \$10.00 to \$25.00; Hartfords, \$10.00; Oliviers, \$18.00-\$30.00; Others \$2.00 to \$20.00. Exchange, repair, rent \$1.50 applies. 4 L. Typewriters.

KNIGHT'S, 219 North 12th St., St. Louis, Mo.



Price 15c

AGENTS AND OPERATORS

THE NICHOL'S PENCIL POCKET

Saves Your Pencils, Fountain Pens and Your Temper.

The inside spring does the work. Something new—try one.

Send the name of your stationer and 25c (silver) and receive one by return mail.

F. K. SHEAR, Ulster Park, N. Y.
Cert. 1313. Div. 8.

PATENTS THAT PROTECT AND PAY

Advice and Books Free. Rates Reasonable. Highest References. Best Services.

WATSON E. COLEMAN, Patent Lawyer
612 F St. N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

PERSONAL.

If you are afflicted with **BLOOD POISON** in any stage or **RHEUMATISM** in any form, you can learn of a permanent and positive cure by addressing

SALVAR MEDICINE CO.,
Salvar Bldg., 1407 Olive St.,
100-page book free. **ST. LOUIS.**

FREE SAFETY POCKET-HOLDER

Give us the name of some dealer, not now handling our line, that you asked to show you a Laughlin Non-leakable Fountain Pen, either the standard or self-filling style, and we will send you free of charge a handsome New Safety Pocket Fountain Penholder, guarding your pen against loss.

In addition to this, for each such dealer (not now handling our line) that we interest to the extent of securing his order for a dozen or more of our Non-leakable Fountain Pens, we will send you free of charge a Solid 14-Kt. Gold Fountain Pen, with our compliments.

Any list containing name of a dealer now handling our line will not be considered.

ADDRESS,

LAUGHLIN MFG. CO., Detroit, Mich.

STUDY LAW

Leading Law School in Correspondence Instruction. Established 1893.

Prepares for the bar. Three Courses: College, Post-Graduate and Business Law. Method of instruction combines theory and practice. Approved by the bench and bar.

Classes begin each month. Send for catalog giving rules for admission to the bar of the several states.

Chicago Correspondence School of Law,
505 Reaper Block, Chicago



Uses Kerosene
BURNS A MANTLE

GAS LIGHT FROM KEROSENE

The Sunbeam Lamp burning a mantle, produces white light of 100 candle power. Free from danger of gas or gasoline—the ideal light. You can have gas light at less cost than ordinary kerosene lamp. Write for booklet and prices. 30 Days Free Trial.

Pearl Light Co., Dept. 17
Baraboo, Wis.



PRACTICAL BOOKS FOR RAILROAD MEN

Embracing Every Branch
Written by the Men
Who Do the Work.

Practical, Complete, Reliable and
Up-to-date.

CATALOGUE FREE UPON REQUEST.

SEND FOR IT TODAY.

FREDERICK J. DRAKE & CO.

Ry. Dept. 3 CHICAGO, U. S. A.

PROTECT YOUR IDE

NO MATTER HOW SIMPLE
the invention, if it's good. Consultation fr

MILO B. STEVENS & CO., Attorneys
907 14th St., Washington, D. C.

Established 1864.



Right to the Second When Seconds Count

That means right to the second—all day, every day. Right when the spring is tight—right when nearly run down—right if you fail to wind it for 36 hours.

The Elgin

has the most resilient, widest, longest spring in any railroad watch made.

The dial is made for legibility—heavy hands and large plain figures.

The silver finish metal dial is preferred by most, as it is easily readable in a very dim light. It is the *only metal face with hard enamel inlaid figures*. The plain white enamel dial may also be had if desired. Ask for the No. 49 Silver or the No. 49 Enamel Dial. The Railroad Elgin is made in four grades:

Grade		25 Year Gold-Filled Case	20 Year Gold-Filled Case
VERITAS	23 JEWELS	\$48.00	\$46.00
VERITAS	21 JEWELS	45.00	43.00
FATHER TIME (Veritas Model)	21 JEWELS	40.00	38.00
B. W. RAYMOND (Veritas Model)	19 JEWELS	36.00	34.00

All cases are screw back and bezel model—all have solid gold crowns and solid gold bows.

The thinnest 18 size watches made.

Write for further information about railroad watches.

ELGIN NATIONAL WATCH CO.

Elgin, Ill.



FOR WEARERS OF
KNEE DRAWERS
THERE'S A

Needraw

BOSTON GARTER

DELIGHTFULLY COMFORTABLE
TO THE BARE LEG



NON-ELASTIC, TUBULAR
KNIT LEG BAND
ELASTIC, ADJUSTABLE
PENDANT

Made With
The *Vetrol Grip*
Cushion
Rubber Button
CLASP

Sample Pair
Cotton Fend't, Nic. Plate, 25c.
Silk Fend't, Gold Plate, 50c.
Mailed on Receipt of Price

GEORGE FROST CO.
MAKERS BOSTON

GOOD ALL THE YEAR ROUND



Railroad men who wear

LITHOLIN
WATERPROOFED LINEN
COLLARS AND CUFFS

are on the right track—and know it. Especially if they have worn Rubber or Celluloid goods. Litholin has the dull finish of the regular linen, only it is waterproofed—can be wiped white as new with a damp cloth and will neither wilt nor fray. Collars and Cuffs look well, wear well, and they cut down the laundry bills. Whatever style you prefer, we have.

COLLARS 25c

CUFFS 50c

Always sold from a RED box. Avoid substitution.

If not at your dealers, send, giving styles, sizes, how many, with remittance, and we will mail, postpaid. Styles booklet free on request

THE FIBERLOID COMPANY
Dept. 24, 7 Waverly Place, New York



VOSE

PIANOS

The tone, touch and magnificent wearing qualities of the Vose Piano are only explained by the exclusive patented features and the high grade material and superb workmanship that enter into their construction. The Vose is an ideal piano for the home. Over 60,000 sold. Delivered in the United States free of charge. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Liberal allowance for old pianos and time payments accepted.

FREE—If you are interested in pianos, let us send you our beautifully illustrated catalog, that gives full information. **VOSE & SONS PIANO CO.**
161 Boylston St. BOSTON, MASS.



After Shaving

USE

MENNEN'S
BORATED TALCUM
TOILET POWDER

and insist that your barber use it also. It is Antiseptic, and will prevent any of the skin diseases often contracted.

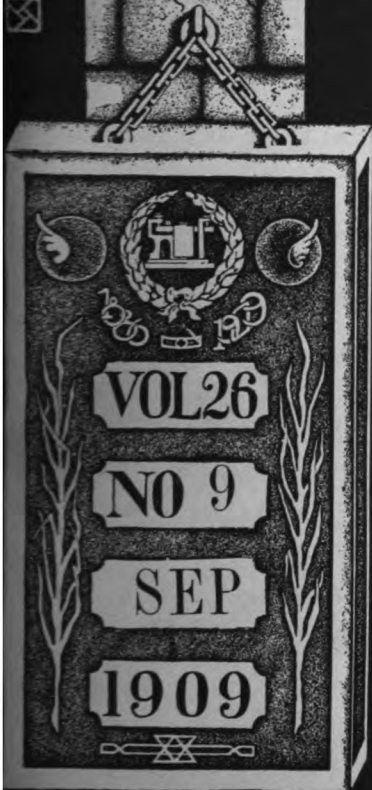
A positive relief for **SUNBURN**, Chafing, and all afflictions of the skin. Removes all odor of perspiration. Get Mennen's—the original. Put up in non-refillable boxes—the "Box that Lox." Sold everywhere or mailed for 25 cents. Sample free.



Try Mennen's Violet (Borated) Talcum. Sample free.

Gerhard Mennen, Newark, N. J.
Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. 1542.

The Railroad Telegrapher



Published

At St Louis Mo

By The Order of

Railroad Telegraphers

A Clear Track for New Model Oliver "No. 5"

The wonderful new Oliver Model "No. 5" is humming down the track of Popularity.

The clumsy, complicated, "blind" and antiquated typewriters are hugging the sidings.

"No. 5" has the right of way because it's the best machine that ever came down the line.

O. R. T. men everywhere greet the New Model "No. 5" with tremendous enthusiasm.

They like its looks and its smooth, easy-running qualities—its speed and its perfect work.

They like it because of its noiselessness—it doesn't drown the sounder.

They like its new Balance Shift, its new Disappearing Indicator, its new Ruling Device, its new Non-Vibrating Base.

They like the cut of its new Steel Coat, that keeps its working parts free from dust.

They like its Automatic Spacer, which leaves the "key" hand free.

They like its Visible Writing and its many other Time-and-Labor-Saving Features.

Thousands of "the boys" are using



THE OLIVER
Typewriter

You can't help liking the Oliver when you see how easy it runs and how it reels off the work.

If you are pounding away on an old-style machine, it's because you never tried the OLIVER.

You can buy a brand new, up-to-the-minute Oliver "No. 5" on little monthly payments—not a cent more than you would pay if you rented a new machine.

The Oliver is easy to pay for, easy to understand, easy to operate, easy to keep in order.

Write for the Oliver Book, and mention in your letter that you are a member of the O. R. T. Address

The Oliver Typewriter Company
55 Oliver Typewriter Building, Chicago

\$710

Buy the Material Needed to Build This Home!

Price includes Blue Prints; Architect's Specifications; Full Details; Working Plans and Itemized List of Material.

OUR HOUSE DESIGN No. 133

This house appeals to persons who love out door life. It is of moderate size, having 7 rooms, bath and pantry arranged with a view to comfort and convenience. Its distinguishing feature is its large porch which extends across the front and half way to the rear on one side.

This house will fit well in any locality, whether country, town or city. Build this house for your family. It is cheap at the price we are offering it. It will make you a home you will always be proud of.



We Save You Big Money on Lumber and Building Material!

The Chicago House Wrecking Co. is the largest concern in the world devoted to the sale of Lumber, Plumbing, Heating Apparatus and Building Material direct to the consumer. No one else can make you an offer like the one shown above. We propose to furnish you everything needed for the construction of this building except Plumbing, Heating and Masonry material. Write for exact details of what we furnish. It will be in accordance with our specifications, which are so clear that there will be no possible misunderstanding.

How We Operate:

We purchase at Sheriff's Sales, Receivers' Sales and Manufacturers' Sales, besides owning outright sawmills and lumber yards. Usually when you purchase your building material for the complete home shown above, elsewhere, it will cost you from 50 to 60 per cent more than we ask for it. By our "direct to you" methods we eliminate several middlemen's profits. We can prove this to you.

What our Stock Consists of:

We have everything needed in Building Material for a building of any sort. Lumber, Sash, Doors, Millwork, Structural Iron, Pipe, Valves and Fittings, Steel and Prepared Roofing. We also have Machinery, Hardware, Furniture, Household Goods, Office Fixtures, Wire Fencing—in fact, anything required to build or equip. Everything for the Home, the Office, the Factory or the Field. Send us your carpenter's or contractor's bill for our low estimate. We will prove our ability to save you money. WRITE US TODAY, giving a complete list of everything you need.

High Grade Bathroom Outfits!



Price of this Bathroom Outfit, \$37.50

for this same outfit. This is a positive fact. It's only one of ten other complete outfits that we are offering at prices ranging from \$25.00 to \$100.00. Our catalog describes them in detail. You need the book if you want to keep posted on up-to-date business methods. Get our prices on Pipe and Fittings. Write us today.

Strictly new and as good as anyone sells. We have everything needed in Plumbing Material. Our prices mean a saving to you of 30 to 60 per cent. We can easily prove it if you will give us a chance.

Here is an illustration of a bathroom outfit we are selling at \$37.50. Your plumber would ask you about \$60.00 for this same outfit. This is a positive fact. It's only one of ten other complete outfits that we are offering at prices ranging from \$25.00 to \$100.00. Our catalog describes them in detail. You need the book if you want to keep posted on up-to-date business methods. Get our prices on Pipe and Fittings. Write us today.

Send Us This Coupon

Chicago House Wrecking Co.:

1234 5th St. in Railroad Telegrapher.

I am interested in _____

Name _____

Town _____

Co. _____ State _____

Free Publications!

Fill in the coupon to the left and we will send you such literature as best suits your needs. We publish a 600 page mammoth catalog fully illustrated, giving our business history and showing all the vast lines of merchandise that we have for sale. We buy our goods at Sheriff's, Receivers' and Manufacturers' Sales. Ask for Catalog No. 925. Our Book on Plumbing and Heating Apparatus contains 150 pages of useful information. Our free "Book of Plans" is described elsewhere in this advertisement.

Chicago House Wrecking Co., 35th & Iron Sts., Chicago.

Free Book of Plans!

We publish a handsome, illustrated book containing designs of Cottages, Bungalows, Barns, Houses, etc. We can furnish the material complete for any of these designs. This book is mailed free to those who correctly fill in the coupon below. Even if you have no immediate intention of building, we advise that you obtain a copy of our FREE BOOK OF PLANS. It's a valuable book.

Our Guarantee!

This company has a capital stock and surplus of over \$1,000,000.00. We guarantee absolute satisfaction in every detail. If you buy any material from us not as represented, we will take it back at our freight expense and return your money. We recognize the virtue of a satisfied customer. We will in every instance "Make Good." Thousands of satisfied customers prove this. We refer you to any bank or banker anywhere. Look us up in the Mercantile Agencies. Ask any Express Company. Write to the publisher of this publication. Our responsibility is unquestioned.

Hot Water Heating Plants!

We furnish new complete hot water heating outfits at half the usual prices. Our proposition includes all necessary plans, specifications, blueprints and detailed instructions; so that any ordinary mechanic handy with the use of tools can easily install it.

You can't go wrong when you deal with us. We stand back of every sale. You send us today a sketch of your building and we will make you a proposition to furnish you a complete steam or hot water heating outfit.

We also have hot air furnaces. Our booklet on heating plants tells every feature of the heating question. We can quote radiators & heaters separately. Whether you buy from us or not it's a valuable book for you to own. Write us today.



Water Supply Outfits!

Modern Air Pressure Water Supply Systems at prices ranging from \$45.00 to \$200.00. They are strictly new, first-class and complete in every detail. It makes no difference whether you live in the country, you can enjoy every city comfort at little expense. Why not investigate this? We are ready to furnish you with all facts free of charge. All material fully guaranteed. We also have a complete stock of Pipe, Valves and Fittings at 40 to 60 per cent saving. Gasoline Engines at low prices.

1 YEAR TO PAY

Just consider what a wonderful convenience it would be to you to be able to take **10 to 30 months** in which to settle for your purchases. Consider the advantage of being able to furnish your home completely and to **enjoy the full use of the goods while paying for them.** That's exactly what we offer you today—and it is by far the **most generous credit service** that was ever given by any home furnishing institution on the face of the globe. Remember, it matters not **where you live** or what your position or income may be, you are **perfectly welcome** to this most helpful credit service. **Use it freely!** Send only a **small amount** with your order, and then pay the balance a **little each month** as you earn the money. We charge absolutely nothing for this credit accommodation—**NO INTEREST**—no extras of any kind.

OUR 22 BIG RETAIL STORES

do a volume of business **greater** than that of **any other store** or combination of **stores on earth**—none excepted. We have furnished nearly 2,000,000 homes—have been in business **54 years** and stand today pre-eminent in our line—the **oldest, largest and best known** home furnishing concern on the American Continent. Capital and surplus larger than that of any other similar institution in the world.

PRICES POSITIVELY UNMATCHABLE

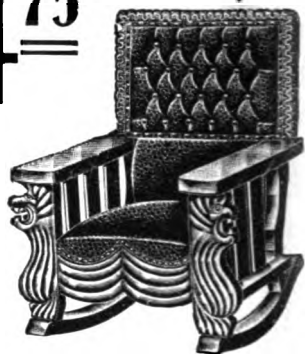
We can **save you** from 20% to 40% on any article you may need in your home. We can **cut under the prices** of any other firm in the business. You can't afford to place an order with any other concern on earth, until you have received our Big Catalogues—**simply can't afford to.**



This Solid Oak Rocker

Is strongly constructed and beautifully finished, solid oak frame, hand carved, also massive carved heads, full spring seat and tufted back, upholstered in Nantucket leather which has the wearing quality of genuine leather. **TERMS—75c cash and 50c monthly.**

\$4⁷⁵



CATALOG FREE

Our new fall **Furniture Catalogue** is the largest and handsomest book of the kind ever published. It is an immense volume, just filled with **unmatchable bargains** in everything to furnish and beautify the home, including furniture, carpets, rugs, draperies, crockery, sewing machines, clocks, silverware, and pianos, a portion of the goods being beautifully illustrated in colors. Our special **Stove Catalogue** is also an immense volume of world-beater bargains—positively the biggest values ever offered. Write for these two big catalogues at once—**write for them today.**

SATISFACTION OR YOUR MONEY BACK

Our guarantee of satisfaction is **not limited to 30 days**, but is given for an indefinite period. We refund money and freight charges on all purchases not entirely satisfactory. Our policies are broad, liberal and generous.

Cut out this coupon and mail it to us today.

HARTMAN FURNITURE AND CARPET CO.,

223-225-227 and 229 Wabash Ave., Chicago, U. S. A.

☐ State whether you wish Catalogue of Furniture, Catalogue of Stoves, or Catalogue of Furniture and Stoves.

Please mail me Big Free Catalogue of.....

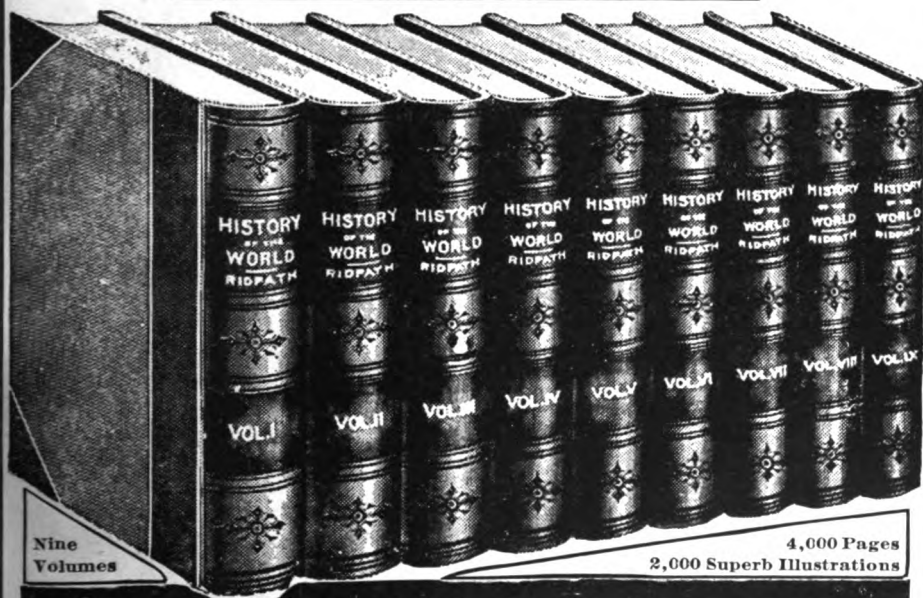
Name

P. O. Address.....

54

HARTMAN FURNITURE AND CARPET CO., CHICAGO, U. S. A.

Ridpath's History of the World **AT A BARGAIN**



4,000 Pages
2,000 Superb Illustrations

SEND THE COUPON We will name our bargain price only in direct letters to those sending the coupon below. Tear off the coupon, write name and address plainly, and mail now before you forget it. Dr. Ridpath is dead, his work is done, but his family derive an income from his History, and to print our price broadcast for the sake of more quickly selling these sets would cause great injury to future sales.

THE REASON for Dr. Ridpath's enviable position as an historian is his wonderfully beautiful style, a style no other historian in any generation has ever equaled. He tells the world's history as none other could ever tell it; he makes the heroes of history real, living men and women, and about them he weaves the rise and fall of empires in such a fascinating style that history becomes as absorbingly interesting as the greatest of novels, but Dr. Ridpath never wavers for one moment from the exact facts of history. In twenty years his History of the World has never been found wanting; no error has ever been proven against him. Hundreds who read this have decided to buy Ridpath

some day; now is the time. No need for us to tell you about Ridpath. The English-speaking world has pronounced this the only history of the world worth having. It is today in 200,000 American homes and is endorsed by Public Men—Educators—Business Men—the Clergy and everybody who knows history. Send Coupon Today.

**WESTERN NEWSPAPER
ASSOCIATION
CHICAGO**

**7c.
A DAY
Buys
This
Great
Work.**

FOLD HERE. TEAR OUT. SIGN AND MAIL.

**FREE
COUPON**

**WESTERN
NEWSPAPER
ASSOCIATION
204 Dearborn Street,
CHICAGO, ILL.**

Please mail, without cost to me, sample pages of Ridpath's History containing photographs of Napoleon and Queen Elizabeth, engravings of Caesar, Socrates and Shakespeare, diagram of Panama Canal, etc., and write me full particulars of your special offer to Railroad Telegrapher readers.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

The Best Book on 6% Bonds

We have written a book on Irrigation Bonds, based on long experience and intimate knowledge. Every investor, small or large, owes to himself its perusal. We want to send you a copy.

In the past 15 years, we have sold 70 separate issues of Drainage and Irrigation Bonds, without a dollar of loss to any investor. We are the largest dealers in these Reclamation Bonds, and they have become, in late years, our most popular bonds.

Irrigation Bonds are secured by liens on the most fertile farm lands in America. The value of the land is often more than four times the loan.

Some are municipal obligations, forming tax liens on the real property located in populous districts.

They are serial bonds, running from two to twelve years. Each year, as the loan is reduced, the security back of the rest is increased.

The denominations are \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, so one may invest either little or much.

The interest rate is six per cent. No other large class of bonds, equally well secured, now pays an equal rate.

These bonds are bound to become more and more popular as they become better known. They are the utmost in six per cent bonds. Please send us this coupon today for our free book, so you may know the facts.

Froubridge & Niver Co.

(Established 1883)

Municipal and Corporation Bonds

First Natl. Bank Bldg. First Natl. Bank Bldg. 50 Congress St.
CHICAGO SAN FRANCISCO BOSTON

Gentlemen:—Please send me your new Bond Book, "The World's Greatest Industry."

Name _____

Town _____

State _____

318

PRESIDENT SUSPENDERS

Insure absolute comfort and freedom of motion. The sliding cord in the back permits instant adjustment to every movement of your body and takes all strain off the shoulders and trouser buttons.



President Suspenders lie flat on the back and feel so easy you do not realize you have suspenders on. There is never any tugging or pulling when you move, as in the case of the old-style rigid back suspenders.

Light weight for office and dress wear, medium and heavy weights for workers. Extra lengths for tall men. Maker's guarantee on every pair—Satisfaction. New Pair or Money Back. If your dealer can't supply you, we will, postpaid, upon receipt of price, 50 cents. Convenience suggests a pair for each suit. Get them today.

The C. A. EDGARTON MFG. CO.

748 Main Street

SHIRLEY, MASS.



The Strong Arm

Perfect physical development depends on nerves as well as muscles. The athlete may be paralyzed!

If your nerves are out of order it will soon tell on your strength. Disordered nerves sap vitality in man or woman.

ZELL Nerve Tablets

are the only perfect nerve tonic put on the market with a guarantee. Your money back if they do not produce the desired result.

If you are all run down, if you are losing strength and natural vigor, take Zell Nerve Tablets and regain your perfect physical strength.

50 CENTS A BOX

to any address, in plain package.

THE ZELL DRUG CO., Gallon, O.

O. K. Is the decision of Telegraphers who have used Zell Nerve Tablets. The Remedy that stands every test—and is especially compounded to meet the requirements of Nervous and care worn Telegraphers.



ST. LOUIS SKYSCRAPERS.

**Photographed from the Balloon "Dauntless," at an altitude of 900 feet, by H. Eugene Honeywell.
an entrant for the balloon races of Centennial Week, October 3 to 9, 1909.**

THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE ORDER OF
RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.
L. W. QUICK - EDITOR AND MANAGER.



70
SUBSCRIPTION PRICE . . . \$1.00 PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT THE POST-OFFICE AT ST. LOUIS,
MO., AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER.
ENTERED AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER AT THE
POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA

Vol. XXVI.

SEPTEMBER, 1909.

No. 9.

EDITORIAL



SECRETARY MORRISON URGES GOV- ERNMENTAL ACTION.

FRANK MORRISON, Secretary of the American Federation of Labor, has requested Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel to publicly investigate the causes that led up to the strike of the employes of the Pressed Steel Car Company, of McKees Rocks, Pa., and which has resulted in so much rioting and loss of life. In support of this request he cites a report made by a newspaper writer of high standing, who investigated the conditions in the car shops and published his observations, showing that the men had just grounds for complaint.

The company seems to have assumed a very arrogant attitude, and it is to be hoped that Secretary Nagel will grant the request of Secretary Morrison and make a governmental investigation through a duly created commission. The best medicine for an arrogant and unfair employer seems to be

publicity. Secretary Morrison's letter was as follows:

"WASHINGTON, August 28, 1909.

"Sir: I herewith make a formal request for an investigation into the conditions which caused the strike of the employes of the Pressed Steel Car Company, at McKees Rocks, Pa., and base such request upon section 8 of the act of February 14, 1903, which provides in the last clause of said section that 'he (Secretary of Commerce and Labor) shall also from time to time make such special investigations and reports as he may be required to do by the President, or by either House of Congress, OR WHICH HE HIMSELF MAY DEEM NECESSARY AND URGENT.'

"I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that the strikers are composed of several thousand alien and unorganized men, whose wages have been reduced by the officers of the Pressed Steel Car Company to such an extent that in sheer desperation

they decided to cease work until the many grievances, which they could no longer bear, were remedied and a higher wage-rate was paid.

"While I deplore the rioting and needless sacrifice of human life caused by the struggle of these alien workers for better conditions, yet I submit that because this rioting and loss of life has occurred, it should not be permitted to divert our attention from the fact that the rioting and loss of life are the direct result of the unbearable and unbelievable conditions that have been forced upon these defenseless and helpless wage-workers by the Pressed Steel Car Company.

"In support of the above statement I call your attention to the full report made by Mr. Paul U. Kellogg, published in the August 7 issue of *The Survey*, and quote a small part thereof to give you some idea of the un-American conditions under which the employes of this company have been compelled to work:

"The charges brought by the men against the way the Pressed Steel Car Company applied this system are many and definite. Since the strike the company has offered to look into and adjust any case of individual grievance brought before it, but has flatly refused to take them up before an impartial board of arbitration.

"In the first place, the men charge that they have no means of checking up what is coming to them. No piece rates are posted as under the old system. They don't know what the pool is going to get per piece for any of the work it does, nor the lump sum due it at the end of a fortnight. They claim the hourly rating is not a guaranteed minimum; that many of the men have received pay far under what they understood their rating to be, and that foremen and superintendents have refused to tell others what their rating was. Further, it is alleged that where a lump sum is paid for a series of operations done by different gangs in completing a car, no money is paid any of the gangs until the whole series of operations is completed. As some pools have included as many as three hundred men, it is manifestly impossible for the men to keep track. Their pay envelopes show on the outside

merely the check number, and the amount inside—neither the man's rating, nor the number of hours he has worked, nor the bonus due him under the piece pool system, nor the amount arbitrarily deducted from his earnings by the company for insurance.

* * * * *

"The strikers' committee collected a large number of pay envelopes, showing the amounts received, and taking the men's statements as to the number of hours they had worked. Some of these cases were published, and the company in reply stated that its books showed the men worked less time than they claimed. The men had no books.

"Let me quote, by way of illustration, a few of the number of cases collected by Alois B. Koukol, Secretary of the National Slavonic Society, who interviewed men of several nationalities:

"Max Sharp, check 4617, backer-up; pay June 15, 3 days, \$1; June 15-30, 13 days, \$24. Sharp stated that his master riveter received only \$16 during the last-named period, although he worked the same hours and his pay should have been the higher.

"John Jakubik, check 156, laborer in yard, supposedly at \$1.33 per day; 14 days, \$15.

"John Malinak, check 5099, riveter; pay July 10, 4 days, \$3.50. Stated five other men working with him on the same job received same pay for same period.

"Danko Lacik, check 4092, riveter; pay July 10, 10 days, 2 nights, \$6.50.

"Stefan Humenuyi, check 3127, puncher: pay Jne 15, 10½ days, \$14.50; July 1, 10½ days, \$14.95. This man worked in the shops for over seven years and used to make, he says, at least \$30 under the old system.

"Sobek Pelts, check 3462, worked three nights in May, and did not draw any pay for it. He complained to foreman and was sent to office. They referred him back to foreman, and he wound up the affair by saying, 'Well, what do you think, that I am going to pay you from my own pocket?'

"Andy Comisak, check 4028, backer-up. 14 days, 7 hours, \$20.30. Another backer-up in the same gang worked same hours and got \$23.65 for his pay. Comisak complained

his foreman promised to 'fix it up' but did not do anything.

"This wage trouble was not in any one group. It ran from yard laborer up. A pressman, who had been five years in the works, told me he had earned \$50, \$55 and \$60 a fortnight under the old system. His last few pays ranged from \$22 to \$28.

"Under the name of the Fidelity Land Company the Pressed Steel Car Company owns 200 double houses in Schoenville. These rent for \$12 a month for four rooms, well ventilated, but without water in the houses. The rent money is taken out of the pay envelope of the boarding boss; and when this is not enough, the claim is made that it has been taken out of his lodger's pay. A laborer can not afford to rent one of these houses unless he fills it with lodgers. That is their purpose—lodging houses.'

"In addition to the above, I would refer you to the Rev. A. F. Tonor, Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, McKees Rocks, Pa., who has been repeatedly quoted as having stated in the pulpit and in the public press 'that the conditions under which the employes of the company work and live are such that they are unfit for publication;' and that 'they are a disgrace to our civilization.'

"For additional information regarding this strike, I would refer you to the statements which have been published in the public press.

"If this very brief mention of existing conditions in McKees Rocks is deemed sufficient for you to deem it necessary and urgent to inaugurate an investigation and make a report to the public, I would particularly direct your attention to the fact: That the Pressed Steel Car Company is especially favored by the United States Government; that this company is enabled by a protective tariff to place a much higher price upon their products than it could if they were on the free list; that this company, because of the tariff enjoyed by the iron and steel industry, collects a vast sum of money each year from the American public; that the new tariff law has just been enacted; that the representatives of the great iron and steel companies set up the plea that if the present tariff was continued on their products the

benefits would accrue to their employes, and that if the tariff was not enacted they would be forced to reduce the wages of their employes; that because of such information being submitted by representatives of the iron and steel companies who desired a still higher tariff the present law was adopted in good faith by the last Congress.

"I therefore contend that the public has a right to know if the iron and steel companies, who are profiting on account of a protective tariff, are keeping faith with the Government, and are paying their employes a reasonable wage rate, a wage rate in keeping with the protection enjoyed by the companies.

"A careful investigation of all the facts in this case would place you in possession of sufficient information to enable you to inform the public whether the increased prices charged by the Pressed Steel Car Company, as the result of the existing tariff on their products and the materials of which they are composed, are received by their employes, or, on the other hand, if they are diverted in part, or in their entirety, to enlarge the profits of the various companies and to increase the dividends of their stockholders.

"In any event, in the face of the grave and serious charges made and conditions now existing at McKees Rocks, Pa., the public should have a clear-cut report of the facts in the case from the officers of the Government whose duty it is to make an investigation of that character. The public will then have an unbiased report and be in a position to judge whether the fearful and awful conditions alleged to exist in McKees Rocks are true or false.

"I therefore submit this request and express the hope that it will receive your immediate and favorable consideration.

"Very respectfully yours,

"FRANK MORRISON,

"Secretary American Federation of Labor.

"HON. CHARLES NAGEL,

"Secretary Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington, D. C."

The American Federationist, in its editorial columns, discusses the lessons to be

drawn from the strike at considerable length. It says:

"Public attention has recently been rather forcibly directed to the fact that labor unions are not responsible for *all* strikes. Within the past few weeks many thousands of *unorganized* workmen struck at the plant of the Pressed Steel Car Company at McKees Rocks and at other steel plants in that section.

"Not only were these men without union organization, but they were unskilled laborers and foreigners, most of whom had only recently arrived in this country; many of them could not even speak English.

"This strike emphasized a new and hopeful trend in the industrial situation in this country. Among the employers who are so unscientific as to refuse to deal with union labor, it has been assumed that it was a perfectly safe proposition to employ the unskilled and recently arrived immigrant of the Slav race. It was supposed that his ignorance and his previous low standard of living and his inherited patience under bad treatment would make him incapable of resenting the very low wages and oppressive treatment which it might be inadvisable to offer to the American workman with his better education and higher standards of living.

"Judging from recent events, it would seem that the Slav workman has imbibed some ideas about personal freedom and the dignity of labor, though where or how he got them would be difficult to discover, considering the conditions under which he works in this country.

"If employers of the steel company and packing house and coal mining type were to go on for years without any sense of their just obligations to their employes and to the public which protects them and gives them an opportunity to do business; if they were able to secure an unlimited amount of foreign labor too timid and ignorant to resent injustice, then, indeed, would the industrial future of this country look dark and we might well doubt if any restraining influences could later be successfully applied once the system of working only to produce profits without regard for any other factor

in the situation was strongly entrenched. The strike of the Slav workmen in this instance is only a forerunner of what may be expected from the same type of workmen in other industries where a similar policy is pursued. They will have to be reckoned with in the future. These workmen have already some glimmering of the employers' duty to them and their children in this their adopted country. They are beginning to realize that the 'right to quit' is not a good foundation upon which to educate themselves and to bring up their children as good citizens. They have registered their first serious protest against the sort of exploitation which offers as the only redress the 'right to quit.'

"Violence and lawlessness are always deplorable no matter how just the cause of the protestants, yet we must remember that there always is some *cause* for such conduct, and until we understand and remove that cause, society is not safe. In this instance we must admit that the foreign workman of the type under discussion has nearly always been treated both with brutality and injustice from the day he landed in this country. The employer might defraud him and oppress him in a thousand indescribable ways and all the lawful orderly forces of society looked on too indifferent to interfere in his behalf. This he felt keenly; then how should he—when the time of blind revolt came—know any other method of protest than the brutal and violent example set by his betters?"

LOSSES, DAMAGES AND INJURIES.

THE Bureau of Railway News and Statistics (the employers' bureau), in a pamphlet just issued, asserts that more than \$50,000,000 was paid out in 1908 in "Loss and Damage" and "Injuries to Persons." The pamphlet deals quite extensively with figures to substantiate the claims made, and pays its respects to certain lawyers, whom are charged with "nefarious activity" in behalf of illegitimate claims. It also cites an alleged illegal claim in Texas where an employe is claimed to have brought suit account of permanent injury and secured judgment, and that a few

months later he took employment with a telephone company as lineman.

The pamphlet concludes with the statement that "educating public sentiment to an appreciation of the fact that the railroads are entitled to a 'fair deal'" seems to be the only remedy for the present conditions.

The following statistics are given in the pamphlet:

From the reports of twenty-one roads doing more than one-half of the business of the country, it is computed that the railways of the United States paid approximately \$56,700,000 for "loss and damage" and "injuries to persons" during the year

ending June 30, 1908. In the preceding year these accounts amounted to \$47,258,587, and in 1898 to \$12,182,003. Thus it appears that where nearly every other item of railway expenses had yielded to the economies of adversity, these two parasitic growths increased enormously, both absolutely and relatively.

It is this last increase that gives railway managers their greatest concern. This relative and progressive increase for the decade ending June 30, 1907, is shown in the following table compiled from the latest published reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission:

SUMMARY SHOWING AMOUNTS PAID BY THE RAILWAYS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" DURING THE DECADE 1897 TO 1907, INCLUSIVE, AND PROPORTION TO GROSS EARNINGS.

	Loss and Damage		Injuries to Persons	
	Amount	Per Cent of Earnings	Amount	Per Cent of Earnings
1897.....	4,793,143	.477	6,049,889	.30
1898.....	5,409,544	.433	6,772,449	.543
1899.....	5,976,082	.455	7,116,212	.541
1900.....	7,065,622	.474	8,405,980	.565
1901.....	8,109,637	.510	9,014,144	.567
1902.....	11,034,686	.639	11,682,756	.676
1903.....	13,726,508	.722	14,052,123	.739
1904.....	17,002,602	.861	15,838,179	.802
1905.....	19,782,692	.946	16,034,727	.770
1906.....	21,086,219	.907	17,466,864	.751
1907.....	25,796,083	.996	21,462,504	.829

From which it appears that where the payments on account of "Loss and Damage" increased \$21,002,940, or 437.9% in ten years, and of "Injuries to Persons" \$15,412,615, or 254.7%, the increase relatively to gross earnings was 130.2% and 54.5% respectively.

When the millions expended by the railways on safety appliances during the decade are considered, this relative increase on account of injuries to persons staggers belief. But it is established by the facts in the following statement:

COMPARISON OF GROSS EARNINGS AND PAYMENTS FOR "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" IN 1897 AND 1907 WITH PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE.

Item	1897	1907	Increase Per Cent.
Gross earnings.....	\$1,122,089,773	\$2,589,105,578	130.7
Loss and damage.....	4,793,143	25,796,083	437.9
Injuries to persons.....	6,049,889	21,462,504	254.7
Total last two items.....	\$ 10,843,032	\$ 47,258,587	335.8
Proportion of earnings.....	.966%	1.825%	88.9

Words can not add to the story of these remarkable percentages. Where the gross earnings of the railways have a little more than doubled in ten years, their payments,

on account of "Injuries to Persons" have more than trebled, and on account of "Loss and Damage" more than quintupled. The differences in these percentages cost the

railway over \$22,000,000 last year, without adding one jot to their efficiency or safety.

Nor did the year ending June 30, 1908, which saw the revenues of the railways shrivel in the face of industrial depression, with an accompanying reduction of over \$53,000,000 in expenses, see any recession

in the tide of these unremunerative expenditures. Official returns for this branch of railway economy for 1908 are lacking, but the reports of 21 systems, representing one-half of the railway business of the United States, supply the following information:

EXPENSES ON ACCOUNT OF "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" ON
TWENTY-ONE LEADING RAILWAY SYSTEMS FOR THE YEARS ENDING
JUNE 30, 1907 AND 1908.

	1907	1908	Increase or Decrease Per Cent.
Miles operated.....	96,453	99,148	Inc. 2.79
Gross earnings.....	\$1,287,786,466	\$1,220,745,655	Dec. 5.20
Loss and damage.....	14,781,587	20,441,685	Inc. 38.29
Injuries to persons.....	11,279,169	10,801,207	Dec. 4.23
Total last two items.....	\$ 26,060,756	\$ 31,242,882	Inc. 19.88
Proportion to earnings.....	2.02	2.56	

Great as is the increase shown in this table, absolutely and relatively, it would have been still greater but for a phenomenal decrease of over three-quarters of a million in payments for "Injuries to Persons" by one road. Omitting this road from the calculation, the payments on the account last named for the remaining twenty systems would have shown an increase of nearly 4% instead of the decrease of 4.23% as above.

This summary furnishes the basis for the computation that, during the fiscal year 1907-8, the railways of the United States paid approximately \$56,700,000, or more than 2.3% of their gross earnings, in settlement of claims for "Loss and Damage" and "Injuries to Persons."

To appreciate the burden of this unproductive charge, it may be stated that it is more than three times the aggregate salaries of all the general officers of the railways of the United States; it is double the yearly pay of their 35,000 station agents; it exceeds the yearly compensation of their firemen or conductors; it is more than one-third of the annual earnings of all the railways of Canada; it equals the total revenues of the railways of Belgium or of all the railways of Australia, and is largely in excess of those of the railways of Sweden, Norway and Denmark combined. It equals the

freight earnings of the railways of Texas—the State in which the "Damage and Injury" industry has outstripped the untiring activity of the tax collector.

An analysis of the reports of individual systems proves that the "Damage and Injury" industry is most successfully prosecuted in the Western States. Where the amount paid by all the railways for "Loss and Damage" between 1897 and 1907 increased 437%, six leading systems operating 37,334 miles of line west of Chicago paid on the same account \$5,249,307 in 1908, against only \$729,340 in 1898—an increase of 620% in ten years. During the same period, however, four other roads operating 22,969 miles in the Southwest paid on the same account, \$6,565,470 in 1908, against only \$693,317 in 1898—an increase of over 830% in ten years.

In the matter of payments on account of "Injuries to Persons," the record for the West and South is equally unfavorable. Where the cost on this account to all the railways between 1897 and 1907 increased 254%, on the six western systems referred to, it advanced from \$731,028 in 1898 to \$3,343,965 in 1908, an increase of over 357%.

On the four Southwestern roads the payments for "Injuries to Persons" increased

from \$612,277 in 1898 to \$2,796,673 in 1908, or 356% in ten years.

Naturally the increase on some individual roads was very much greater than these averages—in one case running over 1000% in ten years.

Comparison with the expenditures of

British railways for the same accounts, as reported to the British Board of Trade, emphasizes the excessive character of the increases for these items in American railway expenditures. The following statement is taken from the blue book returns for the year ending December 31, 1908:

SUMMARY OF GROSS EARNINGS AND PAYMENTS FOR "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" OF THE RAILWAYS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE YEARS 1899 AND 1908, WITH PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE.

	*1899	1908	Increase in Eight Years Per Cent.
Gross earnings.....	\$489,118,290	\$583,885,372	19.3
Loss and damage.....	2,022,511	2,131,112	5.3
Injuries to persons.....	1,385,976	1,846,704	33.2
Total last two items.....	\$ 3,408,487	\$ 3,977,816	16.6
Percentage of earnings.....	.696	.681	†2.2

*Items first segregated in 1899.

†Decrease.

Here it will be perceived there was actually a decrease in the ratio of the "Loss and Damage" and "Injuries to Persons" accounts to the gross earnings. The proportionate decrease would have been much greater but for the effect of the "Workmen's Compensation Act" of 1897. The compensation for personal injuries to passengers paid by the railways of the United Kingdom in 1908 was considerably less than in 1899.

But the most startling contrast between these figures and those of the United States is seen in the relative percentage of the two items to earnings. This is so great that the ratio to earnings of either item in the United States is considerably greater than that of the sum of the two combined in Great Britain.

Moreover, this condition has developed most rapidly during the past ten years, as the following summary demonstrates:

PROPORTIONS OF "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" IN THE UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM.

	United States		United Kingdom	
	Ratio to Earnings 1897	1907	Ratio to Earnings 1899	1908
Injuries to persons.....	.427%	.996%	.413%	.365%
Loss and damage.....	.539	.829	.283	.316
Total .....	.966%	1.825%	.696%	.681%

This table affords a convincing arraignment of the "Loss and Damage" and "Personal Injury" industry, as it has fattened at the expense of American railways. If there was no satisfactory reason why the ratio of these two accounts to earnings in

America in 1897 should have exceeded the British ratio by nearly 40%, by just so much more, its excess of 158% in 1907 establishes the undue growth of the fungus on railway operating expenses.

The State of Texas has had a variegated

experience with the "Personal Injury" industry. Between 1894 and 1904, the payments by Texas railways on account of "Personal Injuries" increased from \$333,338 to \$1,873,793, or 462%. In the meantime the earnings of Texas railways increased from \$34,197,221 in 1894 to \$65,209,215 in 1904, or less than 91%.

This condition was sufficiently grave to attract the attention of the Federal Courts, and in 1903 the grand jury reported certain lawyers of Fort Worth to United States Judge E. H. Meek, for "barratrous practices." He submitted the evidence to a committee of the Bar Association of Fort Worth, which found the parties guilty but pleaded for leniency to them. In accepting

the committee's report, Judge Meek administered a rebuke to the committee for its weak-kneed treatment of practices that disgrace the profession, prostitute the law and divert the true course of justice. He also held up the report of the grand jury for future action, if he "found the parties incriminated still prosecuting this character of practice."

The exposure, rebuke and threat effected a temporary depression in the "Personal Injury" industry in Texas. That it was merely suspended and not abandoned, is proved by the following summary of payments by Texas railways in the subsequent years:

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS FOR "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" BY THE RAILWAYS OF TEXAS FOR THE YEARS 1904 TO 1908.

	Loss and Damage	Per Cent of Earnings	Injuries to Persons	Per Cent of Earnings
1904	\$1,200,099	1.84	\$1,873,793	2.87
1905	1,124,952	1.65	1,368,583	2.01
1906	1,178,608	1.56	1,379,791	1.83
1907	1,307,607	1.36	1,824,208	1.90
1908	2,447,652	2.99	1,803,157	2.20

The last percentages indicate how completely the effect of Judge Meek's rebuke has died away. Combined, they afford the

following contrast with similar percentages for the United States and the United Kingdom:

RATIO OF "LOSS AND DAMAGE" AND "INJURIES TO PERSONS" TO EARNINGS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES AND TEXAS.

United Kingdom, 1908.....	.681	Per Cent.
United States, 1907.....	1.825	" "
Texas, 1908.....	5.190	" "

In 1908 the ratio of taxes to the earnings of the railways of Texas was 4.05 per cent. And so these expenses which do not lay a rail or turn a wheel, which the management is powerless to regulate or restrict, absorb over 9 per cent of the earnings of the railways of Texas.

Statistics give no inkling of the causes underlying the startling increases in these unremunerative expenses. But the single fact that in the United States they have been so grossly disproportionate to the increase in the earnings justifies the inference

that more than half of them are illegitimate. Beyond question, American railways are more efficiently managed today than they were ten years ago. They were never better organized and equipped for the handling of passenger and freight traffic than they are today. Their accounts were never before subjected to such inquisitorial scrutiny and surveillance.

Certain losses which no foresight or care can avert, are coincident to railway operation. These are due to wrecks, delays and all manner of misadventures and mistakes.

The difference between an increase of 130% in gross earnings and 437% on account of "Loss and Damage," and 254% on account of "Injuries to Persons" is nothing more or less than the margin of spoliation in which the railways are mulcted through the "pernicious activity" of claim bureaus and attorneys, the carelessness and thoughtlessness of employes and downright thievery to which such an enormous business is exposed.

The nefarious activity on behalf of illegitimate claims, the proceeds of which are divided between the attorneys and their clients, has an unfortunate effect to prejudice meritorious claims, for it forces the railways to defer proper payments until they have been subjected to what is often deemed purely vexatious investigation. And so the good will between the railways and honorable shippers and patrons is imperiled through the exercise of ordinary precaution to circumvent imposition and expose imposters.

So far the railways do not appear to have discovered any means of separating just claims for damages and injuries from the extortionate and fraudulent demands fostered by unscrupulous lawyers and claim bureaus. In the figures presented, it is believed that one-half of the amount has no legitimate claim upon the operating revenues of the railway. In Texas this is certainly true of two-thirds of the claims for personal injuries, of which the following is by no means a singular instance:

"A brakeman in the employ of a Texan road brought suit, alleging that he had suffered a spinal injury and was paralyzed in his legs. He was wheeled about in a chair during the pending of his suit, apparently a helpless cripple. He recovered \$5,000.00. A few months later he was found in the employ of a telephone company where his duties as lineman required him to climb poles."

The only remedy appears to lie along the line of educating public sentiment to an appreciation of the fact that the greatest public utility in the republic is entitled to a "fair deal" at the hands of legislatures, courts, juries and all classes of citizens, shippers and periodicals.

HATTERS WIN.

THE United Hatters have won their fight against the boss hatters organization. This has been one of the most stubborn fights of recent years. The boss hatters, a few months ago, announced their intention of discarding the United Hatters' label and of instituting the "open shop," which was an abrogation of existing contracts. This precipitated a fight which was participated in by nearly the entire membership of the United Hatters' organization, and which finally resulted in victory for them. The *New York Call* publishes the following account of the final settlement:

"The temporary agreement between the United Hatters of North America and the Danbury hat manufacturers of three months ago, by which 5,500 striking hatters returned to work at union wages has expired, the officers of the union stated yesterday, and in accordance with the terms of this agreement a permanent agreement, these officers say, is now to be made by which these firms will become again union label concerns.

"National Secretary Martin Lawler, of the hatters, said that the Danbury firm gave ninety days' notice to the Associated Hat Manufacturers of their intention to withdraw from the association, in accordance with its rules, so that at the end of the ninety days, when their resignations went into effect, they would not be liable to be sued for the \$25,000 bonds each, which they gave as a guarantee that they would live up to the open shop policy of the association, and could then use the union label.

"These firms do their business principally through jobbers or middlemen who market their products," said Secretary Lawler, "and we have in the meantime twenty-five women detailed to put the union label in the hats when they reach the hands of the jobbers. This is the concern of the union only, and the firms which have not attached the label have no responsibility for it. We are now waiting to make sure that the Danbury firms are altogether free from responsibility to the association, before we supply the labels to them to be attached to the hats, as usual, at the factories."

"A circular signed by National President

Moffit and National Secretary Lawlor, of the hatters, to all the hatters who are still on strike, was issued yesterday, urging them to use every effort to create a demand for union label hats. The circular says that

out of fifty-eight members in the association of the hat manufacturers before the strike, nearly forty, including two officers of the association, have resigned from membership."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Five hundred and eighty-two new members were initiated into the Order during the month of August.

The mailing list has been revised and only members with dues paid to December 31, 1909, will receive a copy of this number from the regular mailing list.

The attention of correspondents is again called to the fact that all matter for the journal should be in the hands of the Editor not later than the 28th of the month to insure its insertion in the following issue.

The Mutual Benefit Department Fund continues to grow. A statement of that department is published each month on the Grand Division page of THE TELEGRAPHER, immediately preceding the division directory.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for \$4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



Bro. C. E. Hosler, of Division 33, has been awarded the first prize of \$200.00 for having secured the greatest number of new members during the year 1908. Bro. R. R. McInroy, of Division 8, has been awarded the second prize of \$150.00. Bro. W. H.

Cord, of Division 59, has been awarded the third prize of \$100.00. Bro. N. C. Hines, of Division 97, has been awarded the fourth prize of \$75.00, and Bro. J. J. Collins, of Division 38, has been awarded fifth prize of \$50.00.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

C. W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., the notorious anti-labor agitator, has broken loose with another tirade against organized labor, which has been published in certain newspapers in different sections of the country as a paid advertisement. He concludes his tirade by appealing to the people of the country not to buy union label goods. Mr. Post is the manufacturer of Postum, Grape-Nuts and Post Toasties. He proclaims that the workmen in his plants do not belong to labor unions.

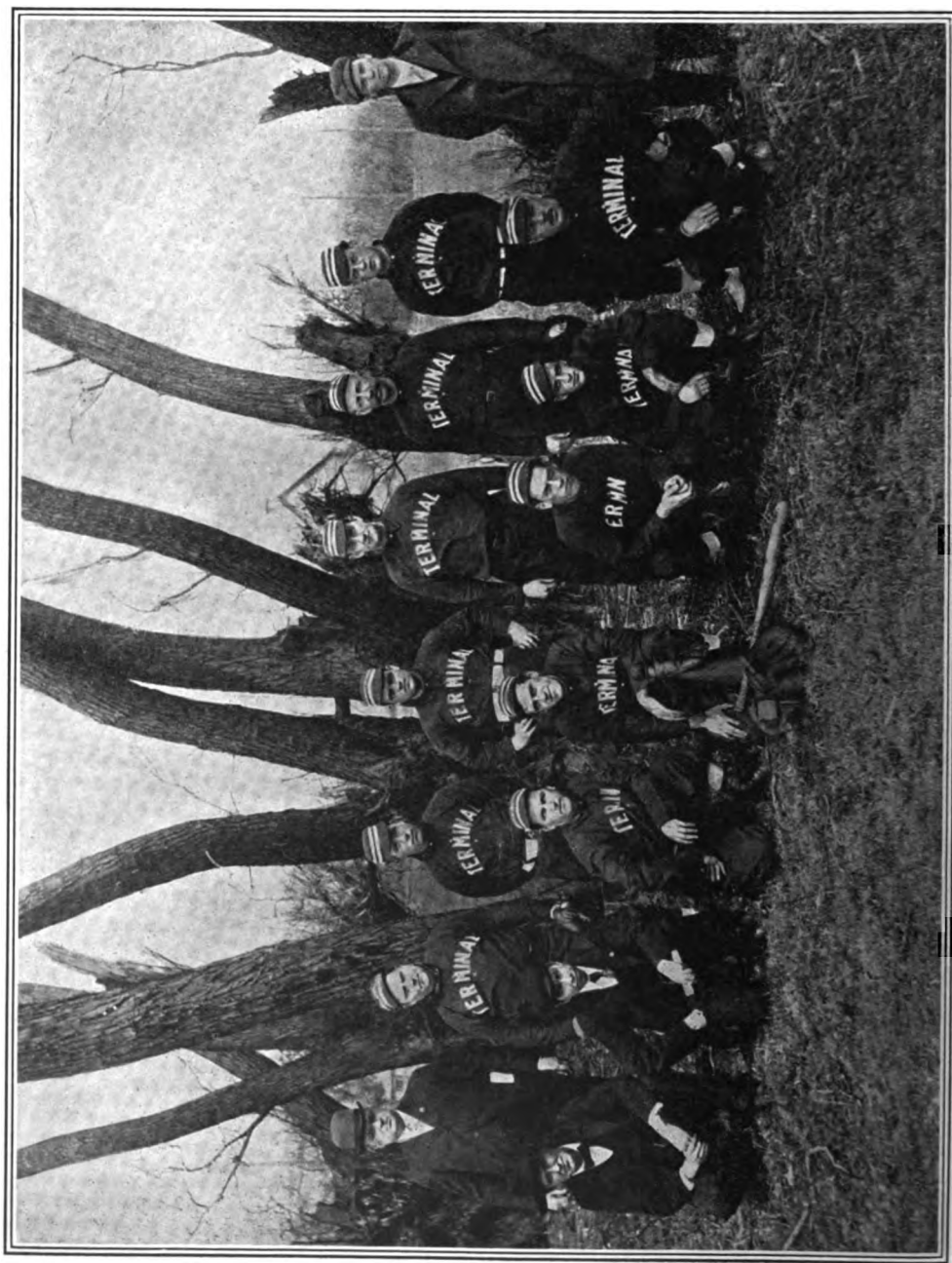
"The way of the transgressor is hard." In 1904, when the Order had a strike on the M. K. & T. Railway, some of the telegraphers employed on that line were induced to believe that "the company would always take care of them," if they would remain "loyal" to the company. Since then many of the "faithful" have been turned adrift to seek employment elsewhere with their "scabby" record following them, and as a final climax notice of a 10 per cent reduc-

tion in wages has been served on a "certain clan," as expressed in a press dispatch from Sherman, Texas, to the Fort Worth *Record*. The press dispatch states that "notice was served on all agents of a certain class—those agents holding positions at small stations where they have to do the telegraphing as well as the clerical work—that there would be a cut in salaries which amounts to about 10 per cent." The dispatch further says: "Some of the agents whose salaries were cut have quit and declare they will quit railroading altogether and engage in some other business before they get too old to learn a

new business. A few of the agents, mainly those who went to work for the company during the strike, are very indignant, and feel that they have not been treated fairly, as the fact that they went in on a strike will make it hard for them to get anything else, and they have nothing to do but to grin and bear any cut which may come their way." It would seem from the experience of scabs in the past that anyone with ordinary intelligence, even though he may be devoid of all sense of honor, would realize that scabbing is not only unwise but unprofitable from a business standpoint.



W. D. Wolfe. E. C. Needham. C. H. Parks.
 Mrs. W. D. Wolfe. Mrs. E. C. Needham and Baby.
 O. R. T. GROUP—SOUTHERN RAILWAY—WARING, GA.



N. Y. N. H. & H. RAILWAY — BOSTON TERMINAL BASEBALL TEAM — MEMBERS BOSTON DIVISION, No. 89.

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. Clyde Blough, of Forest Park, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Jordan, of Howell Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. D. Barnes, of Round Rock, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. A. Stetson, of Central Village, Conn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. E. Herbert, of Peterson, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Campion, of Jewett, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. C. Taylor, of Stanley, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry Macdona, of Campbell Hall, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. W. Slappey, of Albany, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. E. Staples, of Ringgold, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. S. Stover, of Clearfield, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Hunter, of Curry, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Miller, of Beech Creek, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. W. Frederick, of Valley City, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. R. Pendarvis, of Frederic, La., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Walter, of Fairfield, Ia., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Rhoades, of McCordsville, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. B. Sawyer, of Lena, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Cline, of Winchester, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. V. D. Lucy, of Quincy, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. L. Black, of Fostoria, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Guck, of Wellsburg, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. T. Bradbury, of Tuscola, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Raymond Harte, of Lambertville, N. J., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. L. Paul, of Seneca, S. D., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. R. Schutte, of Wittenberg, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. H. Girling, of Elroy, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. McDaniels, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. D. Henning, of Sisson, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. M. Rogers, of Register, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Thos. Dryden, of Glendale Junction, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Foudray, of Coal Bluff, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. I. Klingenger, of Newberry, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Vint, of Hornbeck, La., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. T. Ferguson, of Beaumont, Texas, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. G. Beard, of State Line, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. W. Frederick, of Valley City, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. C. Delamarter, of New Haven, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. F. Klages, of Romulus, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Garthwait, of Friendship, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. G. Byers, of Applegate, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Sanders, of San Antonio, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Cummings, of Smithboro, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. E. Wilson, of Conyers, Ga., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. J. B. Alden, of Div. 139, to Sister L. B. Hawkes, of Div. 139.

Bro. G. F. Unangst, of Div. 130, to Miss Laura Beckett.

At Rushville, Mo., Bro. C. F. Wahl, of Div. 130, to Miss Lena Van Hoozer.

Bro. W. M. Pate, of Div. 132, to Miss Nina McKay.

Bro. Carl Martz, of Div. 138, to Miss Roxie Clark.

Bro. J. W. Ford, of Div. 130, to Miss Pope.

Bro. J. C. Gardner, of Div. 82, to Miss Mary E. Weaver.

At Appleton, Wis., Bro. P. H. Noyes, of Div. 76, to Miss Alma Zuehlke.

Bro. J. I. Hardin, of Div. 59, to Miss Peoples.

Bro. G. A. Morrison, of Div. 18, to Miss Wauneta Isgriggs.

Bro. F. E. Wilbur, of Div. 35, to Miss Mary Lillibridge.

Bro. L. V. Vermilyea, of Div. 29, to Miss Rose Young.

Bro. Gus. Tofsen, of Div. 23, to Miss Grace Quiggle.

Bro. J. W. Williams, of Div. 14, to Miss Nannie Hunt.

Bro. E. C. Nelson, of Div. 23, to Miss Amelia Christensen.

Bro. C. E. Pendleton, of Div. 14, to Miss Edna Hatfield.

At Owanka, S. D., Bro. Grover B. Aldrich, of Div. 76, to Miss Ida May Stucker.

At Victor, N. Y., Bro. Geo. W. Wilson, of Div. 8, to Miss Anna Grace Murray.

Bro. Wm. G. Brinton, of Div. 7, to Miss Lillian B. Holcoun.

At Ionia, Mich., Bro. A. L. Warren, of the Grand Division, to Miss Marie P. Rogers.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. Jesse G. Cunningham, of Div. 31.

At Seboois, Me., Irva A. McLeod, daughter of Bro. J. I. McLeod, of Div. 7.

At Kalamazoo, Mich., Patrick H. Malone, father of Bro. G. W. Malone, of Div. 130.

At Hendersonville, N. C., brother of Bro. J. L. Bridges, of Div. 132.

At Warren, Pa., Bro. Frank Signor, of Div. 110.

At Richland Center, Pa., Bro. H. W. Moyer, of Div. 102.

At Dawson Springs, Ky., child of Bro. H. H. Proctor, of Div. 93.

At Calumet Yards, Wis., infant of Bro. T. H. Wellando, of Div. 76.

At Kings Mountain, Ky., Bro. J. A. Engleman, of Div. 62.

At Cohutta, Ga., mother of Bro. H. A. Henderson, of Div. 59.

At Davisville, R. I., infant son of Bro. E. R. Smith, of Div. 35.

At Hoisington, Kans., Bro. D. M. Southwick, of Div. 31.

At Kane, Pa., wife of Bro. L. E. Daugherty, of Div. 110.

At Fombell, Pa., infant son of Bro. J. J. Lanning, of Div. 33.

At Thaxton, Va., mother of Bro. Harry Kyle, of Div. 14.

At Kansas City, Kans., Bro. C. A. Davis, of Div. 6.

At Kansas City, Mo., Bro. J. C. Hodgetts, of Div. 6.

At Laurel, Md., wife of Bro. F. W. Bealer, of Div. 33.

At Missouri Valley, Ia., Jennie Kennedy, daughter of Bro. Nathan Kennedy, of Div. 76.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of Dispatcher C. W. Kidd. Any information will be appreciated.
Address, Box 43, DeSoto, Mo.

To hear from some of the boys who were at Smithville, Texas, summer of 1904.

"PFLUGERVILLE" JORDAN,
619 Wood St., Texarkana, Ark.

Present address of H. G. Hartley. "H," if you see this, write me.

W. F. STEHMANN,
Beardstown, Ill.

Present address of James A. Berry, last heard of at El Paso, Texas, December, 1908. Important. Mrs. L. L. CLARKE,
Durant, Okla.

To communicate with relatives of Leroy T. Davis, who died near here.

Lock Box 1241,
Muskogee, Okla.

Present address of Otto James. Last heard of in St. Louis in the furniture business. "JA," if you see this, write me.

E. F. GLEASON,
Care of I. C. R. R. Pinckneyville, Ill.

Present address of O. P. Budhal, last heard of working for a mining company at Silverton, Colo. Have very important news for him.

R. E. CASEY,
Butterfield, Minn.

Present address of Harry Guest, worked at Hamlet, N. C., in 1904, and at Columbia, S. C., in 1905. Important.

HENRY CHAPMAN,
1802 Blanding St.,
Columbia, S. C.

Present address of Dr. E. A. Geltch, formerly practiced here, moved to Curtis, Wis., then to Stanton, N. D., left there intending to go to Chicago, but have heard nothing since.

F. J. KENDRECH,
Kennan, Wis.

Present address of W. S. Joyner, last heard of about seven years ago; was then at Montgomery, Ala. Any information as to his whereabouts will be appreciated.

T. T. JOYNER,
185 Spring St.,
Charleston, S. C.

Present address of Roy A. Bennett. "Roy," if you see this, write at once. Father's health is failing.

MRS. J. A. BENNETT,
P. O. Box 87, Nordhoff, Cal.

Present address of C. W. Carson, last heard of on his way to Omaha, Neb., to accept employment with Union Pacific. Anyone knowing his whereabouts will confer a favor by giving his address.

Z. R. Hook, Local Chairman,
Manhattan, Kans.

Present address of Frank E. Holmes, Milton G. Stanhagen and R. O. Miller, old-timers of the Signal Corps, U. S. Army. Drop me a line, boys, at Hadley, Alaska: would like to hear from you.

JOHN D. HENDERSON,
Signal Corps, U. S. A.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

J. W. LeRoy, Nome, Alaska.

A. B. Morton, Famoso, Cal.

E. E. Preston, Cooks Falls, N. Y.

Thos. Mullally, Alvatraz Island, Cal.

Frank Eckels, Jr., 928 N. 9th St., Waco, Tex.

W. F. Smith, 705 G Street, Santa Ana, Cal.

L. B. Dye, 9535 Commercial Ave., Chicago, Ill.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 2621, Cert. 488, Div. 16, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 3290, Cert. 154, Div. 25, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 10075, Cert. 1498, Div. 54, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 6757, Cert. 970, Div. 76, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 12503, Cert. 1347, Div. 53, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 4456, Cert. 2403, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 3554, Cert. 228, Div. 44, for term ending December 31, 1909.

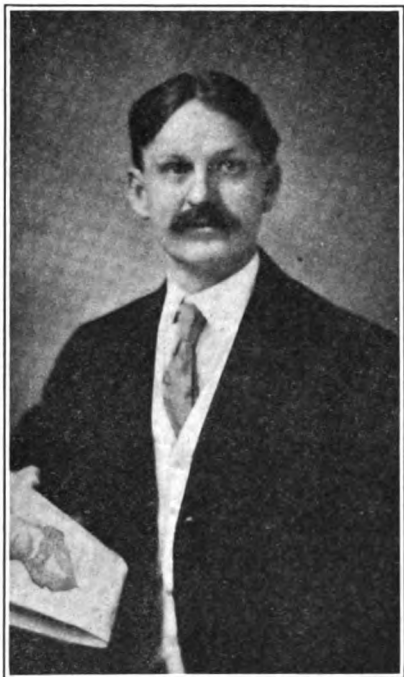
Card 654, Cert. 37, Div. 97, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 5983, Cert. 5983, Grand Division, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 2152, Cert. 136, Div. 97, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 2521, Cert. 2412, Div. 130, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 912, Cert. 6287, Grand Division, for term ending December 31, 1909.



W. L. BETTIS,

Member Division No. 33, who Promoted the Telegrapher's Eight-Hour Law in West Virginia.

Card 14826, Cert. 1170, Div. 70, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 15480, Cert. 415, Div. 32, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 11852, Cert. 1290, Div. 23, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 14032, Cert. 5505, Grand Division, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 19042, Cert. 2366, Div. 23, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 13529, Cert. 110, Div. 125, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 8479, Cert. 1780, Div. 59, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 10279, Cert. 396, Div. 119, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 5495, Cert. 2153, Div. 23, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 14729, Cert. 240, Div. 59, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 9852, Cert. 1672, Div. 32, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 12009, Cert. 3010, Div. 93, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 20634, Cert. 27, Div. 125, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 6847, Cert. 2261, Div. 76, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 6393, Cert. 214, Div. 18, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 23193, Cert. 192, Div. 91, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 16278, Cert. 525, Div. 52, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 20123, Cert. 222, Div. 59, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 7566, Cert. 14, Div. 113, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 7494, Cert. 55, Div. 91, for term ending December 31, 1909.

NOTICE.

Lost—Purse on July 18th, in Dallas, Tex., or on T. & N. O. train No. 164, containing tax receipts, twelve dollars in currency and O. R. T. cards dating from 1905 to June 30, 1909, issued to Cert. 2699, Div. 53.

C. F. STRICKLAND,
Athens, Texas.



LADIES AUXILIARY

DIRECTORY.

MRS. E. B. SMITH.....President P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.	MRS. J. J. CAMPBELL....Third Vice-President North Bay, Ontario, Canada.
MRS. G. W. MALONE, Grand Secretary-Treasurer 580 East Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.	MRS. HENRY HURR.....Third Vice-President Engle, Texas.
MRS. E. L. MATHIS.....First Vice-President Greenfield, Tenn.	MRS. CHAS. M. SANFORD...Grand Chaperone Hobart, N. Y.
MRS. W. J. LIDDAN....Second Vice-President 227 West Central Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	MISS DITA MAY WEST, Assistant to President 319 E. Ga. Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mrs. J. F. Brady, Chairman, No. 1 Pond St., Auburn, R. I.	Miss Frances E. Edwards, West Point, Pa. (Clinton County).
Mrs. W. F. Denton, Sterling, Neb.	Mrs. L. E. Crandall, Chrisney, Ind.
Mrs. Chas. M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.	

All correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER must be addressed to the President, so that it will reach her not later than the 20th day of the month.

WOMEN.

By MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

ONE of the greatest mistakes made by womankind today, and one of the greatest injuries withstood by womankind at the hands of the sterner sex, is the continual idea that woman must be protected, that she is a weakling, a mere baby of swaddling clothes placed in the lap of Mother Nature, to be fondled and petted by a baby of probably a little more physical strength and no more brain power!

I do not dispute the fact that woman needs protection for yet awhile, for she has been like the hand of a child which has been bound by tightened bandages since its birth! On account of the bindings of woman, by the petty thought that "she must be protected," has made a weakling of her, in both body and mind. What we need is not so much protection, but to be taught to protect ourselves! Woman must place herself in a position to protect herself.

Woman is continually haunted by the ghost of "what will other people say?" To

a woman that makes a remark like that to me I feel like replying, "You poor little dwarfed mortal; to be sure you need protection like a child, until you learn to protect yourself!" Woman is gradually losing her superstition concerning what the other party is going to say, but still there is gnawing at the heart and mind of every woman, that ghost of "hear-say," which dwarfs her in every sense of the word and benumbs those faculties which she possesses to such an extent that they are paralyzed and not allowed to grow and expand.

The cause of all this is the idea of the average woman that she is a dependent, a weakling, a necessary protectionable appendage hung to the coat-tails of mankind, for God knows what!

Woman has been bound and cowered down until she has always been just a mere "female," without intelligence of her own, without mind of her own, without even power of knowledge to protect herself. And she remains thus today, with only one stream of light shining in on her beclouded and benumbed faculties and ambitions, and

that is the beams coming from organization.

She fears the powers of the opinion of others. Men also believe in this ghost which is drowning womankind. Men, instead of showing woman how to protect herself, and being continually haunted with the imagination that the character of woman is going to be injured, should remember that woman must be educated, and when educated in the proper manner to protect herself, she will be a rational and a moral being, and nature will care for the balance.

We talk of the protection of womankind! The protection she most needs is protection for herself! As soon as woman learns that she is no longer a weakling, but a divinely created being the same as man, with a soul in the body of her and a mind to guide and protect her; what woman needs is more independent thought.

When women commence to thinking for themselves, the ghost of "what others say" will vanish, and she will then attend to her business and allow others the same privilege; and when tongues of loafing men go wagging, she will then be able to protect herself, and she will eventually lift herself out of the common soil where she now stands, a subject for vile tongues! What need women fear of vile tongues and slanderous people? 'Tis but the vile and slanderous who would believe. Those who are clean themselves do not listen to the ghost of "what other people say," much less assist in this devil-inspired weakness of humanity.

Another thing woman must learn is what and where her duty lies. Life is full of duty, if we make it thus. One of the greatest duties of womankind today is to lift the sex up to a higher thought and a more independent manner. Woman alone must fight out her salvation; man can assist by encouraging her in launching out into wider fields of thought and broader plains of duty.

Woman must first learn to measure her duty and then to realize that her duty is the demand of the hour. It matters not when duty calls, or where, the mind must close to what others may think and go forward with the face set toward the duty which the present hour orders.

Woman must lay aside petty prejudices of the present day, deeply set customs must be broken and thrown aside. Changes are rapidly being made and woman must fit herself to suit the changes, and the organization of women will go farther toward the consummation of this than anything else.

ORGANIZATION.

By MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

HOW often have we heard the remarks, and oh, how often have we had it thrown in our teeth, "What can a few laboring people do by organization, with all the money powers of earth against them?" How often, oh, how often has ridicule been made of the organized effort of labor, from not only the capitalistic classes and their followers, but from the very ranks of labor! How often an organizer is the recipient of a slur from a prospective applicant, "What good is it all: money talks!"

It matters not from whence a great world-wide subject may spring, or how small the numbers are who advocate its principles or agitate the question, if the subject is brought eventually before the minds of the seeing public, this small movement, as it seems at first, grows into unlimited proportions.

The source of the great Mississippi can be found by a mere child throwing a few stones and pebbles from where the water seeps up through the earth. Yet it goes on and on, making a great river upon whose bosom is transported the mighty commerce of the greatest producing section in the world, and fills up the Gulf which divides a continent and then goes on to make up the mighty ocean!

This organized movement started not a generation ago. At that time there were but a few, but it broadened and lengthened, until now upon its mighty bosom rests millions of tired heads and aching bodies! Many an honest laborer is given the rest of an eight-hour day, and many a laborer and his family are given comforts of life, which were never dreamed of before this mighty bosom grew so large. Upon the lap of

this organized effort, which in the beginning was so small, is fondled many a lost hope and filled again with an invigorating determination which buoys one up and on to greater things.

And to still broaden this splendid movement for the uplift of humanity, there must come more publicity and a more steadily increasing favorable public opinion.

Great changes are not brought about by great statesmen and determined public men. It is true they help, but in the end they are but the instrument in the hands of the smaller men organized. And if this implementation of the people proves to be worthless, the small-men-organized throws him aside and tries another patent and another make! The public man and the public official are but like a small streamlet, which must needs find the larger body before accomplishing great ends.

One of the telegraph officials and a man of the public remarked during the recent great Commercial Telegraphers' strike, when approached by a committee of citizens upon the matter of public opinion, "The public be damned!" Such has been the remark of many public men and many public officials living all along the ages, but eventually the smaller-man-organized, which make up the mighty public, have, by continuous and ever-unceasing agitation, at last brought about the reformation desired. Therefore, the statesman has far less the influence that the smaller man has who in small and obscure places silently mature a regenerated public opinion and eventually brought about a change.

Organized labor is bringing about a change and bringing it about rapidly. Public opinion is swinging now to the pendulum as the great vibrating body of organized labor moves back and forth through the years, and eventually, like all other great reformations, will win the day. And when won, the winning will be by the smaller-man-organized, and not the public man or the statesman at the helm of any government!

GREAT ACTIVITY IN L. A.

By Mrs. E. B. SMITH, President.

WE present here a sample of a few of the letters which reach Secretary-Treasurer Malone and President Smith on every mail. The mail of the Secretary-Treasurer has increased in such a manner that it takes almost her entire time to keep up her correspondence. During the recent illness of her father she was absent five days and returning found two hundred letters awaiting her reply. A few such letters are here copied:

Oakdale, Tenn., May 27th, 1909.

Enclosed please find express money order for \$4.20 to pay initiation fees and dues to June 30th in the Ladies' Auxiliary, names given below. There are several others who will join at an early date, and as soon as you get your stationery printed I would be glad if you would send me a supply of application blanks and I will assure you my every effort to help build the Ladies' Auxiliary up. I have fourteen other names who will join as soon as application blanks are furnished. With best wishes for success, I am, ———.

Auburn, R. I., Aug. 10th, 1909.

Div. 35, O. R. T., has invited all of its members to bring their lady relatives to their next meeting for the purpose of starting an Auxiliary in connection with that division. In order that we may be prepared for the occasion will you kindly send me fifteen or twenty application blanks, and if the ladies show as much enthusiasm as the men here have over the Auxiliary, we will surely need that many to supply them all. With best wishes, I remain, ———.

Mt. Olive, Miss., July 20th, 1909.

Please find enclosed \$1.20 to pay my wife's and one other applicant's dues to December 31st, 1909. Kindly send me about twenty-five application blanks for membership and oblige.

Confluence, Pa., Aug. 12th, 1909.

Kindly furnish me by return mail about ten application blanks. We hold our August meeting on the 20th, at which time I will drum the brothers up in regards to having

their wives make application to the Auxiliary.

North Bay, Ont., Can., Aug. 8th, 1909.

Please send me half dozen application blanks and hope to be able to return them before long. Wishing you the best luck, I am, ———.

Austin, Mont., July 31st, 1909.

Will you kindly send me half dozen sets application blanks for membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T.?

Science Hill, Ky., June 25th, 1909.

Received your letter today enclosing obligation, which I have signed and will return same to you. I am certainly glad the L. A. to O. R. T. has been organized; hope it will prove a success. And I am willing and ready to do anything I can to help it along and am anxious to learn more about it. Are we expected to attend any of the O. R. T. meetings? Will be pleased to receive any by-laws or anything concerning the Auxiliary as soon as they are printed.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 6th, 1909.

Kindly let me know if I could join the L. A. to O. R. T. I am a siser of ———; he belongs to the O. R. T. Springfield Division. Send me all particulars, if there is any insurance and how much. I am very much interested, as my brother is a railroad man.

Engle, Texas, July 5th, 1909.

I can use about four hundred application blanks for the Atlantic System of this division. Kindly send about this number to me here at your earliest convenience. Am much pleased with the reports you Grand Officers are giving us. Will go to work in earnest soon as blanks arrive.

Decatur, Ill., June 29th, 1909.

Enclosed please find money order for \$1.10. I want to be a member of the L. A. to O. R. T. My husband is a member of the Grand Division. This amount will pay six months' dues and initiation fee. I am glad to learn of the Auxiliary; I have often thought how nice it would be to have one.

Webster, W. Va., Aug. 11th, 1909.

I think I shall like very much to become a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Would

you kindly send me an application blank, as I am very anxious to help boost the union? My husband has been a member of the O. R. T. for seven years and is now up-to-date in the Order.

Leavenworth, Kans., Aug. 1st, 1909.

Please send me a set of application blanks for admission to membership to the "Ladies' Auxiliary" of the O. R. T. My husband is a member of Div. 126. Ever interested in anything that will lead to the betterment of the masses. I remain, ———.

Hamilton, Ia., Aug. 5th, 1909.

Please send me full information regarding the L. A. to O. R. T. What does it represent and what are the duties and obligations of a member? My husband is a member of the O. R. T. and I am always interested in anything pertaining to the Order. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, ———.

Burnetts Creek, Ind., asks for six application blanks, on August 5th.

Denison, Ia., asks for application blanks, and states they can get all kinds of applications there.

Milwaukee, Wis., is doing her duty by sending in members.

Campbell Hall, N. Y., asks for application blanks.

Knoxville, Tenn., wants application blanks and states that they hope to get enough for a charter there.

Letters from every point on the continent are pouring in daily, and ever answered as quickly as is possible.

Among the letters of June appeared one which buoyed up the hearts of the Grand Officers and made them glad. This letter we are sure the splendid gentleman and brother will not care should we here give our membership the copy, for we believe it will go a long ways toward stirring up confidence in the organization:

St. Louis, Mo., June 21st, 1909.

Mrs. G. W. Malone, G. S. T., L. A. to O. R. T., 580 E. Berrien Street, Galesburg, Ill.:

Dear Madam—I happened to see one of your envelopes with your address on it as Grand Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

and it reminded me that both Mrs. Thurston and myself are interested in anything that pertains to the O. R. T., so I take the liberty of asking that you shall send me an application for membership blank together with a copy of your laws as soon as they are ready for delivery.

I hope that the Auxiliary is started out with good prospects. I am sure that it will succeed under the able leadership of yourself and Sister Smith.

Yours fraternally,
(Signed) A. D. THURSTON,
Past President O. R. T.

A few questions President Smith wants the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of the telegraphers to answer:

Do you read THE TELEGRAPHER?

Do you ever give serious thought to your husband's membership in the Order?

Do you ever wonder why he don't attend a few of the meetings?

Did you ever ask him to attend the meetings?

Did you ever ask your husband, brother, father or son to get a card?

Do you care whether he attends meetings? If not, have your head examined; don't you think it best?

Do you realize your own financial interest in the Order?

Do you know that if it were not for the Order your husband would be drawing \$25 per month, and working fifteen hours per day?

Did your husband ever visit a sick man because he was a member?

Did you ever have a serious thought in your life? If not, now is the time to think.

NEW LOCAL IN PROVIDENCE.

By Mrs. J. F. BRADY.

I take great pleasure in writing a letter to THE TELEGRAPHER this month, and feel sure that the readers will be pleased to learn that through the courtesy of Providence Division, No. 35, we were successful in starting a local Auxiliary in connection with that division on August 21st, 1909.

We met with the brothers at their hall and held an informal meeting, listening to the following brothers: D. M. Callis, Chief Telegrapher, spoke of the object of the meeting; Geo. E. Joslin, Local Chairman, interested us in a brief history of the O. R. T. and the benefits to be derived by organizing locally; E. J. Manion, General Chairman, made a very pleasing address on the good that must be derived from an organization of this kind in general. Mrs. J. F. Brady, in behalf of the ladies, then thanked the brothers for their generosity in helping us. We were then served with a bounteous supply of ice cream and cake.

The ladies then repaired to the ante-room, where a permanent organization was formed with twelve names enrolled, dues and fees all paid, offices filled, and when we adjourned it was with a feeling that we had accomplished quite a little.

While not having as many as we would like, we feel confident that before we meet again we will be able to count a few more, as a request was received to keep the charter open for a few days in order that some who were unable to attend the meeting desired to become charter members. A greater number of ladies would have been present, we are inclined to believe, if some of the brothers had only informed them of this meeting; but we will forgive them this time if they will only tell them that we are going to hold regular meetings and expect to carry them on now as full-fledged union women.

Some few of the brothers have promised that as soon as we could find them a mate, they were perfectly willing to become Benedicts and help the good work along. One brother has guaranteed that before the next meeting night he would surely have a new member for us.

We hope to make our meetings so enthusiastic that each one will be as the first one; so interesting was it that the sisters were surprised when the hour of eleven o'clock arrived, and as time and trains wait for no one, we were compelled to close in order that the sisters might get their trains home.

The following is a list of the officers elected: President, Mrs. J. F. Brady; Sec-

retary and Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Welch; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. L. Conant; Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. P. Haley; Chaperon, Mrs. H. H. Mehring; Past President, Mrs. Clara A. Wood.

NOTES.

Sister J. F. Brady, of Auburn, R. I., writes they are hustling, and expect great things before very long.

Let us make good the 500 mark by October 1st. See how many new ones can be rushed in by October 1st. Get busy and push!

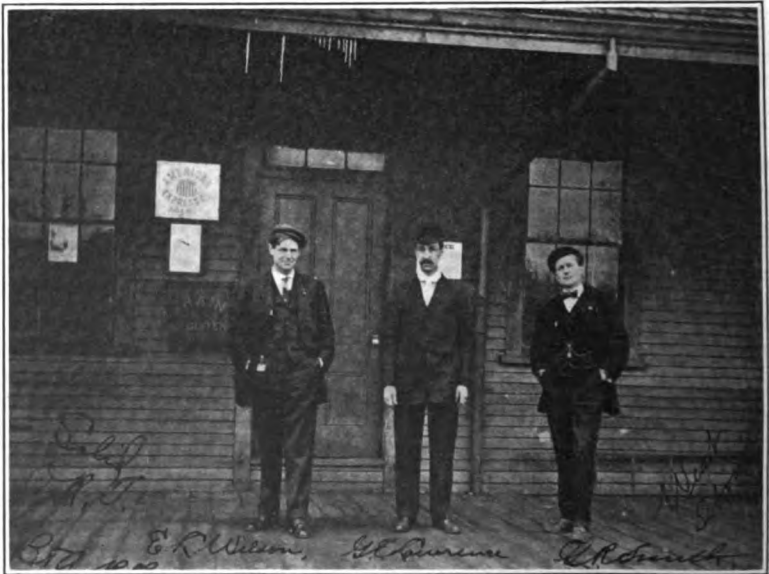
Let everyone bend to the wheel now and whirl it round to the five hundred mark by October 1st. If every member will bring one more we will have in the fold nearly 1,000. Is it not worth a trial?

Let everyone of the chartered divisions not fail to let their news items and articles for THE TELEGRAPHER reach President Smith not later than the 20th of September. Try it once, and you'll not allow a month to pass but that your division will be represented. Get busy!

Sister S. A. McCormack, of West Haven, Conn., writes they expect to hold a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 1, at her home on August 18th, and are looking for a splendid time. It is to be hoped that they had not only a splendid time, but a successful time. Let us hear from No. 1 next month in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Don't sit back and wait on the other fellow. That is what is the matter with the O. R. T. today; too many of the members are sitting back waiting on some one else to make a move. Let the ladies get busy and show the men something. Let them show how things can be done. If you can't land a member for the Auxiliary, land a member for the O. R. T. and then commence hammering on his relations!

Fourth Vice-President Hurr, of Engle, Texas, is starting the move on Div. 53 in splendid shape. Her plan has been to appoint chairmen and organizers, with the signed approval of President Smith, on the different sections of her division, and then getting them all to working on their sections. This is a splendid idea, and is approved and recommended to the membership by President Smith.



MEMBERS DIVISION No. 83.

GLEANINGS

Short hours. Long wages.

* * *

Live according to your convictions.

* * *

Unionism is the salvation of labor.

* * *

The label is what you want.

* * *

Spend union wages for union wares.

* * *

The labor union is essentially a business organization.

* * *

Get in line. A disorganized army never won a battle.

* * *

If there were fewer slaving children there would also be fewer idling parents.

* * *

Agitate, educate and organize. This trinity will bring us the success we are looking for.

* * *

A living is made by doing one's work in a half-way manner. Success is achieved by doing it well.

* * *

The wise union man will have the good sense to know that success of the union depends upon getting others to join it.

* * *

Be true to your union, and thereby show your loyalty to the great cause of labor and its struggle for justice and freedom.

* * *

The harder you're thrown, why, the higher you bounce;

Be proud of your blackened eye!

It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts;

It's how did you fight—and why?

—Edmund Vance Cooke.

A compilation of trades union statistics in the principal countries places the number of members in good standing at 9,000,000.

* * *

Be in earnest! Sincerity wins respect not only for the individual but also for his cause, while hypocrisy breeds contempt.

* * *

Ambition is better than contentment. The man who is contented with his position in life will never advance and is truly an object of pity.

* * *

High wages do not depend so much on the condition of trade as upon the condition of your craft from the standpoint of organization.

* * *

The American Federation of Labor issues an organizing circular entitled, "Why We Unite," which sums up the entire matter in a few words—"we unite because we must."

* * *

Do not hastily condemn organized labor when you find some objectionable features. There is not an organization of any description without imperfections of some kind.

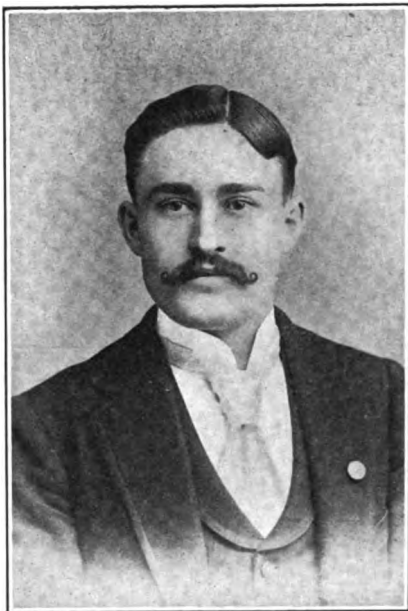
* * *

"Blest be the stitch that binds" the garment workers' union label to your overalls, shirts, working aprons and ready-made clothing. Like the smile that won't come off, it feels good.

* * *

A conservative estimate of the approximate earnings of the members of organized labor annually is placed at \$2,000,000,000. This enormous purchasing power, if used in the support of the products of union labor exclusively, would make a few manufacturers we have in mind "sit up and take notice."

Remember the hatters are fighting for the union label and need your assistance. Read the article in this issue, "The Girl Who Trims Hats," and loosen up. If you expect labor to win don't be a "tight wad."



A. M. GRAY,
Deceased Member Grand Division.

We should preach to the world the sublime faith and aspirations of labor. We should practice its precepts and make them the daily rule of life.—*American Federationist*.

* * *

Through all the years of trade union effort, it has been well known that in solidifying the ranks of labor the lash of the employer has been more potent than the preaching of the organizer.

* * *

The union label is the home defender. It represents that which adds to the comfort and support of the people, and has an influence in providing a few of the one-time luxuries that are now necessities.

* * *

Organized labor has always been in the van in movements for the abolition of child labor. There is not in the statutes of any

State in the Union a prohibition against child slavery, that was not the work—initially and finally—of organized labor.

* * *

No strike has ever been lost, and there can be no defeat for the labor movement. However disastrous the day of battle has been, it has been worth its price, and only the scars remain to bear testimony that the movement is invincible and that no mortal wound can be inflicted upon it.—*Eugene V. Debs*.

* * *

All over the world agitation is going on for better conditions for the toilers. Some of them are co-operating with the agitators to improve their own condition, and some are assisting the employers to defeat the agitators and to keep the toilers from getting their just share of what their labor produces.

* * *

The employers of labor who have so foolishly surmised that union labor could be annihilated by the free use of money and other tricks so familiar to greed and avarice, have had an expensive time of it. With all their money and corrupt tactics at work in the past, union labor is still on deck, numerically stronger and more solidified than ever before in its history.

* * *

When the clerk says, "we're unable
On our goods to show the label,"
Then it's time for you to "beat it"
As you never did before.
Don't get weary when you're buying,
For the label keep on trying,
Put your hard-earned union dollars
To the right use evermore.

—*Labor World*.

* * *

Mr. Van Cleave, the champion union-buster, came upon the scene two years ago like a roaring lion, shaking his shaggy mane, lashing himself ferociously, jumped upon the A. F. of L. with both feet. He found a giant not to be tampered with and has now jumped off with both feet and taken to the tall timber. Au revoir, Van—*Blacksmiths' Journal*.

I can not forget that the laboring class must, like any other, stand up for its own rights, or be content to see them trampled under foot; and that the strength given it by organization superinduced upon numbers is its only effectual defence against the unchecked tyranny of capital, eager for profit and reckless of others' rights. The power developed by combination may be abused, like any other power, but labor is helpless and a prey without it.—*Horace Greeley.*

* * *

It is estimated that in America 60,000,000 people live in constant toil and poverty (30,000,000 of them able to obtain physical comfort by ceaseless drudgery, 20,000,000 in nerve-straining uncertainty on the verge of want and 10,000,000 actually hungry, while none of the 60,000,000 have a chance to satisfy their hearts with life's richer opportunities) and less than 20,000,000 are rich or well to do, and even they have to battle fiercely to hold what they have.

* * *

Unionists of Montana, Washington, California and other Western States are again appealing to the workers of the Eastern States to pay no attention to the glowing advertisements of open-shop bosses, railway corporations, land swindlers and the like to lure them westward. It is stated that those who come West without funds will be greatly disappointed, and be compelled to endure severe hardships, as jobs are very scarce and the outlook is not promising.

* * *

No organization will disintegrate so long as those composing it "stick." No union is disrupted because some one outside the organization does not come to its assistance. The reason labor unions become disrupted is because those who make up the membership have not the staying qualities. No organization is going far toward making itself a power that depends on outside assistance as the means to an end. No organization can hope to succeed by having its members stay at home. No organization can succeed unless its members work to help each other member. No organization can grow with its membership knocking. Get together and boost.—*Defense Bee,*

Undoubtedly the greatest danger that threatens labor unions today is the desire of new and inexperienced members for quick and big results. While this may be natural, it is very often disastrous. Some unions may make great gains in wages and hours, but are perhaps not a safe standard for others. A good reserve fund and thorough organization, which will insure permanent strength, should be the aim of all organizations. When this has been accomplished wages and hours are bound to follow. Let us profit by the experience of others.—*Amalgamated Journal.*

* * *

The labor movement is not born only of material hunger, but it helps to satisfy the physical appetite, and thus gives room for better things. Hungry for bread in the beginning; hungry for better food, hungry for shelter our workers become hungry for better homes; for light; for love; for books, for poetry, for music, for the arts; hungry



H. G. TERRELL,

Deceased Member Division No. 59.

for the affection of our fellow men; hungry for humanity. May the day never come to blunt or stultify the spiritual hunger for better things instilled by the organizations of labor in the hearts and the minds of the working people of our country.—*Gompers.*



T. L. Berne. **J. C. Grigg.** **B. W. Justice.** **H. K. Splers.** **Mrs. B. K. Splers.**
O. R. T. GROUP—A. C. L. RAILWAY—JARRETT, VA.

MISCELLANY

THE ST. LOUIS CENTENNIAL.

BALLOON, airship and aeroplane races, under the auspices of the Aero Club of St. Louis, host of the Gordon Bennett International Balloon Race of 1907, will be the most spectacular feature of the St. Louis Centennial, October 3 to 9, 1909. The Aero Club of St. Louis has issued a booklet containing the following list of Centennial week aeronautic events and prizes:

October 4, 1909.

Aero Club Grounds, 3:00 P. M.

SPHERICAL BALLOONS.

Distance Race for Small Balloons, Limited to 40,000 Feet Capacity.

First Prize—St. Louis Centennial Cup.

Second Prize—Cup.

Open to pilots of the Aero Club of America or its affiliated clubs. Rules of the International Aeronautic Federation to govern.

4:00 P. M.

Start of Distance Race. For Balloons Limited to 80,000 Feet Capacity.

First Prize —\$600.00 or Cup.

Second Prize— 400.00 or Cup.

Third Prize — 300.00 or Cup.

Fourth Prize— 200.00 or Cup.

Fifth Prize — 100.00 or Cup.

Endurance Prize—Cup.

Open to pilots of the Aero Club of America or its affiliated clubs. Rules of the International Aeronautic Federation to govern.

AEROPLANES.

Contest to be held in the West End on Friday, October 8, 2:00 P. M.

First Prize—\$1,000.00 and Gold Medal.

Second Prize—\$500.00 and Silver Medal.

Conditions of the Race:

The grounds will be laid out with a starting square approximating 200 feet; then a

getaway will be laid out a half mile from starting point. Each aeroplane will be given three trials for a getaway, and if the aeroplane does not pass the outer square in any of these three trials they are disqualified for the race. If the aeroplane passes the getaway line on the first trial, it must continue its flight, as it will have no more trials. The aeroplanes are to maneuver throughout a given district; for instance, Forest Park, if the Catlin tract is chosen for the starting point, and the plane staying out the longest and returning to the 200-foot starting square wins the first prize. A plane to win a prize must fulfill the following conditions:

Leave the starting point in at least three trials to get outside of the outer getaway line. Maintain a continuous flight and return to the starting square.

Contest to be held Friday, the 8th, at 2:00 P. M.

The First Prize will be awarded to the aeroplane remaining the longest in continuous flight.

COMMERCIAL BALLOON RACE.

October 9th, 2:00 P. M.

Open to the Commercial and Manufacturing Establishments of St. Louis.

Each balloon will hold 3,000 feet of gas, and will be operated by a water bucket which will automatically dispose of the ballast.

Every balloon will be equipped alike except for decorations.

Five prizes are offered for this event.

The balloon landing the longest distance from St. Louis wins the race.

Each balloon is entitled to bear the name of the owner, also to carry samples, etc., and a pledge to reward the finder for the finding and reporting of the same.

3:00 P. M.

DIRIGIBLE BALLOON RACE.

Aero Club Grounds.

The race course will be triangular, as follows: Aero Club Grounds to Blair's Monument; from there to the Mounted Police Station, and return to the starting point.

Each competitor to have at least three trials, the best time of any trial to count.

First Prize—\$1,000.00.

Second Prize—\$500.00.

A special prize will be given for the best exhibition of maneuvering.

The St. Louis Centennial Association is a municipal institution, whose president is the Hon. Frederick H. Kreismann, Mayor, and whose purpose is to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of St. Louis with the most notable series of great events ever crowded into seven days in any American city.

Via floats, costumed paraders, etc., will be shown the different stages in the development of St. Louis from a wilderness inhabited by pioneers and Indians into a city of towering skyscrapers and beautiful homes, ranking, in point of population, fourth among the cities of America, and in point of many important industries first among the cities of the world.

In addition to the air events already described there will be water and land events as follows:

A water pageant, commemorating the founding of St. Louis.

A municipal pageant, comprising the St. Louis police, fire and other municipal departments, to be reviewed from the grandstand by the mayors of sister cities, the guests of honor, and culminating in the cornerstone-laying of municipal buildings, costing \$1,500,000.

An educational, historical and military pageant, in three divisions, with students, historical floats, soldiers, etc., culminating in the cornerstone-laying of the city's new \$1,000,000 Public Library.

An industrial pageant, under the auspices of the Million Population Club, with floats depicting the city's industries.

The Veiled Prophet annual pageant, with special Centennial features.

An all-week Centennial festival in the downtown streets, with brilliant illuminations, music and fireworks.

The mayors of 3,000 cities have been invited by Mayor Kreismann of St. Louis to be the guests of honor of St. Louis during Centennial Week. Each mayor accepting will receive an invitation and souvenir of the Veiled Prophet ball, which this year will be held at the new Coliseum instead of the Merchants' Exchange, as heretofore. This change will enable an attendance three times as large as that at any previous Veiled Prophet ball. The decoration scheme will embrace scenes which are a part of the history of St. Louis, and it is prophesied that the Veiled Prophet ball of Centennial Week will overshadow in point of brilliancy and attendance all other balls in the history of America, not excepting that great quadrennial event, the inaugural ball at Washington.

Centennial Week will be the occasion of many notable gatherings in St. Louis, including a national convention of retail merchants for an exchange of ideas on salesmanship, advertising, window and showcase display, store arrangement, and other matters of vital interest to all retailers.

The St. Louis Centennial Association has obtained reduced railroad rates for Centennial Week from practically all parts of the United States, including the Pacific Coast.

WALTER GRAY'S REWARD.

BY ISRAEL ORLANDO.

IT was ninety in the shade, and the little depot at Willowville was sweltering in the sun of that hot August afternoon. A passenger train came dashing up to the station and stopped. The tall elderly gentleman, dressed in the light summer suit, who was sitting by the door in the small waiting-room, remained seated. Presently the agent's face appeared at the ticket window.

"Hey, you," he called, squirting a stream of tobacco juice on the dirty floor almost at the gentleman's feet. "If you're goin' on that train you'd better get a move on; she won't lay here all week."

"No, thank you," the man replied; "I go the other way."

At that moment the conductor with a little girl, who was weeping bitterly, in his arms, came rushing into the waiting-room. He deposited the sobbing child on a seat and went up to the ticket window.

"I carried a little girl by Lindendale," he shouted to the agent. "You'd better come out here and get her and see that she gets back on the next train. She's only a child, can't be over seven. And here's a message about it; get it to Lindendale right away. Her parents were to meet her and they must certainly be anxious about her. Wonder they haven't wired me already."

"All right, Stokes," the agent drawled.

The train drew away; the child still cried aloud.

"Confound that kid!" the agent remarked. Then he addressed the operator: "Hey, Hoover, there's a message on the ticket window Stokes left there; guess you'd better git it to Lindendale."

The operator arose and dragged his feet across the floor indolently. "Darn Stokes, anyhow; wonder he wouldn't 'tend to his business. I don't give a continental if I git it off or not. Guess that was Lindendale callin' me ever since three went by there. Wonder they wouldn't get a new conductor," he growled.

The little girl's cries now amounted almost to a scream.

The gentleman in the summer suit went to the door, put his head into the office and spoke to the agent: "Can't you do something for this child out here? I fear she will go into a spasm if nothing is done. Perhaps if you explain to her that you have sent a message to her papa and that you will see that she is returned safely, you may be able to calm her."

The agent arose half-angrily. "Darn it!" he said, "I'm not paid to look after other people's kids."

He went into the waiting-room and spoke to the little girl, but his manner was such as to alarm rather than pacify her.

"Well, then, bawl as much as you have a mind to," he said finally; "I'll put you on the train when she comes along if you stay where you are till then."

He went back to his desk and the operator came dragging out for a drink of water. He glanced at the girl in passing and laughed. "Nice lookin' picture to haul on a train," he remarked, half to himself and half to the tall gentleman in the summer suit.

Presently a young man stepped into the waiting-room. His eyes fell on the weeping child in the seat in the corner. He went up to her immediately.

"What seems to be the trouble, my dear?" he said.

Her only answer was a convulsive sob.

The tall gentleman volunteered to explain.

"Oh, I see," said the young man. "Well, you mustn't cry about that; we'll fix you up all right; just you wait one second." He went into the office and returned in a few minutes. "Now," he said, "I've just talked to your papa at Lindendale. He says that you mustn't cry, and that he will be waiting for you there. Your train will be along in a little over an hour, and then you will soon be home. Now, I'll get you a good fresh drink of water and then I'll run over to my house and send my little girl over to keep you company. I have a little girl just about your age, and she has the nicest great big doll you ever saw. I'll send her over and she can bring the doll with her. Now, I'll tell the agent to be sure to put you on the right train."

"Never mind, I'll see that she gets on all right; I take that train myself," the tall man said.

"Just see; this nice gentleman here will see that you get home all safe and sound; now, isn't that fine? You won't cry any more, will you?"

The little girl had ceased to weep; she even smiled through her tears.

The young man turned to leave and had reached the door when a farmer entered.

"Hey, Walt. By golly," he said, "you're just the feller I want to see! You know I told you sometime ago about taking a trip out West? Well, she's settled; we're goin' in a couple of weeks."

"Good for you, Hi," said the young man. "It'll be worth a fortune to your health."

"Well, I heard that you got let out, Walt. Shame, too! So I told the old woman I'd skip over and see you afore you got away from here. You know a fellow can't find nothing out from that pumpkin head in there; might as well talk to a wooden man. And, you see, I'm goin' to take this trip for fun and I want to go the way I kin see the most, you understand, Walt."

"Sure thing, Hi! Well, here you are." The young man took down a tariff book that hung on the wall and named half a dozen different routes and the most important points taken in by each, also the rates. "Just wait a second, Hi," he said, "and I'll jot these down on paper for you and then you can take them home to your wife and decide on one of them at your leisure."

"Bully for you, Walt., bully for you! I'll throw a stone in your garden one of these days," the farmer exclaimed.

After the young man had gone, the farmer walked to the cooler and took a drink.

"D—n shame!" he said, turning from the cooler; "that young Gray's a goldarned good feller. There ain't another chap in America to take his place. Darn shame he got fired! His wife's been sick, too, and his luck's runnin' tough. But there ain't a brighter feller in these parts, and I guess he won't have no trouble gittin' another job. I hate to lose him, though. You see, he used to be the operator here and"—he dropped his voice to a whisper and came nearer to the tall gentleman, who seemed to be interested—"agent, too; he was the whole show. Why, that pumpkin head agent in there don't know B from bullsfoot!"

"I don't know what Walt. was fired for, and I guess he don't neither. Well, the company's goin' to lose on this deal. My produce and grain goes in over the D. & B. hereafter, anyhow, and there's plenty of others will do the same."

Having delivered himself of the above, the honest son of toil gave his trousers a yank and walked away.

A few minutes later a little girl carrying a doll almost as large as herself entered the waiting-room. She smiled shyly and walked slowly toward the little girl on the corner seat.

The little girl's face brightened when she saw the big doll, and she forgot all about her grief until the other little girl spoke about the tear-stains on her cheeks.

"You've been crying," said she softly, stroking the other one's wealth of golden hair. "Your eyes look just like mamma's. She's been crying nearly all the time since papa lost his job. And just think maybe papa will have to go far away to get another place to work. No wonder mamma cries, is it?" And so they talked and played until a minute before the train was due, when the young operator came back for his little daughter.

"Capital idea," said the tall gentleman; "she forgot all about her troubles when she saw the dolly, and now," he continued, "I understand you were formerly the operator at this office and that you have been dismissed. Can you think of no reason for your dismissal?"

"I can not," said the young man, "unless it is because I have positively declined to withdraw my name from the O. R. T."

"I see," said the tall man; "and do you think you could handle the agency here if you were furnished with a good operator?"

"I am positive, but that has nothing to do with the matter."

The stranger drew a blank sheet of paper from his pocket hurriedly, for the train was coming close. He hastily wrote a few words on the paper.

"Take this," he said; "it will pass you to the chief dispatcher's office. I shall speak to that gentleman and to the division superintendent about more things than one, and you may as well prepare to take the agency here in a day or two. Goodbye."

With this he took up the little girl and stepped on to the car.

Walter Gray looked at the sheet of paper; it read:

"Pass Operator Gray, Willowville, to Walton and return.

"L. V. LEWIS, First Vice-Pres."

The little girl with the doll wondered long why her papa pressed her so closely to his bosom as he almost ran home, and why he kissed her mother time and again, and why they both wept silently on one another's

shoulders for many minutes. She felt very sad until she learned that theirs were tears of real joy, and then they all laughed together like foolish children.

Such was Walter Gray's reward for being accommodating and ever-ready to meet any emergency.

THE SINGING FROGS OF HATCHIE COON.

HERE'S a story about a scientific chap who trains flies to do acrobatic stunts," said the red-headed man in the corner, as he laid down his paper and struck a match. "Now, if he'd just train 'em to keep out of the butter he'd be the greatest man on earth."

"I read that story," remarked the passenger from Pittsburg, "and was much interested in one feature of the scientist's method of training. He says he just finds out what the flies want to do, and lets them do it. That idea opens up great possibilities in the training of animals of all kinds. If we can just—just—"

"Develop the talents with which nature endowed them," suggested the bishop.

"Er—yes," assented the Pittsburgian, "that's it. There is music, for instance. Nearly all animals love music and some have knowledge of the principles of harmony. Certain birds have been taught to sing tunes. Why not, then, train cats to warble arias from Italian operas? They have voices of great power and range, as all of us know, and they delight in the exercise of their vocal talents. Caruso himself can not develop the high notes with as great ease as a tomcat of my acquaintance. Fancy what a sensation the sextet from Lucia would make if sung by a company of well-trained felines. Of course, they couldn't bring out the words, but that makes no difference. Nobody ever has discovered what that sextet was about, but it's great, and just imagine—"

"Say," interposed the little man with the squint eye, "you think you're gettin' off something funny, but I want to tell you, my friend, there's more truth than po'try in what you're sayin'. I don't believe a cat could learn to play the fiddle like the one in Mother Goose, but I'd bet any money I

could teach one to sing if I wanted to and had the time an' patience."

"I am inclined to think," insinuated the red-headed man in the corner, "that you have had some experience in that line."

"You're guessin' about right," admitted the squint-eyed passenger. "I'm not a performer, but I did a little stunt in the trainin' way once that would 'a made my fortune, but for one thing."

"How was that?" asked the sorrel-topped person.

"Well, I guess I'll have to begin at the beginnin' or you wouldn't understand it, an' maybe you wouldn't believe it. I'm a telegraph operator. Been at the business for thirty years, and expect to be poundin' a key, as we say, for the rest of my life. An operator, especially a railroad operator, gets into queer places sometimes. He's got to go where he's sent, and he can't be sure today where he's going to be tomorrow. Back in the 80's I was workin' in a nice town in Kansas. I had been there three months, and was beginnin' to think I was livin' there, when I got orders to report immediately to Kansas City. When I got there the chief handed me a pass to 'Hatchie Coon.'

"Where in the dickens is Hatchie Coon?" says I.

"It's down on the Arkansas Division," says he. "'Tain't much of a place," says he. "but you can't miss it. The conductor'll put you off when you get there."

"And he certainly did. He had to. I wouldn't 'a stopped if he hadn't. It was down in the sunk lands in the northeast corner o' the State, about sixty miles from Memphis, an' it wasn't any town at all. It was right in the middle of a big swamp, an' the only dry land in sight was under the railroad tracks. On both sides o' the road, close up, stood big cypress trees, hundreds feet high, some o' them. The company had drove down a few posts, laid a platform, an' on top o' that put a tent about 12 feet square. That was the telegraph office. Not a house in ten miles. Straight up I could see a narrow strip o' the sky, below was a narrow strip o' dirt, an' all the rest was black water an' cypress trees. Gee! but it was lonesome! Most o' that country's been

drained since then, an' they say it's gettin' to be the garden spot o' the world, but this was twenty years ago.

"The only company I had was the water snakes, the frogs an' the mosquitoes. I never did like snakes very much, an' the mosquitoes down there weren't a bit friendly, so for the lack of anything else to pass away the time I got to takin' a great interest in the frogs. There was all kinds there, an' some o' them was as big as my hat. The noise those big fellows could make was somethin' terrific, an' when the big ones an' the little ones an' the middle-size ones go to croakin' at once it was a regular concert. An' that's what put the idea into my head.

"I know a little somethin' about music, an' I had a concertina then that I could play on pretty well, if I do say it myself. Hearin' all those frogs a-croakin', each one with a different note, I got to imaginin' that I was leadin' an orchestra, an' I'd stand up there on the track an' try to beat time like Sousa. Man gets funny notions in his head when he's all alone. But that crazy notion led me to another that looked crazier, but wasn't. Why not, thinks I, why not get a bunch of 'em an' train 'em? It wasn't any trouble at all to catch as many as I wanted, an' after a lot of experimentin' I picked out eight that had voices runnin' right up the scale an' makin' a complete octave, as they call it.

"Now, every frog has just one note. He knows that one by heart, and he likes to play it, but there ain't much use tryin' to get him to sound any others. I didn't try. My scheme was to get them to work as a team. In that way, you see, all I had to do was to train each one to holler at the right time, like a piano key'll sound one note and only one when you hit it. I petted them and fed them until they got so they'd hop right up to me whenever I'd call, an' then I commenced teachin' 'em the first principles of harmony. I'd get 'em in a row an' then sound C on the concertina until I got the bullfrog at the foot of the line to croak. Then I'd take D for the next frog, and so one up the scale. After days and days they began to catch onto the idea, an'

would run up an' down the scale as fast as I could play it on the concertina.

"Then I commenced to teach them simple little tunes, and it would a' made your eyes water to see how the poor things enjoyed it. I'd git so interested sometimes that I wouldn't hear my call on the wire an' the train dispatcher 'd crawl all over me he'd be so mad. After a while they learned to sing without the concertina, and every once in a while little snatches of music would come up from the pen I'd fixed up for them down in the swamp beneath the telegraph office. I tell you what, I was proud of 'em.

"A man never knows how big a little thing's goin' to turn out," pursued the operator, after he had paused to relight his cigar. "I trained those frogs just to pass away the time, not knowin' that they was goin' to save my life."

"To save your life!" exclaimed the bishop. "What do you mean?"

"Just what I said, parson. An' not only my life, but maybe a lot of others. One day a couple of niggers dropped off the blind baggage of the Memphis express. I didn't see 'em at first, bein' busy at the wire. I'd just closed my key when I felt somethin' cold stickin' against my head an' somebody said, 'Hands up, boss!' I didn't stop to argue the point. My hands went up. They trussed me up with a rope an' put a gag in my mouth, an' then commenced lookin' for my switch key. From what they said I learned their scheme was to throw the switch and run the Kansas City fast train onto the siding and into a string of flat cars that was standin' there. Whether they was going to rob the wreck or just wanted to do some devilment, I don't know, but as soon as they found the key they commenced to argue as to whether they should kill me at once or wait awhile. They were agreed that I should be put out o' the way, but one o' them hesitated. The other one insisted on immediate action, and my finish seemed to be pretty close, when out of the swamp there came the question, musically rendered:

"'Where did you get that hat?"

"The niggers' eyes widened. They looked at me and then at each other. Out of the depths came another refrain:

"Granny will your dog bite-dog bite-dog bite?"

"Fo' Gawd's sake, Eph', one of 'em gasped, 'what's dat?'"

"The other, the one who wanted to make quick work of me, didn't answer. He was scared almost white, but he went outside and looked around. There was, of course, nothing in sight, but Hatchie Coon at any time was enough to worry the superstitious, and it was growing dark. He came back in, still trembling. Then there came the warning, seeming to be much closer: :

"Run, nigger, run, pat-er-ol-'ll catch you. Run, nigger, run, you'd better get away."

"And run they did. For all I know they're runnin' yet. The train dispatcher couldn't get an answer from me, and he had the express stop there to see what was the matter. They untied me and I resigned by wire. I had all of Hatchie Coon I wanted."

"But what became of the frogs?" asked the red-headed man.

"Oh, I took 'em to Chicago," answered the squint-eyed passenger, "expectin' to make a million out of 'em, but the climate was too much for 'em, or they was homesick or somethin'. Anyhow, they never sung a note again."

HIS EXPERIENCE.

THIS is not a ghost story, but the facts leading up to it were sufficient in uncanniness to cause cold chills to agitate the spinal column of one of the principals, and his hair to stand on end "like quills upon the porcupine."

The occurrence here related dates back to 1880—the place, Lock Haven, being the junction point of the Philadelphia & Erie Division of the Pennsylvania, and the Bald Eagle Division, which connects with the main line at Tyrone. Jim Doyle, now a prominent coal man of Baltimore, was the night operator at Lock Haven, known to every man, woman and child in the town, and a boy beloved of all railroad men the length of the division between Renovo and Harrisburg. There was another operator who burned the midnight oil at Montandon

named Herbert Knowlton, with whom Jim was particularly chummy.

The station at Lock Haven is at the lower end of the town, and at the time of which I write was, after ten o'clock, as lonesome a spot as a mountain tower. The last passenger train due at Lock Haven was No. 10, Erie mail east, at 9:45 p. m., and after her departure the idlers and the station employes went home, the gas was extinguished and, save the lights in the telegraph office and the signal box, everything was wrapped in a mantle of darkness, and Jim was left utterly alone, his sole companion being the office cat, until 5:25 in the morning, when the first train on the Bald Eagle Valley left to make connection with the Pittsburg flyer at Tyrone, save when freights stopped for orders. Doyle and Knowlton had the reputation of never sleeping while on duty, and during the night it was their custom to burn a side-wire with the gossip of the day, or talk about plans for the future.

One night in the latter part of October, 1880, Erie mail had as a passenger a gentleman from "up river," who was conveying the remains of his deceased brother to Altoona for interment. Being obliged to remain at Lock Haven all night he asked Jim if he would care for the corpse till morning. Of course he would, and had the coffin, which was enclosed in a rough box, brought into the men's waiting room and deposited just outside the office door, the furnace fires not yet having been lighted. During the night Jim told Knowlton of his charge and the latter immediately began to entertain him with narration of the most lurid hue. He reeled off ghost stories possessing a nerve-racking quality that was all wool and a yard wide. In the middle of one story that gave promise of being unusually blood-curdling, Jim's quick ear detected a scratching sound just outside the office door. His back was turned to it. The ticking of the sounder was lost upon him immediately; he strained his ears, yet fearful and apprehensive of looking around lest he see he knew not what. His heart thumped like a trip-hammer. What was it? A ghost? Or was the rough box a ruse? Might it not contain a man very much

alive intent on robbing the station, for the passenger receipts at Lock Haven even then were large. And how easy it would be for two desperate men to overcome a boy of sixteen. Again the scratch, scratch, and then came a low, moaning wail, like the cry of a soul in dire distress. The operator made a single bound that carried him to the door determined to know the worst, and beheld—the cat on top of the rough box. It was she who did the scratching and emitted that long, low, complaining caterwaul which sounded so unnatural and uncanny.

When Jim had come back to earth again he realized that "MO" was calling furiously. "In Heaven's name, what's the matter?" asked Knowlton.

He told him, and for succeeding weeks every fellow on the line would call up along about the hour when "churchyards yawn and graves give up their dead" and disturb Jim's serenity by asking "Any ghost at K tonight?" But the only ghost was purring Tabby on the table.

THE CLUE OF THE CARBON.

BY FRANK J. BRADLEY.

"THERE'S a screw loose somewhere, Englewood!"

It was President Grosvenor, of the Dodgers Locomotive Works, who made the remark, thoughtfully, impressively, but by no means accusatively.

"I have here a letter from George Hannahan," he continued, "telling us that the Octopus Locomotive Company has secured the Illinois Central order for fifty Consolidation locomotives. Their bid is \$17,250 per engine, against our \$17,500."

Englewood, the treasurer of the company, looked seriously distressed. Wheelen, the fat chief of the cost department, sat in Secretary Hannahan's chair, gazing blankly at an oil painting of old man Dodgers, the founder of the works. His air was depressed. Toyner, the purchasing agent, sat at his desk just outside the president's office, listening to the conversation and awaiting a possible summons from the big chief.

"We must go clear to the bottom of this," continued President Grosvenor. "Our bid for this contract was figured down to the lowest notch—you know that, Wheelen."

"I do, Mr. Grosvenor. I don't think that we ever figured so closely or so carefully on anything before."

"And yet," said Mr. Grosvenor, "they under-bid us." "Well," continued the aggressive little president, "I'll wire Hannahan that we received his letter and to go and see Van Alstyne, of the St. Louis Southwestern. I think we stand a good show of landing their order. In the meantime, Wheelen, go over your figures and see if we can not reduce our price in case we are called upon to do so. If we don't secure new business soon, we'll have to shut down this vast establishment."

There was no response or suggestion from the two men. This was not a new matter. For a year past the Baldwin and the Octopus companies, particularly the latter, had been running them very hard on prices, and they had figured and discussed, and figured again, until they felt that they had reached rock bottom. They had lost several desirable contracts by such narrow margins that a vague suspicion was dawning in the minds of the officials that there must be a "leak" somewhere. Someone was giving out information to their rivals, but who was doing it, no one could guess. Hannahan, Wheelen and Toyner, who made up the proposals, had been with the company for years and were above suspicion.

Wheelen had left the president's office and Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Englewood were discussing the details of the Walsh failure in Chicago when they were interrupted by Jimmie Hendrie, the extra work order clerk, who handed the president a statement of the extra work orders built during the year 1905, apologizing for his failure to get it out the day before.

Jimmie Hendrie had started with the Dodgers Works as an office boy. Time passed rapidly. Jimmie was now twenty-five years old. Jimmie knew, in a way, that something was wrong; that the president was uneasy, but he was as much at sea as anyone as to who could be the guilty

party. That someone was guilty of a breach of trust was only too evident.

One afternoon while puzzling over the matter, Jimmie was mentally following out the routine observed in making up and sending out proposals. Toyner, the purchasing agent, would secure any necessary prices; Wheelen, the cost accountant, would figure on the costs, which would be sent to Mr. Hannahan, who would add the proper per cent for profit. The figures were then handed to the president, who would submit his proposition from them, turning over the proposition to his stenographer to be copied and mailed.

Thus it seemed to narrow down to Toyner, Wheelen, Mr. Hannahan, Jimmie, the president and his stenographer, Paul Aloysius Kelly, better known among his associates as "Poker." Jimmie concluded that neither Toyner nor Wheelen did it; Mr. Hannahan wouldn't do it; he, Jimmie, couldn't do it, and of the president or his stenographer, the former was certainly less likely to be guilty than the latter. Jimmie decided to watch Kelly.

A good opportunity soon offered itself, as estimates were then being prepared on thirty Atlantic type engines for the Great Northern. After Mr. Hannahan had approved the costs, Jimmie himself took the papers to the president, who dictated his proposition and attached his signature, which the young man witnessed. As Kelly was in the city on an errand, the president directed Jimmie to see that the bid was mailed at once.

As he returned from the postoffice, it occurred to him that Kelly had not seen these figures and if they were underbid this time, it certainly could not be laid at the stenographer's door. He hoped Kelly was not guilty, though the stenographer had never seemed to like Jimmie, his dislike being more marked since Jimmie's appointment as extra work order clerk. He made it as unpleasant for the young man as he could—found all manner of fault with the stationery supplies which were in Jimmie's charge. The last lot of letterheads were not as good as formerly, or the carbon paper was poor—couldn't get good copies from it. Poor

Jimmie had more trouble trying to please Kelly than with all the rest of the plant.

The next morning Kelly came back to the office and asked Jimmie if the bid for the Great Northern Atlantic-type engines had been prepared, and when told that it had, and had been mailed, he seemed (to Jimmie's vigilant eye) disturbed. Instead of giving him a short reply, as Jimmie fully expected, Kelly sat down and chatted pleasantly about various things; the approaching Dodgers-Schenectady baseball game, the weather and what not, remarking as he rose to go that he hoped they would get this contract.

"By the way, Jimmie," he said. "What was our price?"

"I really don't know," said Jimmie, "I didn't notice what it was."

"Well, I hope we will get it," said Kelly from the threshold as he left the room, "We've lost some good work, lately."

Jimmie was more certain now than ever that Kelly was the "leak," for he appeared to be more anxious than the circumstances warranted.

When the bids were opened in St. Paul by the president of the Great Northern, it was found that the Dodgers Locomotive Works were the lowest bidders for the Atlantic-type engines required by the railroad, and the contract was accordingly awarded to them.

Attention was diverted to other things and in a few days Jimmie had about forgotten the matter, though he was firmly of the opinion that Kelly was guilty, yet there was nothing but circumstantial evidence, and that only of the flimsiest nature. The subject would, in all probability, have been dismissed from his mind for good, had it not been again brought to his attention in a startling manner.

Fred Blauvelt, a local stationer, who furnished nearly all the supplies for the plant, came down to see Jimmie, bringing several samples of carbon paper which he was anxious to have tried. Jimmie held the sheets to the light and examined their texture, expressing the opinion that while the samples were fair, he did not think they were as good as some the English Station-

cry Company had sent down for trial the week before.

"Wait a moment," he said. "I gave that box to Kelly to try. He is always complaining about carbon paper. I'll get a sheet to compare with this."

He returned in a few minutes and compared Blauvelt's sheets with the sample Kelly had just given him. They appeared to be about the same grade, and Jimmie gave Blauvelt an order for several boxes, as his price was lower.

After Blauvelt had gone, Jimmie picked up the sheets and holding them to the window, again compared them. What he saw gave him a case of nervous excitement, for on the sheet just handed him by Kelly, was a clean-cut impression of a letter written to the second vice-president of the Octopus Locomotive Company, marked "personal" in capital letters at the top of the sheet and reading as follows:

February 15, 1906.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Stuyvesant Best Lehigh,

2d Vice-Pres't Octopus Locomotive Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lehigh:

I regret that owing to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to render you any assistance in the matter of the Atlantic-type engines for the Great Northern. Hope for better luck next time. Your check for \$300 was duly received, and beg to thank you for same. This closes up our last deal.

Yours very truly,

Jimmie was astonished. That Kelly was guilty, he never had a doubt, but now with unimpeachable evidence of it, handed him in a thoughtless manner by Kelly himself, he was loth to believe it.

What should he do? Expose Kelly, or should he just hand the carbon over to Mr. Hannahan and let him handle the case? That he ought to do something was certain. But to expose Kelly publicly would be to forever close to him the business offices in the vicinity, and Kelly wasn't such a bad sort after all.

Carefully locking up the sheet until the next day, Jimmie went home and spent the

greater part of the night wrestling with the problem. When he reached the office in the morning, his mind was fully made up.

Kelly lived on the old Dodgers farm in Pompton Plains, and came down on the early train. Jimmie met him at the Susquehanna depot and asked him to take a short walk, as he had something of a personal nature to say.

"Kelly," said Jimmie, "I want you to resign your position this morning."

"What!" cried the astonished stenographer. "Resign my position! What for, so you can get it? You seem to think since you were made extra work order clerk that you can run the whole damn shop."

"No, I don't," said Jimmie. "I want you to resign so you can secure another position elsewhere, for if you don't, you'll leave here under such conditions that will bar you from a situation in this State."

Kelly looked startled, but was determined to bluff it out.

"Come now, Hendrie," he said. "What does this mean? You drag me off here before I'm fairly off the train and tell me if I don't resign you'll force me to, and I won't be able to get another position unless I do."

"It won't do, Kelly," said Jimmie. "The jig is up. I know why we were underbid on the Hocking Valley cylinders, and why we didn't get the Illinois Central contract and why the Octopus people did. It's no use, you wrote the Octopus Locomotive Company that you were unable to help them in the matter of the Atlantic-type engines for the Great Northern and thanked them for check covering your previous commissions."

Kelly was thoroughly scared now, but blustered, "You can't prove it."

"I think I can," said Jimmie, "if I have to. You gave yourself away. When I asked you for a sheet of carbon paper the other day, you thoughtlessly gave me a fresh sheet which you had just used in writing these people, and as that letter was the only one which had been written with it, the impression is clear-cut and unmistakable."

"But that isn't evidence," blustered Kelly. "It isn't signed. How can you prove I wrote it?"

Jimmie shook his head sadly.

"How long do you think it would take the president to discharge you in disgrace if I were to show him that carbon sheet and tell him that you gave it to me, and when I accused you of having written the letter, you didn't deny it, but only said I couldn't prove it? You never liked me, Kelly, and have done all you could to make it unpleasant for me, but I don't bear you any grudge. It must have been uncommon hard luck that has driven you to this, and I am prepared to make a deal with you. If you will give me your word of honor never to again engage in practices of this kind, and will voluntarily resign your position, I will destroy that sheet of carbon paper and will say nothing to anyone about it. To all appearances you will have left of your own accord. If, however, you have not resigned by six o'clock this evening, I can not see that there will be any other course open to me, but to lay the matter before Mr. Hannah or the president. You may take your choice."

There was no bluster left in Kelly now.

"All right, Hendrie," he said, "I'll do it. I have been hard pressed lately. I owe two hundred hard dollars to various employees around the shop, and to make matters worse I dropped three hundred more at poker in Harry Gilbert's place last week. I yielded to this temptation, but if you'll keep faith with me, I'll swear to keep straight. If this gets out, I'm ruined."

The next morning it was generally known that Kelly had resigned. No one seemed to know why, and considerable surprise was expressed, for the position was known to be a good one.

There was one who knew, but, loyal friend, he said nothing.

Spoke From Experience.

Wife—There goes the tramp I gave a piece of my angel cake to yesterday.

Husband—Impossible, my dear, it must be his ghost.

ON THE WINGS OF THE STORM.

THE manager of the Bear Lake stock farm watched the storm from the window of his bungalow. It was a typical Western hurricane, coming after a dry spell, with pink lightning and tempestuous winds, and the continuous roll of thunder.

To the unaccustomed eye it was terrifying, but Alexander gazed undisturbed. He was young and strong.

But something very like fear gripped him now as he saw between the swaying trees a wraith-like figure running toward the house.

He went to the door and opened it. He dragged her over the threshold—a little, gasping, frightened girl.

"I'm so afraid," was all she could say at first.

"How does it happen that you are out?" He put her in a big chair by the side of the fireplace. "It's so late, and such an awful night."

She looked at him with startled eyes, as she tried to pin up the thick brown locks that had fallen about her shoulders.

"I—I was running away," she confessed.

"Oh," Alexander said, as he sat down opposite her. "You look a bit old for that. I was 9 when I decided to take to a cave dwelling and a man Friday."

A dimple showed in the corner of her mouth. "But—but I wasn't running away to live in a cave—I was running away to get married—"

"But—" Alexander said presently, "you—you don't look quite old enough for that."

"I am 18," was the explanation, "and he is 21."

"He?" murmured Alexander. "Where is he?"

Her lip quivered. "I think the storm must have kept him home—you wouldn't think a storm would matter to a man, would you?"

"Not to a man who was going to marry you—" Alexander found himself saying.

"Oh," the warmth in his tone brought a rosy flush to her face, "of course, something may have kept him—"

"Where was he to meet you?" Alexander asked.

"Over there by the church. We are stopping at one of the cottages just beyond."

"And when you didn't find him there you ran to the nearest house?"

"I saw your light and ran toward it."

"And now," he told her, "if you are rested a bit, I'll take you home."

"But I can't go back," she cried. "The door locks with a spring, and I haven't a key—"

"Ye gods!" Alexander's brows were knit.

And then, because he could think of nothing else to say, he asked, "Are you hungry?"

"Starved," she said.

He brought out crackers and cheese, and sardines and olives and marmalade, and all the dainties that a bachelor manager who elects to eat at meals the coarse food that is given his men keeps for private consumption.

"If—if I only knew where Bobbie was," she said, "I should be almost happy—"

"So his name is Bobbie?" Alexander asked.

She nodded. "We went to school together, and he is at college now, and he hasn't anything to marry on, and that's why mother objected, and that's why we ran away."

"Do you love him," Alexander asked, slowly.

"Of course," she said, quickly. "Only I'm not so sure right now—it seems as if he couldn't have let me come out in the storm alone—if he had loved me."

"He couldn't," said Alexander, briefly.

And then, after a moment, he said, slowly, "I wonder if you know what love is really like—love for which one suffers; for which one dies, if need be?"

She caught her breath. "No one ever said such things to me of love before," she said. "Bobbie and I just thought of fun—and—of having our own way."

She was such a little, innocent thing, but with such purity in her eyes, such a foreshadowing in her face of the woman that she might be, Alexander said, impulsively,

"Dear little girl, wait until love—real love—comes to you, before you marry—"

She held out her hand to him. "I will," she whispered. "I will wait." And even as she promised there came a knock at the door.

Alexander opened it, and Bobbie stumbled over the threshold.

"Why didn't you wait?" he complained at once. "Why didn't you wait, Mollie?"

"It was such an awful storm, and you weren't there, Bobbie."

"You might have known I'd come," he fumed. "I don't see why you came here, Mollie. I looked everywhere for you, and then I saw this light and I came over and looked through the window."

Alexander interposed. "She could not stay out in the night and storm—you were late."

The boy turned on him. "Well, what if I was?" he demanded. "Is it any of your business?"

"Yes"—the older man's tone was quiet—"it is always a man's business to see that a young and helpless girl is protected."

"But I—"

"I think you should take her home at once," Alexander advised, "and wait until you and she are old enough to know your own minds."

"Oh, don't preach," the boy flung out.

But Alexander's eyes were on the girl.

"When a woman loves a man it is such a wonderful thing that we ought to give her all our chivalry. Wait until you are older, Bobbie, and you'll know."

"Oh, come on Mollie," the boy interrupted, rudely, "I've got the horses outside, and we can get away in a minute."

But she stood very still in the middle of the room. "No," she said.

"Why not?"

"Because I know now that I—I don't love you as I ought to marry you, Bobbie," she faltered. "I—I want to go home—"

"Well, you can't go home," Bobbie told her, "not now. You haven't a key."

"She shall go home," Alexander said, suddenly, "if she wishes."

They faced each other, the boy and the man, and then before the stern glance of the other, Bobbie dropped his eyes.

"Oh, well, how will you manage it?" he said.

"I shall get her mother to the telephone," Alexander said, "and she can open the door for us."

The boy turned to the door. "I'll leave you to arrange it," he said to Alexander. "I don't seem to be in this," and he was gone.

"I'm afraid his feelings are hurt," Alexander said, "but it was best, wasn't it?"

He took Mollie's hand and stood looking down at her, and presently she said, "Yes, it was best. And now, will you call up mother, please?"

When he had given the message over the wire he took Mollie home. On the way they said little, but just before they reached her porch she whispered, "I—I want to thank you for what you said to me about—love. I shall think of it differently—now. I shall never marry Bobbie."

"Perhaps Bobbie will be different," Alexander said.

"No, I couldn't marry him—now." She held out her hand. "Will you come and see us some time? Mother will want to thank you."

"Will I come?" Great joy ran through his veins. "Will I come?" Then he bent down over her. "Are you sure there isn't any chance for Bobbie?"

"Yes," very low.

"Then I'll come," he said, and he knew in his heart that some day he would teach her the things that Bobbie had not known how to teach—things of love and life, and of happiness.—By PHILIP KEAN in *Ex.*

THE TRESPASSER.

THE boat came forward steadily. The man on the shore of the little island shaded his eyes with his hand as he stared across the shining waters. A frown rested on his sun-browned face.

A girl was the only occupant of the boat and she was pulling at the oars with a strong and steady swing. She looked over her shoulder occasionally, and kept the nose

of the craft headed toward the watcher on the shore.

The watcher, his frown deepening, suddenly put his hands to his mouth and called to her through the improvised megaphone.

"This is private property," he shouted, and there was a warning note in his clear voice.

The girl looked over her shoulder and smiled again, but the boat did not change its course.

"You must not land here," he shouted.

This time the girl gave no indication that she heard the warning. Her steady pull brought the boat nearer and nearer.

The man took a few steps forward, but before he could utter any further protest the bow of the craft grated on the sands and the girl, lightly leaping out, drew it still further up the beach. Then she leaned back against the boat and looked at him.

She was a handsome girl with thick masses of black hair and a clear olive complexion and big brown eyes. The man, despite his near-sighted eyes, the eyes of the scholar who has read not wisely but too well, knew that she was beautiful, with the added charm of beautiful youth, and then something about the directness of the glance she gave him vaguely troubled his mind. He ran his hand through his gray hair, as he always did when confronted with a bothersome problem, and his frown grew darker.

"Didn't you hear my warning?" he asked.

She smiled, but her eyes did not leave his face.

"I heard you calling," she answered. Her voice was very pleasant. The man ran his hand through his hair again.

"This is private property," he said. "The island is mine. I permit no visitors to land here."

"And you live here all alone?"

"Yes."

"They call you the island hermit. You really are a hermit."

"I suppose I am."

She raised her rounded brown arm and pointed to the nearby clump of trees.

"Is that your bungalow?"

"Yes."

"I would like to see it."

He stared at her in surprise.

"I have told you that I do not welcome visitors," he said.

She looked away from him and turned and drew the boat a little higher on the sands.

"I rowed across from Millport," she said, with a wave of her hand, "just to see you. It is three miles, they say. I am a little tired and a little hungry."

The man was bothered. He twisted the corner of his short gray moustache. It was another trick that indicated perplexity.

"I would rather you would go away," he said.

She shook her pretty head at him.

"No," she told him. "I am quite sure you don't mean that. Anyway, I can't go. I'm too tired."

He drew a long breath.

"Come," he said.

She was by his side as he turned toward the bungalow. She kept step with him as they moved along. Her hatless head came just above his shoulder. How lightly, yet how firmly she walked, what a beautiful embodiment of grace and strength she was. How proud a father might be of such a daughter. A sudden pain thrilled the man's heart, a sigh broke from his lips.

Then he felt the tender touch of the girl's fingers on his arm, but when he turned she was looking away.

"You do wrong to come here," he sharply said.

She shook her pretty head.

"No," she answered. There was something oddly muffled about her voice, and she did not look at him.

He said no more, but when they reached the door of the bungalow he looked at her again, and now her clear brown eyes met him with a smile of confidence.

"Come in," he said, as he led the way.

She stopped short and made him a little courtesy.

"And am I quite welcome?"

There was something very winning about her smile.

"You are welcome," he gravely said.

She looked at the well-filled shelves that lined the walls of the big sitting room.

"You are not entirely alone," she said.

"No," he answered, "I have many old friends here." And his eyes wore a loving expression as they regarded the long rows of books.

"And here is where you do your writing," she cried, as she turned to the littered table. "And here is your typewriter. Oh, I'm very clever at typewriting. I'm sure you'd find me useful." She stooped and caught up a page of manuscript. "What a clear hand you write," she said. "It would be delightful to copy it." But he had opened an inner door and disappeared through a hallway. Then the girl impulsively lifted the written page to her lips.

"This way," called the man's voice, and she dropped the sheet and followed him. "Here is where I usually eat," he said, and pointed to a smaller room that was all windows on two sides, with an outlook across the blue waters of the bay to the distant wooded shores.

"It is charming," cried the girl. "But one could scarcely eat and watch the view too."

"I have little to offer you," said the man. "Once a week a boatman rows over from Millport and brings me cooked meats and bread and such other supplies as seem needful. I have my own icehouse, and my wants are not many. I am here only through the warmer months. When the stormy season comes I go back to my rooms in the city."

It was the longest speech he had made. The girl accepted it as a friendly overture.

"I am sure there will be something good for a hungry girl's appetite," she cried. "And now you must let me set the table and find everything all by myself. I am going to prove to you that I can be useful in more ways than one. I want your good opinion. If there was any chance I would be so glad to show you how nicely I can cook. But there, please, you mustn't be here to look on. Go into the study and wait until I call you."

He frowned a little and hesitated.

"This is all wrong," he said.

"You'll find it all right when I call you."

"I know I should have sent you away."

"I'm sure you don't really think so."

He shook his gray head at her and turned away.

When he reached his study and seated himself and picked up a favorite book his thoughts were still on the girl. Her face smiled at him from printed pages, her words mingled with the text. What a beautiful episode this was in his lonely life.

And he knew he should have sent her away.

Hark! She was singing.

What a tender voice it was. What was the song? Something new to him. But the song was of little account—it was the tender voice.

And then suddenly she darted by the window and he saw her running toward the beach. Was she deserting him? A little pang of regret shot through his heart. No, here she was coming back with a basket swaying from one of those strong, young hands.

Well, he would yield himself to her influence. There was little sunshine in his life; he would bask in these few rays for the few hours before the light obscured them.

"Come, Mr. Hermit," cried the girl from the passageway, "luncheon is served."

He arose and obeyed the summons.

How attractive she had made the table. All that he had that would add to its appearance was there, and a bunch of flowers adorned the center. And there were dainties that were not from his larder. Now he understood the meaning of the mysterious basket.

He nodded approvingly. He felt that she expected some recognition of her efforts to please him.

"You have been to much trouble," he said.

Her eyes danced with pleasure.

"I am very glad it pleases you," she said. She looked at him curiously.

"What is it?" he asked.

Her face flushed.

"It will keep," she answered.

Then she held up her hand.

"Well?" he asked.

Her tone suddenly changed.

"I think I ought to say a little grace," she said. "That is, if you approve."

He gravely bowed his head.

"Dear Lord," she slowly said, "grant us the spirit to accept whatever thou givest, be it joy or be it sorrow, with perfect trust though imperfect understanding, and let us believe that joy will follow sorrow quite as surely as sorrow follows joy. Amen."

The troubled look was in his eyes when he raised his head.

"What do you know of sorrow?" he abruptly asked.

"Very little," she answered. "No doubt I should and shall know more."

"God forbid," he hastily cried. "But you have told me nothing about yourself."

"And you have shown no curiosity."

"What is your name?"

"Ah, what matters names? More especially on a desert island. I'm just a girl who wants to be considered useful."

"How old are you?"

She laughed merrily.

"I'm a woman and quite old enough to conceal my age. But you are not eating. That's a very poor compliment for a girl who has tried to do her feeble best."

"I beg your pardon," he said contritely. "Let me at once make amends."

His mood suddenly changed. His eyes brightened, his wit sparkled. He was no longer the absorbed scholar, he was the delightful raconteur, the charming companion.

And the girl watched and listened with an amazed and admiring gaze.

"How proud those who love you should be of you," she suddenly cried.

His face darkened, his mood changed.

"There is no one," he said.

"No one?"

He shook his head.

"I am quite alone."

Then his sorrowful gaze turned toward the blue waters of the bay. His brow wrinkled.

"What is it?" she asked.

"I do not like the looks of the sky," he said. "You should return at once. If a blow comes up you must be under the shelter of the headland."

She looked at him with her gently smiling eyes.

"But I'm not going back," she said.

He stared at her.

"Not going back?"

"No, I came here to stay. I have a right to stay, and there is no other place for me to go."

"Wh-what do you mean?" he stammered.

She arose and came toward him. He drew back a little. He was trembling. He wondered why.

"I—I can't keep this play up any longer," she half sobbed. "Don't you know who I am?"

He stared hard at the trembling lips and the tearful eyes. His memory flashed back along the years.

"Y-you are Mildred," he stammered.

"No-no, not Mildred, but Evelyn," she cried. "I am Evelyn, father."

His arms slowly opened, his eyes were suffused with tears.

"No, no," he murmured brokenly, "not my child!"

"Father!"

Her arms were around him, her head was pillowed against his breast.

Then he suddenly held her away from him and looked into her tear-stained face.

"But the courts gave you to your mother, my child," he harshly muttered.

"I give myself to you, my father. I can make my own choice. I am twenty-one."

"Your mother?"

"I ran away, father. I was tired of it all. She is still at Carlsbad. She would have me marry a man I despised. A wicked old man, father. I could not! And so I ran away, father, and came to you. There was nowhere else to go. You will protect me, father?"

He gently touched her wavy hair. He patted her brown hands. It was as if the little child he had known in happier years had come back to him.

He drew himself up. His eyes sparkled.

"I will protect you against all the world, my daughter."

"And you will let me stay here?"

"Yes, yes."

"And may I live with you?"

"Always."

A smile irradiated her brown face.

"And do I please you, father?"

Then the man smiled, too.

"You are like your mother, my child. And yet I think you are a little like me.

I trust it will not make you vain, my daughter, but to my mind you seem a very splendid young woman—and I am a proud and happy father."

"I am so glad," she murmured. "But I had dreamed that perhaps you would know me at once."

The man sighed.

"You were three years old the last time I saw you, my child. It was in the courtroom, and the judge had just given you to the keeping of your mother. Your mother sailed for Europe at once. Heaven forgive me for trying to forget you both. I felt that your mother had spoiled my life. The world was hateful to me. But there—the past is gone. What of the future?"

"The future, father?"

"You are too fine a young woman to be immersed with a soured old man."

"Father!"

"You must go back into the world."

"Into the world, father?"

He looked at her lovingly and proudly.

"And I will go with you."—By W. R. ROSE in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

A VERY PRACTICAL JOKE.

FOR the first year or two every man is a "prominent citizen" in your simon-pure boom town, and so it was in Greenough. Men endowed with more than argumentative eloquence and a vote, whose pasts were unknown and whose merits had not been tried, became mayor, aldermen, or what not.

Haskell Talbot, college athlete, during his first two years in Greenough, came within an ace of solving the problem of how not to be prominent in a boom town. He had so much fun on election day that he forgot to vote. In a word, he was such a "good fellow" that nobody took him seriously. And yet he was in love, and, to make matters worse, his sweetheart was the daughter of the richest and most exacting banker in town. To further complicate his chances with her, his rival was a model young man, mayor of the town, ascetic and faultless. Talbot realized that his rival was worthy of his best effort, and flattered his elastic conscience that he was really too

busy making love to do anything else "serious."

Of course, Catherin Grinstead liked the scapegrace better than the model young man. Pretty, imaginative, warm-hearted girls nearly always do, but Catherin had a common sense heritage from her father, and when at last young Talbot had brought his wooing to what he regarded as the climax of his ingenuity and the limit of her patience, he asked her to be his wife, and she lifted him into the seventh heaven by answering:

"Yes, Haskell, I'll marry you," but as he took her in his arms she disengaged herself, and, tapping his broad chest with her admonitory finger, added: "On one condition—you've got to be mayor of Greenough first."

Talbot thought it was a joke, but he found she meant it, and then he exacted a promise that, while he was "getting busy" with politics, she must not give Mayor Jones the advantage of her society. It was a bit rough on Jones, but she did freeze him after that, and he became the natural and sworn enemy of Talbot. It was almost ridiculous to see the way poor Talbot started his campaign. He had no trouble getting that Independent party to nominate him, for the simple reason that the Regulars had fifty majority, and not even an Independent likes to invite a licking. His candidacy was a town joke, and everybody regarded it as the best he had tried. Jones was quickly chosen by the Regulars to succeed himself, and even his somberly handsome face relaxed into a smile at mention of Talbot's "campaign."

The Independent rented a little, dark back office over the Saddle Rock restaurant, and began to entice the leading citizens, one by one, into his den for a secret chat. Mayor Jones, from his window, began to notice this move, and smiled sardonically as he noticed that as they went into the building with Talbot they were all smiles. But when they came out they looked nervous, worried, even scared. Then Jones got worried. He tried to pump some of the leading Regulars whom he had seen come furtively out of Talbot's office, but they either refused to discuss the matter or put him off with, "Oh,

just one of Talbot's little jokes." But the envious Jones, in spite of his almost certain success, was puzzled, and, hating Talbot with all the rancor of a defeated lover, began to court his friendship.

The guileless Independent fell into the trap. One day he met the young mayor coming down Main street, and thus airily accosted him:

"Morning, Jonesy! You're my friend, aren't you? Of course. Well, now I want you to come up to my office for ten minutes' talk. All I ask of you, and I am going to put you on your honor, is that you never breathe a word to any living creature about what you see in my office. Will you promise? Good! Your word is as good as your oath. Now come up."

When they had entered Talbot's office he pulled down the shade and lighted a candle. Then from a closet he pulled out a contrivance that looked exactly like a clothes wringer. Talbot explained that it was a machine for printing money. He picked up a piece of white paper, clipped it the size of a regulation treasury bill, and said:

"Which will I make, a five or a ten?"

"A ten," whispered Mayor Jones, his greedy eyes bulging.

Talbot started the blank paper between the rollers, turned the handle and chuckled as a brand-new \$10 note came simultaneously out of the machine. Jones could hardly believe his eyes. He took the note and fingered it. He had been a bank clerk, and he knew it was as perfect as a treasury issue.

"What do you want me to do?" he asked softly, getting pale but fascinated.

"I'll sell you \$2,000 of the money for \$500," whispered Talbot.

"I'll—would you take \$400—it's so easy, Talbot. Besides, I'm—"

"No, no, no, Jonesy; I've only got one price."

"Give me till tomorrow," hesitated the mayor.

"All right, old man. Take the bill with you, and find out if it isn't all right. If it is, and you're willing to trade them, I'll ask you to sign an order for \$2,000, or whatever you want, to be delivered in, say, thirty

days. Here's one of the orders. You see it reads 'noteheads,' and is merely a memo."

"Has anybody else—er—ordered any?"

"Now, see here, Jonesy, that's my secret. And remember you've promised to say nothing. I couldn't squeal if I wanted to, because—well, I don't want to land in the pen."

And Jones promised secrecy, and went away torn by contending emotions of greed, malice and injured pride. He knew there was a standing reward of \$5,000 for counterfeiters of \$10 bills. To give Talbot up meant revenge, a big profit, and, above all, Catherin. The next day Haskell Talbot was in his office when Mayor Jones and a stranger tip-toed to his door and knocked. He let them in. Jones dramatically pointed to his prey. The secret service man, pistol in hand, let the shade fly up and growled:

"Where's your outfit?"

But when Talbot displayed his "money-maker" the officer got red with rage, and turned upon Mayor Jones, and roared:

"D'you fetch me all the way down here 'count o' that chestnut? You must be a jay for sure. Why, that's one o' them magician things. It don't make no counterfeits."

Then Talbot laughed like a boy and the detective laughed like a horse, but Mayor Jones stood, grinning sickly, till the joker said:

"Never mind, old man, I'll not give you away."

Jones might have gained his self-esteem if he had been elected, but when he knew that Talbot had defeated him he had actually jumped the town and was well on his way before he figured out that even a "prominent" Regular would rather vote for an Independent than be shown up as a dealer in counterfeit money.

As for Talbot, Mayor Talbot, he tore up all those orders for "noteheads," even to the last, Judge Grinstead's, but thereafter his "constituents" knew him and supported him because they knew that he knew them.
—By JOHN H. RAFFERTY in *Chicago Record-Herald*.

A POLICY OF SILENCE.

WALTER MERITON put the question boldly to Mr. David Cartwright, even as he had promised the latter's daughter he would, and now he waited, looking straight at the stern, business-like face of the assistant superintendent of the line for his reply, but already reading a decided negative therein.

"See here, Mr. Meriton," he said presently, "some men in my position would have been highly offended at this. But I don't want to treat you in that way. Understand that I am not in the least angry with you for asking the hand of my daughter, though I must confess you have taken me by surprise. But my answer must be no!"

"May I ask your reasons, sir?"

"You may. In the first place you are both very young—my daughter especially. In the second place I intend that my daughter shall marry a man who is able to support her in the manner to which she has been accustomed, which you are certainly unable to do at present. And in the third place, you will pardon me for saying so, I do not see any special indications that you will rise to such a position. The C. M. & St. P. R. R. Company, as you very well know, makes no promotion by favoritism. Every man must win his way up the ladder, as I have had to do myself."

"It is absolutely final as far as the present is concerned," he said, "and unless you progress up the ladder it will be final in the future. The fact of your being what is called a gentleman makes no difference. The question is how do you stand with us from a business point of view? Your chief merit is your knowledge of German. There you are useful to us in our correspondence. But do something smart on the line, my lad," he went on kindly. "Do something smart! That's the way to get on."

"I'll try, sir—for Evie—Miss Cartwright's sake."

"Very likely. But understand me that from this moment you must not say another word to her on the subject. She must be left free. Can I trust you?"

"Certainly."

"And now to work. I want you to run down to St. Paul tomorrow, and make thorough investigations as to the working of the staff there. I'm not quite satisfied about things, and I want a full report before I go down myself. There's a slack tone about the station and complaints have reached me. We'll go over them now."

He went through a bundle of documents with the young man, and finally dismissed him with the injunction to take the 9:30 express the next morning.

Then he lay back in his chair a minute or two and pondered.

"I like that fellow," he admitted, "and I know Evie's fond of him. But I haven't seen real grit in him yet. Well, time will prove."

Walter Meriton somehow found an opportunity of seeing the assistant superintendent's daughter before the day was over. Possibly the meeting had been arranged beforehand.

"Well," she asked, "did you see him?"

"Yes."

"What did he say?"

Meriton told her.

"Good old dad!" she replied. "I knew he liked you. Then it's all right, Walter."

"I don't see that it's all right at all, dear," said the young man gloomily. "We've got to break off the engagement, and—"

"You silly boy," she interrupted, "just as if it really matters. It's only for a time. I'll wait for you if—if you don't make my wait too long," she added, roguishly.

"Of course I shall try and win you."

There was a resolute look in Walter Meriton's face when he rose next morning. He noticed it himself in the glass. He meant business, did this young man. He had sat up half the night going deeply into the question of the St. Paul station staff, for he intended this report of his to be the first little rung up the ladder before him.

Railway men from guards to superintendent are generally the last to get into a starting train. So, as Walter Meriton walked on to the platform alongside which stood the St. Paul express, the guard was just preparing to wave his green flag. Even then, Meriton did not hurry, but exchanged a word or two with one of the officials.

Then, just as the train began to move, he made a dash at a first-class compartment. It was locked, but the other hastily produced his key and opened it, and Meriton swung himself in. As he looked out of the window to say a last word to the official, he heard a deep voice behind him in German:

"Ach Gott! Curse him, I thought we had the compartment to ourselves! I gave the guard five dollars to lock us in."

He was on the point of turning to apologize when he heard another voice say in the same language:

"Bad luck! But we must settle with him if he is troublesome."

Now Walter Meriton was a thorough German scholar.

He looked for a moment carelessly at his companions. They were two evil-looking men—one short and sandy-haired, with little gray eyes that never kept still; the other big and sinewy, a very powerful-looking fellow. They, in turn looked at him closely. Evidently their suspicions were aroused. So were his, but he never showed it.

Then the short man leaned over and spoke to him in German, asking whether he objected to smoking. By no hint did he betray himself.

He simply shook his head and remarked in English that he did not understand.

"We want to schmoke," said the German in English.

"Oh, certainly!"

He smiled and nodded. But the other man was not satisfied. Turning to Meriton he let fly a volley of the foulest abuse in German.

Meriton did not turn a hair, though he understood perfectly. He only shrugged his shoulders and looked bewildered.

Then the short man explained, after a pause: "Mine friend speaks not English. He ask you for matches!"

"We may speak," said the short man, "he does not understand."

"No, but he will be in the way."

"What shall we do?"

"Don't worry, my friend. We are a match for him, and we can easily tie him up and put him under the seat."

This cheerful bit of information was duly digested by Walter Meriton, but he appeared quite engrossed in his papers. They glanced at him sideways. It was evident he knew no German.

"And now to business," said the bigger man. "You have brought them?"

"Two of them—in the bag," and he jerked his thumb toward the rack.

"Good! Here is the plan."

He called it *eisenbahn fahrplan* in German, and he pulled a printed paper from his pocket. Meriton gave one little glance toward it, and set himself with a mighty effort to keep his countenance. For he had instantly recognized it as the paper of special working instructions for a train that was to run that morning from St. Paul to Chicago, and which was to carry no less a personage than the Governor of Montana, who, after a visit to the Governor of Minnesota, was on his way to Chicago upon another visit.

He might well recognize it, for he had helped to draw it up himself and had dispatched copies of it to all the principal offices along the line some days before. Somehow or other these men had managed to get hold of a copy, and he guessed it meant mischief.

Just a word or two as to these "special working instructions" which are always issued when any excursions or special trains are run. The train in question is carefully timed from start to finish all along the route, not only the times of running through the stations being put down for the guidance of the driver and station masters, but also the principal signal cabins and other points on the road.

Provision is also made for shunting ordinary trains into "refuge" sidings to allow of the passing of the "special," while instructions are carefully issued as to the number of coaches of which the "special" is to be composed, and in the case of governors, mayors, etc., traveling, the exact position of his *salon* in the train is laid down.

High officials of the line always travel on such a train, and in this case Meriton knew very well that David Cartwright, his

own particular "chief," had gone down to St. Paul by an early "special" that morning in order to accompany the governor on his journey to Chicago.

"Now then," said the bigger man, "we must find out the exact time when our train is likely to pass this one," indicating the special. "You see, it is timed to run through Evanston at 10:55. Now, we don't stop at Evanston, but I have found out from the 'Working Timetable' that we are due there at 10:35. So, you see, it will be about ten minutes or so the other side of Evanston. There's a signal cabin called Pine Tree Box that the special passes at 10:42. That will be about the point where we shall cross it."

"We must keep the time carefully."

"Of course. And one of us must be looking out of the window down the line. The Governor travels in the third *salon* from the engine. We must have bombs ready in our hands and throw them in as near as we can guess. It will have to be done in a second. I'll throw from the center window, and you throw from the side one at the same time. We'll have to break it first."

"How about this cursed Englishman?"

"I told you, we must tie him up. As for ourselves, well, we knew the risk when we drew lots at the meeting. If our driver hears the explosion and stops we must make a bolt of it. If not, we'll pull the communication cord before we get to St. Paul—in a tunnel if we can—and get clear as best we may."

Walter Meriton had taken in the whole situation, but his face showed no signs of it. These men were about to make a desperate attempt upon the governor's life by endeavoring to hurl a couple of bombs into his *salon* as the trains passed each other.

Rapidly he reviewed the situation. There was a three-fold reason for action. First, the governor was in danger; secondly, his chief's life was at a like risk, and thirdly, there was the honor of the company at stake.

Suddenly an inspiration struck him. It was more difficult than ever now to appear perfectly oblivious of the other men, but by a great effort he did so. He had his pocket

case on his knee, and his hands were holding the papers, upon which he was pretending to take notes, apparently. He took a telegraph blank out of his pocket case, taking care, as he did so, that his traveling companions could not see, and quickly wrote these words:

"From St. Paul Express, 3824, C. Dynamitards in compartment. Mean wreck Governor of Montana special. Stop train at Evanston—Meriton."

Carelessly putting his hands in his pocket he took out four or five coppers, wrapped them up in the telegraph form, held it in his left hand, and prepared for action.

Then he looked out of the window. It was a clean run of six miles to the next station, and the train would pass a signal cabin on that side of the line in half a minute.

Then, as the train neared the box, he waved his arm up and down with a peculiar motion, still keeping it out of the sight of the two men, and glancing at the cabin. To his joy, the man was standing at the open window.

Out flew the weighted bit of paper and fell by the side of the line. The signalman put up his hand with a quick jerk. He had seen it, and understood.

The next moment a violent blow struck upon the young man's head from behind, and he fell senseless.

When he came to himself he found that he was lying on the hard floor of the carriage. His hands and feet were firmly tied with string and handkerchiefs, a bandage was over his eyes, and a gag was fastened into his mouth. The train was still rushing along at full speed.

"Better to have given him a few inches of knife," he heard the shorter man growl.

"Oh, it's all right," said the other. "We've no quarrel against him, and he can't do us any harm. Now, then, we're only a few miles off Evanston, and there isn't any time to lose. Better get that window smashed."

There was a crash of glass as his companion struck at the quarterlight with his stick.

"Now, the bombs. Put them on the seat ready. That's right."

"Are we stopping?"

"Yes—no! The man in the signal box is waving a green flag. We are going on. No—no—we're stopping again. Lucky we gagged the fool. Ah, we're going to stop in the station. Curse it! Keep still, my friend!"

Walter Meriton heard, understood and rejoiced. The next moment a voice on the platform exclaimed:

"This is 3824, C!" and the lock clicked.

The villains were completely taken by surprise, as a couple of policemen and a railway official dashed in. They tried to open the other door and escape, but in vain. They were handcuffed before they knew what had happened, and the railway official had opened the bag.

"Bombs!" he exclaimed, "and a broken quarterlight. Going to throw 'em at the special, that's it. Lucky we got the message in time. Where's Mr. Meriton, though? I hope they haven't done for him."

Then a form rolled out from under the seat, and Meriton got his bonds off and his gag out. Directly he had done so he made the captives a mocking speech in excellent German.

"Ach!" shouted the bigger of the two as he shook his handcuffed fists. "I wish I had listened to Heinrich and killed you—you pig!"

Meriton acknowledged the sentiment politely and the train went on, leaving the prisoners behind.

* * * * *

"Meriton," said the assistant superintendent, "the company won't forget this. Neither shall I, for I owe you something personally over it."

"Which I hope you'll pay, sir," said Meriton demurely.

"Eh? No, I told you the other day I make no personal favoritism and I stick to that. But you've shown yourself a smart man, and I'll give you a promise. When you've got your divisional superintendency you shall marry Evie. There!"

And meanwhile?"

"Meanwhile? Oh, well, you're on the way to it. The G. M.'s got a post for you over this affair. So—well—you'd better go and make it all right with Evie, my lad. That's what you want, I suppose, eh?"—By VICTOR L. WHITECHURCH in *Express Gazette*.

GOOD FOR HIM, ANYHOW!

"I have spanked Thomas until I can spank him no more!" exclaimed Miss Hardcastle, the geographical mistress, to Miss Manners, the mathematical mistress. "Really, my arm quite aches from the daily chastisement of that naughty boy!"

"When you want him spanked again send him to me, then," said Miss Manners.

And, sure enough, at 11 o'clock next morning Thomas appeared at the door of the mathematical mistress's classroom.

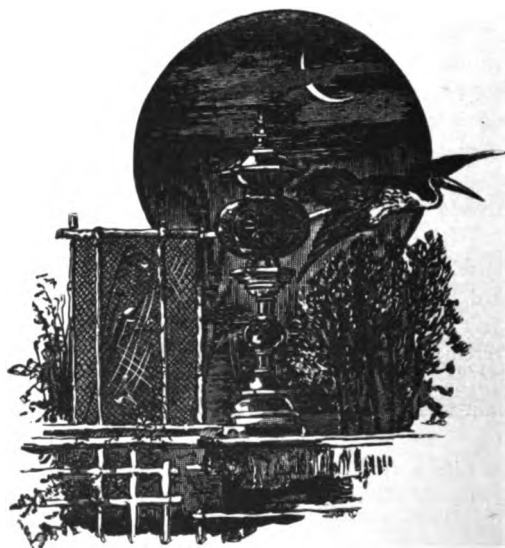
"Where have you come from?" asked Miss Manners.

"Miss Hardcastle," confessed Thomas.

"I thought so!" exclaimed the teacher, and, dropping her book, she adroitly inverted the youngster with a twist, and punished him till the room rang with shrieks and whacks.

"Now, Thomas," said Miss Manners, when she had concluded her duty, "what have you got to say?"

"Please, miss," blubbered the feeling scholar, "Miss Hardcastle wants the scissors."



POETICAL

Be Careful What You Say.

In speaking of a person's faults,
Pray don't forget your own;
Remember those with homes of glass
Should seldom throw a stone.
If we have nothing else to do
But talk of those who sin,
'Tis better we commence at home,
And from that point begin.

We have no right to judge a man
Until he's fairly tried;
Should we not like his company,
We know the world is wide.
Some may have faults—and who has not?
The old as well as young;
Perhaps we may, for aught we know,
Have fifty to their one.

I'll tell you of a better plan,
And find it works full well—
To try my own defects to cure,
Before of others' tell.
And though I sometimes hope to be
No worse than some I know,
My own shortcomings bid me let
The faults of others go.

Then let us all, when we commence
To slander friend or foe,
Think of the harm one word may do
To those we little know.
Remember curses, sometimes, like
Our chickens, "roost at home;"
Don't speak of others' faults until
We have remedied our own.

Mary's Animal Show.

Mary had a little lamb—
'Twas Persian—on her coat;
She also had a mink or two
About her dainty throat;
A bird-of-paradise, a fern
And ermine made the hat
That perched at jaunty angle
On her coiffure, largely "rat."
Her tiny boots were sable topped,
Her gloves were muskrat, too.
Her muff had heads and tails of half
The "critters" in the zoo,
And when she walked abroad, I ween,
She feared no wintry wind;
At keeping warm, 'twas plain to see,
She had all nature "skinned."

—Lippincott's.

Insulated Bilkins.

Yes, I like a chap like Bilkins; he's the kind that
don't explain
When affairs go wrong and give him just a little
touch of pain.
Why, when he was flunked at college, in a by-
gone freshman class,
When requested to give reasons, he just answered,
"Couldn't pass!"

When the team was thrashed at football, and
he lost a pot of cash—
For old Bilkins loved to gamble, and he frequently
was rash—
When they asked him at the finish why his team
had met defeat,
He just shrugged his manly shoulders, as he
answered, "They got beat."

When his best girl frowned upon him and eloped
with Billy Jones,
There was not a bit of whining, there were no
heartrending groans.
When they asked him for a reason why the maid
should treat him ill,
He indulged no explanations, but replied, quite
simply, "Bill."

When he ran for public office, back in eighteen
ninety-nine,
And was snowed up like a trolley on a North
Alaska line,
Some one asked him how it happened that his luck
had been so tough.
It was chiefly, so he reckoned, that he "hadn't
votes enough!"

When his uncle died and left him only sixty-seven
cents,
It may be his inner feelings were unpleasantly
intense;
But he never showed he felt it, or expected
greater wealth.
He just "blew" the sixty-seven "to the dear old
duffer's health!"

Yes, I like a chap like Bilkins; he is such a great
relief
To the general run of cusses who delight to share
their grief.
It is nice to find a wight who, when he gets a solar
pleck.
Leaves explanatory piffle and just takes it in the
neck!
—Judge.

The "Once-a-Years."

There are men in every union, and it really is a pity—
 We have them in the country as well as in the city.
 They seldom come to meetings and they hate to pay their dues,
 And at every call for charity they grumble and refuse.
 Yet we have them on the roster, and they never would be missed
 If they took a trip to China and got on the Boxers' list.
 They come around 'bout once a year at officers' election,
 And they have a deal to say that we make a good selection,
 And give us good advice, these noble-hearted gentry,
 And they want to choose the officers, from president to sentry.
 They find fault with the union and growl at each assessment,
 And seem to think they've made a mighty poor investment.
 And when they see the death list it almost sets them crying,
 Till we feel like giving double if they would do the dying.
 Now, brothers, take advice, and try and get to meeting,
 And we will give you all a true and royal greeting,
 And when you hear of brothers who are sick and in distress,
 May your hearts be full of sympathy to aid and cheer and bless;
 And when Death's mighty angel at last shall smite you down,
 And you lay aside your earthly cross and take up the promised crown,
 We all will stand a mighty band of brothers true and kind,
 To guard, protect, assist, defend the loved ones left behind.

—C. J. LUNDBERG, in the *Union Leader*.

The Modern Panacea.

The able-bodied hustle is the cure for every ill,
 The panacea for worry that too oft our brains doth fill.
 It's the chaser of the gloomy, the cure for feelings blue.
 When you feel bad, try a hustle; 'twill do lots of good for you.
 When you're hustling you're forgetting all the things that don't go right;
 It will bring you joy in daytime, make you slumber well at night;

It brings peace and plenty also, and makes glad the heart of man;
 It improves the mood of those built on the pessimistic plan.

Hustling shortens up the hours of the workday you must toil;
 It drives away your troubles; dark despair doth quickly foil.
 It's the greatest medicine on earth—the real kind, not a fake;
 It's a popular prescription everybody ought to take.
 It marks the growth of nations; it builds progress every day.
 If you want to get along, you'll find that it's the only way.
 It oils this old world's axis—the truth we must confess,
 The hustle is the secret and foundation of success.

—M. DASH.

As You Like It.

To the preacher life's a sermon,
 To the joker it's a jest;
 To the miser life is money,
 To the loafer life is rest.

To the lawyer life's a trial,
 To the poet life's a song;
 To the doctor life's a patient
 That needs treatment right along.

To the soldier life's a battle,
 To the teacher life's a school;
 Life's a "good thing" to the grafter,
 It's a failure to the fool.

To the man upon the engine
 Life's a long and heavy grade;
 It's a gamble to the gambler,
 To the merchant life is trade.

Life's a picture to the artist,
 To the rascal life's a fraud;
 Life perhaps is but a burden
 To the man beneath the hod.

Life is lovely to the lover,
 To the player life's a play;
 Life may be a load of trouble
 To the man upon the dray.

Life is but one long vacation
 To the man who loves his work;
 Life's an everlasting effort
 To shun duty to the shirk.

To the heaven-blest romancer
 Life's a story ever new;
 Life is what we try to make it—
 Brother, what is life to you?

—*Binghamton Republican*.



FACETIOUS



Leading Question.

Tommy—Pop, a man is a bachelor until he gets married, isn't he?

Tommy's Pop—Yes, my son.

Tommy—And what does he call himself afterward?

Tommy's Pop—I'd hate to tell you, my son.—*Philadelphia Record*.

A Slight Chance.

Dude—Does this train carry animals.

Pat—No, but if you git into a seat and kape your mouth shut, Oi don't think anyone will suspect yer identity.—*Bohemian*.

He Preferred One Girl.

When J. M. Barrie, the author of "Peter Pan," addressed an audience of a thousand girls at Smith College during his American visit of last year, a friend asked him how he had found the experience.

"Well," replied Mr. Barrie, "to tell you the truth, I'd much rather talk a thousand times to one girl than to talk one time to a thousand girls."

No, Not Glad.

The sympathetic woman was visiting the Columbus prison and her heart was almost bursting with pity for the poor prisoners. She passed them one by one and never uttered a word; she was instructed not to speak to the inmates and she had given her word. The temptation soon became too strong, however, as she saw one poor chap listlessly rolling cigars.

"Poor man," began the sympathetic woman, "isn't it terribly monotonous? Won't you be very glad when your sentence has expired?"

"No, ma'am," came the doleful reply, "mine's a life sentence."—*Penitentiary News*.

Not Much Difference.

"Say, Maria, where is all that racket I hear?"

"Why, John, they are making that noise over at Bigwad's."

"What's going on, Maria?"

"Why, I thought you knew, John. It's Bigwad's chiffonier building a garbage for their autonewoleans."

"Why, Maria, you mean automobile."

"Mebbe it is, John. I knew it was named after one of them Southern cities."

Sure.

"Tommy," said the fond mother, "isn't it rather extravagant to eat both butter and jam on your bread at the same time?"

"No, ma'am; it's economy," Tommy answered. "The same piece of bread does for both."

His Mean Revenge.

"I've met a great many mean, spiteful men in my time," said Gladys, "but Harry Morton is certainly the spitefulest of them all!"

"What's the matter now?" asked her chum, Marie. "I thought it was all off and done with."

"So it is!" answered Gladys, decisively. "I'm not referring to our broken engagement—broken beyond repair, thank Heaven—but to his subsequent actions."

"What on earth has he done?"

"What has he done? This is what he has done! He's sent me half a dozen boxes of face powder, with a note stating that inas much as we had returned to each other everything that had passed between us he thought it only right that I should have the powder, seeing that he must have taken at least that much home on his coat since the time he first met me!"

All the Same to Her.

The mistress looked dejectedly at the latest domestic, just over, and willing to begin at only \$4 a week.

"What can you do?" she asked, with no hope in her heart.

"Anything at all, sure!" was the encouraging response. The mistress glanced about the room. There was everything to be done.

"Could you fill the lamps?" she ventured. "I can that!" and the lamp was seized in a stout embrace. Then, with the air of one wishing above all else to suit the possible whims of a new employer, she paused to ask:

"And is it gas or wather you do be liking it filled wid?"

A Girl's Way.

It was a sweltering summer afternoon. Algernon sat in the hammock, and Claire occupied a wicker chair. She was very pretty, and Algernon was hopelessly in love with her. He was almost in despair as he sat looking at her playing with his heart, and he knew it.

"Oh, Claire," he pleaded. "Why are you so cold?"

"I'm not, Algie," she protested.

"You are, Claire," he insisted.

"And I say just as positively that I am not."

"Claire, Claire!" he cried. "How can you say that when you know you have treated me like—"

"Oh," she interrupted, fanning herself lazily meanwhile, "I thought you were talking about the weather, Algie."—*Lippincott's*.

Wait a Minute.

A Winimac man who has had no trouble in getting cash from the local banks when he wanted it was in a neighboring town the other day, where the banks are paying only a small amount in currency. While in one of the banks there he overheard two Irish friends greet each other while waiting their turn at the window.

"This reminds me of Finnegan," remarked one.

"What about Finnegan?" inquired the other.

"'Tis a story that Finnegan died, and when he greeted St. Peter he said:

"'It's a fine job you've had here a long time.'

"'Well, Finnegan,' said St. Peter, 'here we count a million years as a minute and a million dollars as a cent.'

"'Ah,' said Finnegan. 'I'm needin' cash; lend me a cent.'

"'Sure,' said St. Peter, 'just wait a minute.'"

What He Wanted To Say.

"Hello!"

"Hello!"

"Hello, confound you! What do you want?"

"Is this 6445?"

"Of course! Why don't you go ahead and talk?"

"Oh, you needn't get mad about nothing."

"Well, my time's worth money! I can't stand here all day jabbering 'hello' to somebody!"

"This is about the first time I ever used a telephone, and—"

"Did you call me up just for practice?"

"No, of course not."

"Did you call me up to tell a funny story?"

"No, I—"

"Well why don't you go ahead then with your business?"

"You don't give me a chance. As I was saying—"

"There you go again! Say, how long are you going to keep me standing here?"

"You can sit down if you want to!"

"I'll sit down on you if this is supposed to be a joke! Who are you, sir?"

"My name is Brown. I moved in directly opposite you a few weeks ago."

"Well Brown, I'm sorry I have spoken so harshly to you, but I'm not feeling just up to the mark today. Hope you will pardon me."

"Oh, certainly."

"What is it you wished to say to me?"

"Why, I wanted to tell you that your house is on fire."—*Success Magazine*.

Our Correspondents



PROTECTION BY DIVINE LAW.

IN the *Bricklayer and Mason* for July we found a remarkable production by Mr. Ferguson, of New York, one of the members of that labor union. We copy, among his bright thoughts, as follows: "It is quite hard for the ordinary mind to trace effects to causes. We generally stop and begin our thoughts before we strike rock bottom, with the result that nothing comes from our mental efforts. It is hard to realize and mention the fact that all the advantages of civilization go to the holder of property, and all the disadvantages to the landless, those without property."

Those few lines go, no doubt, to the bottom of all human development, provided we try to catch their full meaning. Taken all in all, we hold property in proportion as we hold land, in forms direct or indirect. A farmer with hundreds of acres of land, may be a very insignificant land holder. A man apparently without any land may be a land holder on a colossal scale. Land is often owned, controlled and possessed through the possession of written documents giving to the holder the power to collect tribute from hundreds and thousands of workers through the element of what we call rents, interest, dividends or any similar contrivances.

In this nation today, not far from ninety billions—ninety billions of dollars—are held by two or three per cent of our family groups, through documents carrying the power to collect the tribute in question, from the working millions. The annual sum of that tribute is over five billions of dollars. All that tribute is embodied in higher prices over all we produce and consume, bought by the millions of workers who produce it. And that is not the only item in the grand total of tribute that King

Monopoly imposes over the multitude, producing all wealth.

We can now see, if we wish to see anything of any substance, why it is that we have, all over the earth, at least over 85 per cent of the race practically without any property worth talking about.

We may have mentioned it before, but it will not do any harm to repeat the fact, that our ninety billions in bonds, stocks, etc., mean simply a general mortgage amounting to over \$5,500 that falls on the average family of the seventy-five millions of our plain people holding mighty little property, if any. The whole atrocity is accomplished through the glorious (?) laws we all see fit to have. We then have no right to complain against anybody. The atrocity is sanctioned, approved, sanctified by all of us.

And please remember that through no violence on the part of those who suffer shall we ever improve social conditions. All violence, all brute force, leads into some new form of social despotism. The new form may be a little less visible than the old one. That only increases the fatal effects of the new social evils, it makes them less subject to a popular reaction against them. Our submission to wrongs increases in proportion as their action is more hidden or indirect. Progress thus far has been the science of making social wrongs as intangible as possible, because covered up with deceitful tints of righteousness. That represents the pharisaical spirit, so dreadfully attacked by Jesus, the great social reformer.

The worst element in the pharisaical spirit is its invisibility to those who suffer from it. The intensified selfishness it evolves, blinds all the mental faculties, when the evolution of high ideals is utterly impossible. The average pharisee is selfish

by wholesale, so to speak, on a broad scale; that is, a concentrated monopolist; a scientific one, taking the nation and humanity as the field for his operations, and human laws as the instrument through which to make them most effectual and fatal all around in the general activities of the human family. Our age is then essentially pharisaical. Never before in the history of humanity had it been made more easy, than in the last 25 years, for a few men to accumulate, each one of them, from ten to one hundred millions of dollars in a few years. And few of us, if any, educated into destruction, seem to realize the utter absurdity of the process. In the order of nature the process is utterly impossible. Its possibility arises in proportion as we forget that the monopolization of natural resources on a large scale is the worst and vilest social crime of what we call progress or civilization.

Our great abundance of natural resources, in proportion to population, their great natural potentialities in wealth production, our suigeneris and nonpareil geographical situation, for all commercial purposes, and the intense evolution all that has invited along the line of invention in machinery by which to increase our power to rapidly produce wealth; it is through that combination that the monopoly business has attained its wonderful intensity. And the process is bound to increase, as long as we keep repudiating the divine moral order of the universe in the legislation about all industrial activities.

We thus create a cowardly social atmosphere for all of us. And the higher we rise in earthly means over the rest, the greater that moral cowardice envelops our body, mind and soul. We don't even then ever dream of finding fault with any of the barbarisms, by the thousand per annum, that we legalize, for the moral and spiritual destruction of all of us. All we care about is—how to rise, more or less, at the expense and through the sufferings of the multitudes.

Neither in the orbit of natural nor in that of divine adjustments has what we call wealth been promised to anybody. Still less has it been made possible or necessary for

the healthy development of any group of men. Just the reverse, since it is antagonistic to all forms of peaceful existence worth having. Something better than foolish wealth has been promised to all, and that is the full life to all, the very thing that wealth *per se* never gives. Wealth *per se* has invariably been the course of all nations, all religions, all generations, all social conditions leaning on sinful human laws. And every social, political, or religious philosophy tending to encourage or failing to condemn and suppress the congestion of wealth anywhere in the panorama of our industrial activities, any such philosophy has invariably acted upon the human mind, in forms conscious or not, as a bribe to blot out divine righteousness in the realm of human life and development.

And it is thus that every generation of supposed good, important men at the head of nations, it is thus that they have failed to long and work for the suppression of sin. We have failed to do that in forms honest, positive, sensible, scientific and direct. We have only done it in forms idiotic and rudimentary, traveling in the moral ocean of human conduct, as a ship without rudder, without compass.

We have talked to each other and worked, we say, about a certain salvation in the beyond. We have declined to work, to begin with, for salvation on earth from sorrow and sin. We have preferred to keep at work, on earth, for the continuation of sin and sorrow, and we all still get that in plenty. Always longing for protection through laws of sin. Never even trying to be protected by divine law.

JOSE GROS.

KEEPING THE SABBATH.

If I may have the privilege of suing a little space in our valued journal, I would like to say a few words in reply to the article under the above heading in the February number signed by Cert. 3399, Division No. 2, in which he maintains the Mosaic law was not superseded by Jesus Christ. and that it "must still be the divine law."

I will pass over that portion of his article where he quotes Exodus 20:8:11 as a

command for the Jews to keep the Sabbath day holy, as every person who knows anything about the Bible knows it is there in very plain language, and it is also generally conceded that the Jewish Sabbath was the seventh day of the week (Saturday), which closed with the approach of day on the first day of the week (Sunday), as set forth in his article, but I want to differ with him when he says this "must still be the divine law," quoting Matt. 5:17 as his proof.

Let us hesitate just a moment on that passage and see if our brother has not jumped at a conclusion. Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." What was the "law and the prophets" which he came to fulfill? By reading the Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi you will note that the law given to Moses on Mt. Sinai and every prophecy of the prophets pointed directly to the coming of a Messiah, one who was to be a saviour of his people.

Now the first four books of the New Testament were written to prove that Jesus Christ was the son of the Living God, and the one who was God appointed to be the Messiah of the Old Testament. See John 20:30, 31.

In this 5th chapter of Matthew referred to by our brother, this Jesus, in teaching his disciples, delivered that wonderful address styled the "Sermon on the Mount," and, as if he was fearful lest his people think that he had come to destroy the law of Moses, he uttered the words found in Matt 5:17. He says: "I came to fulfill."

Now, what becomes of a law when every "jot and tittle" has been fulfilled? Is it any longer binding upon its subjects? To illustrate my meaning, let me reduce it to telegraphic terms. Train order No. 10 reads as follows: "No. five (5) and No. six (6) will meet at Ackley." Now, when numbers five and six meet at Ackley do they destroy order number ten? No; they simply fulfill it and it goes on history's page and may be referred to at any time as proof that such an order existed at one time, and the train sheet will show that it was not destroyed, but fulfilled.

He says that Christ kept the day the Bible calls the Sabbath, and the same may be said of Paul and others. He is partially right. Christ did keep the Jewish Sabbath, and worshiped in the synagogue with the Jews, but Paul did not after he became a Christian, a follower of Jesus.

Our brother seems to forget that Jesus lived and died under the old Jewish dispensation, and under the Mosaic law, and consequently he was duty-bound to keep the Sabbath. This is obvious from the fact that the law was in effect until fulfilled, and it was the ignominious death on the cross, the burial and resurrection of the Christ that fulfilled the law, therefore it was binding upon the Son of God.

He cites Acts 17:2 as proof that Paul kept the Sabbath. When this text is considered in connection with its context, it develops that Paul was on one of his missionary tours proselyting the Jews and preaching Christ to every one he met, and the reason it was his custom to "go in unto them," was because of the fact that the Jews were there worshipping on the Sabbath, and it afforded him a golden opportunity to preach Christ to them.

Now I agree with our brother that there is no express command in the Bible which requires the keeping of the first day of the week, but we have the God-approved precedent of the inspired Apostles, and we are absolutely safe in following their example.

That Christ supplanted the law and the prophets is clear, from Romans 10:4: "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Again hear the Apostle: "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come we are no longer under the schoolmaster, for ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."—Gal. 3:24, 26.

These and numerous kindred passages prove conclusively that Paul and the other Apostles understood that Jesus Christ was to supersede the law and the prophets, and that "All power was given unto Him in Heaven and on earth." This Jesus said to the Apostle Peter: "I will give unto you

the keys of the kingdom of Heaven and whatsoever you bind upon earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatsoever you loose upon earth will be loosed in Heaven."—Matt. 16:19. In connection with this text, read Matt. 16:13 to 20.

This makes it safe for us to follow the teachings and examples of the Apostles who opened the doors of the Church of Christ on the day of Pentecost, and who banded together the first band of Christ's followers in Jerusalem, and we see from Acts 20:7 that these people came together on the "first day of the week to break bread" (partake of the Lord's supper), and Paul preached to them.

It is not the purpose of this article to accelerate or hinder the passing of a law by Congress regulating the Sunday work among my brother operators, but simply an argument against the position taken by our brother with regard to which day should be kept holy, and in conclusion I will ask him one question.

I note that of the original ten commandments contained in the law of Moses, only nine of them are incorporated into the New Testament. The one that is conspicuously absent is that one that commands the keeping of the Sabbath day. Now here is my question: If it was intended that that command should hold over into the new dispensation and remain binding upon us, why was it not carried over and incorporated in the New Testament scriptures?

CERT 389, Div. 96.

"SUNDAY REST."

As the Sunday rest agitation continues, it becomes very evident that there is a great difference of opinion as to whether Sunday has any Bible foundation for its present position as a day of rest, and whether, if it had such foundation, we would be justified in trying to enforce its claims by civil law. It does not appear that Christ, the author of every true religious observance, ever appealed to the civil power to enforce his doctrines.

Then why should we, whether we claim to be his followers or not? Surely if this institution were of divine origin, the power

that created it is able to sustain it without the aid of the civil power. But in none of the ably-written articles favoring Sunday enforcement by law is it shown that there is one text stating that Sunday is the Sabbath or that it is to be a day of rest.

Is this omission simply an oversight? If it is we shall expect to see it soon corrected. If such very interesting features are omitted because the Bible is silent upon that point, then we would do very well to be very careful about forcing people to observe, under great penalties, an institution resting only upon tradition.

I respect the sincerity of Bro. Cert. 5874, as written in the February issue, on page 223. He was true to his conviction when he gave up his position. He was under no obligation to work for any company on Sunday, and he found that he did not need a law to help him stop work on that day. There are many lines of work where man may enjoy his chosen day of rest. Now, Brother, go a little farther and read your Bible through again, and honor the Lord by keeping the seventh day, Sabbath (Saturday), as the Bible teaches.

And let me suggest, Bro. Cert. 178, Division 82, that I agree with him that we should tremble when we reflect that God is just, but I can not see why that should lead us to follow a man's suggestion to get a Sunday law. The connection between Sunday law and trembling at the justice of God is not apparent, and will not be apparent until he shows by the Bible that God requires us to observe the Sunday.

Would it not be well to search the book again and see what God would have us do?

Surely, when the Bible says so plainly in Ex. 20:8, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God," we need make no mistake.

We cannot say that this means Sunday. Every one understands Sunday to be the first day of the week, while it is equally well understood that the seventh day of the week is Saturday.

Was this Sabbath law ever repealed? In Matt. 5:17 the Saviour says, "Think not

that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." This is not the repeal of the law. And Jesus farther says in Mark 2:27 that "the Sabbath was made for man." That means for every one of us—railway employes, telegraphers and all.

Is it possible to keep the right day? There are many thousand people aside from the Jews in this country that observe the seventh-day Sabbath according to the Bible. And some telegraphers do.

The petitions to the last Congress in behalf of a national Sunday were wisely turned down, as it was clearly shown that Sunday observance is not taught in the Bible, and that as the Government of the United States is a civil and not a religious institution, it should not be required to enforce any merely religious institution or observance. Leave every man free in the matter to choose for himself either Sabbath or Sunday observance.

CERT. 3399, Div. 2.





St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Our meeting of September 6th was well attended. President Perham arrived in time to make some interesting remarks under the "Good of the Order." While Bro. Perham does not need an incentive to make a speech, his remarks were particularly interesting, owing to his observations of the monstrous Labor Day parade on the day of our meeting, and his coming in contact with so many of the prominent labor leaders of the country.

Bro. Wm. H. Bull, of headquarters, has been confined in a hospital for the past week. He is improving and expects to be around again in a few days.

Bro. P. J. Hiseler, of Division 137, located at Alamagordo, N. M., was a recent caller at headquarters.

Bro. Will C. Long, past president of the C. T. U. of A., and former editor of the C. T. U. of A. journal, is at present assisting the editor.

Bro. G. M. Long, of No. 2, writes us from Willow Brook, Calif., where he went for the benefit of his health, that he is much improved. He seems to be enthused with the golden West, and expects to make his future home there.

A shortage of competent and reliable operators is still noticed on most of the railroads of the country. While the improved business conditions are partly responsible for this condition, it takes but little study on our part to realize that the efforts of the Grand Officers and members of the O. R. T. have been more largely responsible for this condition of affairs than anything else. Of course those of you familiar with the decision of the courts regarding the hours of service law, have noticed that immediately after the decision was handed down, the call came for operators all over the United States.

Over nine hundred members of No. 2 have "made good" until the end of the year. Still a few to hear from. Are you one of them? If so, get busy.

Div. Com.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has removed from our midst and from her family, the wife of our esteemed Brother I. W. Campbell, a member of St. Louis Typographical Union, No. 8, who has been employed at O. R. T. headquarters for a number of years; therefore, be it

Resolved, By St. Louis Division No. 2, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and relatives our heartfelt sym-

pathy in this their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the records of this division, a copy sent to our brother and a copy of THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

CHAS. E. DUNCAN,
H. A. BERRY,
P. P. MALLOY,

Committee.

Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Middle Division—

The second regular meeting in the month of July which was scheduled to take place at Tyrone, Pa., through some misunderstanding was not held. The change of headquarters of Harrisburg Division No. 3 was partly the cause of this, as it seems a number of the brothers are as yet not familiar with the present arrangement.

The first regular meeting at Lewiston for the month of August was fairly well attended, but it is evident there were a number of the brothers absent who could have been in attendance. It is to be regretted that every brother who could possibly attend this meeting was not on hand, as Bro. Page, General Chairman of lines east, was on hand and gave a complete outline of the work done during the past two years. He also made the brothers acquainted with the plans for the future. While these plans do not always work out as desired, we know that it will not be the fault of Bro. Page if such should be the case, as he is a hard worker and nothing is left undone by him which promises to bring about the desired result. If the membership does not support its officers and those it selects to do the actual work, the effort is of no avail, and I regret to say that the members of No. 3 have a reputation for this very thing. Cannot we show our sister divisions that we are just as loyal to our officers as they are? What do you suppose your local officers can accomplish with the support you have been giving them in the past? Just so long as you continue to tear down instead of build up, you cannot expect good results. It is the same with your General Committee; they are powerless unless they have the undivided support of the membership to back them up. You are all familiar with what your committees have had to contend with in the past, and for this reason it is very important that you give your committee your most loyal support and encouragement. Tell them what you desire and give them the assurance that you will stand back of them to a man, and then, and then only, can they accomplish your desires. This is what you have not

been doing, and it does not show up well on your part. With opposition in front and at the rear you must surely know that no results will be forthcoming, but just as soon as you show a desire to build up your organization and support your officers and committees, just that soon you can expect to see a forward movement, and no sooner.

Entirely too many of us have "cold feet." Too much attention is paid to the babbling of a few members who are continually harping about supposed misdeeds of our officers. This is all slush, and you brothers surely have the intelligence to distinguish between the truthful statements of your worthy brothers and those who are forever giving you a string of false statements intended to create a feeling of uncertainty and prejudice in you. Can you not see that this is done for a purpose, and that it is injuring your prospects? Put on your fighting armor and resolve that you will from now on turn a deaf ear to the false statements of those who are trying to tear down and destroy the only defense you have. Wake up and give your committees your support. Take an interest in your organization; show those who are as yet without that you have faith in your officers and your organization; try to secure their membership, instead of driving those out who are in the Order by your weak-kneed go-as-you-please demeanor. Attend the meetings and hear what those who are in a position to know have to say, and if things are not moving as you think they should, there is the place for you to file your protest. Get into the harness before it is too late, for just so sure as you allow yourself to become indifferent conditions will go from bad to worse and finally become unbearable, then you will realize when it is too late that it was your dilatory interest in your organization that brought about the deplorable condition.

Do you not realize that it is the individual members who compose the organization? If it were not for our membership there would not be an O. R. T., the organization only existing by our membership. Therefore the success of the movement lies in the interest we take in the matter, and not in what one or two individual members do. It is the support you give and the work you do, as well as the interest you take, that brings success to the efforts of your several committees; this is also true in the downward course. Remember, the organization is just what we make it.

When you hear of a brother who is "on the fence," who is "shaking in his boots," who is losing his nerve for the want of a little encouragement, make it your business to see him and encourage him; that is, if he has in the past proven to be a good member, a worthy member; but if he is one of the perpetual kickers, and is unworthy our confidence, then leave him strictly alone; let him "flop." Any one who will at this stage of the game deliberately drop his membership, can be put down as a man of poor judgment, and one who possesses no fighting qualities, and he does not deserve our attention. Such men as these you can give a wide berth, and replace them with some one with ability and good common sense,

one who will be a benefit to us, and an honor to the craft. A back-slider and cold-footed telegrapher is no good in any association, and our attention must be directed toward better material.

While it is a fact that the business depression of the past few years has had a tendency to keep on a standstill every enterprise, business is improving, and that at a very rapid rate. It is up to the members to be up and doing and looking after their interests or we will fall behind in this forward movement, and you know that will show a lack of good judgment on the part of the members who compose the telegraphers of the country. We must take advantage of this return of prosperity and move forward with the balance of the interests.

With but one exception, it is impossible for me to give the movements of individual members at this writing, as I have not received any notes from any of the members along the line up to this time. Bro. T. J. Moyer and Bro. Chas. Banks of Lewistown spent a few days in Pittsburg the latter part of July, and report having a fine time on the trip, having met a large number of brothers in the city.

Div. Cor.

Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.

Our meeting held at Sunbury August 16th was a grand success. It was called to order by Bro. McCracken, the business transacted as quickly as possible, and the floor was then given to our worthy second vice-president, T. M. Pierson. I am sorry all the operators on the division could not have heard Bro. Pierson talk. It would have done them a great deal of good.

I will not attempt to record the many good points Bro. Pierson explained to us. Space will not allow this. There were two questions explained that are of great import to every telegraph operator. The one was the importance of all members attending the meetings held by the Division. There are a number among us who do not realize what effect this has. In order to make our division a success it is absolutely necessary for each member to take an interest in the work of the division. This will be easy, if you will only come to the meetings, find out what is going on, then remain awake and help push forward.

The other question is one we often hear nons talk about; that the O. R. T. never did anything for them, and that it costs too much to belong. Now, in regard to the O. R. T. not doing anything, there is no man with his right senses that would make such a false statement. The O. R. T. has done much good in the past and if you nons would come in and help push, we will do more in the future. You can never lose any money by belonging to the O. R. T., even if you would not gain anything by increased salary and better working conditions.

Most telegraph operators like to be classed as intelligent people. Now, if all were such, it would not be necessary to say more, but for the benefit of those who think they are saving a lot of money when they refuse to pay towards supporting the O. R. T., I would suggest to take a paper and pen-

cil and figure out what it would cost you to belong to the Order as long as you can expect to live. Then consider the insurance that your wife or family will get when you die. If you will consider this part you can see what intelligence you have. Get wise and then get busy. Death comes often when we least expect it, therefore keep prepared. You do not want to die and have your loved ones in this world unprovided for.

Bro. L. A. Page, our worthy General Chairman of P. R. R. lines east of Pittsburg and Erie, was also with us and gave a very interesting talk, which was appreciated by all present. Space will not permit giving details here, but if those who did not hear Bro. Page speak will attend the next meeting, you will hear what you should know.

Our meeting was well attended, there being about fifty present, including visiting brothers from Division No. 24. There was a flashlight photo taken which we expect to see in THE TELEGRAPHER as soon as the editor can find room for it. As this photo was taken before the meeting was called to order, there were a number of brothers who failed to get in the group. Bro. Joe. Schlotman of Division 24 was one of these. I mention this in order to let his brothers of Division 24 know that even if he is not on the picture, he was with us just the same. After the meeting all proceeded in a body to Stahl's Cafe and were served with an excellent dinner by the division.

Business on the divisions is about as usual, but indications are that it will be greatly increased in the near future.

The Sandwich train-dispatching telephone, which was installed in the offices between Sunbury and Nescopeck last April, will be put in service August 30th.

The telegraph office at Creasy has been moved from the passenger station to a tower located a short distance west of the water tank.

Bro. T. C. Phillips, third trick at Bluff, spent two days visiting friends at Brandonville; relieved by Mr. Ed. S. Breisch.

Bro. N. C. Malick, third trick at "AG" tower, was off six days on vacation; relieved by Mr. Ed. S. Breisch.

Bro. W. S. Smith, third trick at Lower St. Clair, spent his relief day with friends in Philadelphia.

Bro. A. R. Nerz has been assigned the third trick at Reed. Drv. Con.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m., August 10th, in Elliott Hall, Williamsport, Pa.

Talking about meetings, this was one of the grandest we have seen, and I think it was very interesting for those who were there.

We were all glad to see Bro. Page with us, and would be glad to see him again.

Bro. H. L. Steiger has returned from his vacation and is back on relief trick.

Bro. R. J. Wilson spent his relief night last month with his brother at Williamsport.

Bro. Jno. Riebindall, who works first trick at tower, is doing extra work in "GO." Bro. Williamson is doing the first trick stunt.

Oh, you! Nons should get in line, as carrying an up-to-date card means more today than ever before.

Bro. T. M. Young was off recently to umpire the game of ball between McElhattan and Avis shops, relieved by Bro. Dugan of Winsport.

Bro. Harry Taylor made a business trip to Renovo recently.

Bro. G. E. McCloskey, is making some very successful catches of fish in the Susquehanna River at this writing.

Bro. Chas. C. Bastain is holding down third trick at "SQ" tower.

Bro. Joe Schlotman seems to have a strong attraction at Jersey shore.

Bro. Ed Rughanbaugh, second trick man "GG" tower, has invested in a first-class rabbit hound and expects to have music to burn when rabbit season opens.

We are glad to see our Bro. T. B. Williamsport at our meetings. This worthy Brother has been able to attend owing to the fact that he has been working first trick at "J" tower since Bro. Rubendall's absence. Bro. Rubendall has been doing extra work in "GO."

Bro. W. E. Troutman, wife and daughter, Elvora, spent his relief day visiting his sister, Mrs. H. O. Gardner, at Gleasonston, Pa.

Bro. Edwards from Renova, Division 110, paid us a visit, he being present at our Lock Haven meeting, July 27th. We were very glad to meet this worthy brother, who gave us such an interesting talk, his subject being of great interest.

We enjoyed the cigars that were sent to our Lock Haven meeting by Bro. Hepler, very much. He solved the mystery and found it was not well for man to be alone. Thanks for the smoke. Tommy. Many congratulations to yourself and wife.

Bro. J. C. O'Donnell spent his relief day in Winsport.

Bro. H. T. Cope has been working in "GO" office for some time.

Bro. M. A. Burns contemplates an extended trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City, accompanied by Mr. Bolig from Pittsburg.

Bro. C. I. Snyder is taking a week's vacation at present, visiting Atlantic City and other seashore points. There is some rumor that Bro. Snyder is on his wedding trip.

Bro. W. A. Leister, accompanied by his wife, brother and family, spent a few days at Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Bro. J. F. Wentzel spent a few days in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Bro. Spade spent his relief day at Sunbury taking in the sights.

Bro. A. R. Fenstermacher is on an extended trip to Philadelphia, Washington and Atlantic City. We understand that he took in the game between the Athletics and Detroit.

Bro. C. A. Riland made a business trip to Milton Thursday.

Extra Telegraphers Strunk, Hartwick and Hill, and Bro. Burns, have been doing the work at Sunbury. Positions vacated by brothers who were spending vacations at the seashore.

The meeting at Sunbury should be well attended, especially by the Sunbury boys. This gives the second and third trick telegraphers a good chance. Excuses should not be accepted. There is to be a general reception, and no doubt a good time can be expected.

There is some unfinished work at Northumberland on third trick. No doubt Bros. Dauberman and Fenstermacher are after it. We are also waiting on some good news from Bros. Yeager and Gurtner.

Boys, get after them; nothing like trying to show the brothers Sunbury is on the job.

"Off."

New York Div., No. 28.

The regular monthly meeting of this division was held on Sunday, August 8th, with Chief Telegrapher Ryan in the chair. All officers were present except the First and Second Vice-Chief Telegraphers. The attendance was good. After the reading and approving of the minutes of the last regular meeting, reports of various committees were received and accepted.

It was decided to change the place for holding regular monthly meetings hereafter to No. 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, and the time to the second Thursday of each month, and all members of the division are expected to attend the meetings.

After the transaction of the business noted above, an adjournment was taken until Thursday evening, August 12th. This adjourned meeting was also well-attended, and was called to order at the new meeting place, 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, by Bro. Pickerell, who requested Past Chief Shields of Division 44, to preside, the latter conducting the meeting according to the ritual, through the regular order of business, including the initiation of new members. Among those who were present were Bro. Baum, of Galilee, N. J., who says he is going to attend them all. If Bro. Baum can come to the meetings, it seems as though those who live in the city could come once in awhile.

Bros. Pickerill and Linn took lunch with Bro. Pierson at the Athens, on Forty-second street, one evening recently. Your correspondent was on the outside looking in, but didn't have the nerve to "butt" in.

Bro. Linn reports a pleasant trip through the Catskills, going over the Ulster & Delaware Railroad to visit the General Chairman of that system at Hobart. The membership on W. & S. R. R. is growing fast. He returned via Delaware & Eastern Railroad, meeting several members on that line of about forty miles. Coming in on the N. Y. & W. he couldn't find a non.

Have not heard from Bro. W. T. Collins lately; trust he will find it convenient to drop round to the next meeting.

Bro. H. P. Hallenback, who resides at Bay Side, L. I., says that he will surely welcome the opening of the new station at Thirty-third and

Seventh avenue, as he dreads crossing the ferry in the good old New York winter time.

Bro. T. M. Pierson, Second Vice-President, could not be present at our last regular meeting because his time was taken up with the B. & A. General Committee.

We are glad to learn that Bro. P. B. Price, who is at present located in Yampa, Colo., is enjoying good health and that the climate in that State agrees with him better than the climate in New York.

Bro. P. O. O'Brien is working for the city fire alarm system, but like Bro. McGuire, keeps posted on railroad matters.

Bro. Dan Mahoney is still in the typewriter business.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. L. K. Davis was on the right side of the market during the late slump in stocks. When we stop in Chicago, will expect him to give us a ride in his new auto.

We are pleased to state that Bro. W. J. Webster, who has been in the hospital for many weeks, has fully recovered and is about town once more.

Bro. H. F. Braithwaite spends his Sundays on the beach at Freeport, L. I., digging clams, and it is said that this beach has other attractions for him.

Bros. A. L. McBain and F. J. Ryan having accepted positions on the electric division of the New York Central have resigned as members of Division 26 and transferred to Division 8.

Bro. F. Garrison, who is spending the summer at a resort in New Jersey, says the mosquitoes out there are as big as the crows on Long Island.

Bro. J. McGuire, although not in the railroad service, keeps an eye on that branch of the telegraph business.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

On Sunday, August 22d, a large delegation of the boys from Division 29 journeyed to New Rochelle, N. Y., where they were met by the members of Division 37 and escorted to Rye Beach.

Rye Beach is situated on Long Island Sound about twenty-five miles east of New York City. It is noted for two things: First, its splendid clam-bakes, and secondly the home of Joe Hannan, the genial secretary and treasurer of Division 37.

Two reasons can also be offered for the appearance of the New Haven boys at Rye Beach on the 22nd. First, it was the occasion of the ninth annual clam-bake of Division 37, which bake is known throughout the eastern section of the United States as the finest affair of its kind held in this part of the county.

The boys of No. 37 do themselves proud once a year, as will be attested to by all who attend the annual clam-bake. All classes of employees are represented at this affair each year and the demand for tickets exceeded the supply. Two hundred hungry guests of Division 37 sat into the finest of all bakes this year and the way the succulent bivalves disappeared brought joy to the hearts of the energetic clam-digger.

The New Haveners were not behind in the display of gastronomy, however. In fact, when the hosts of New Rochelle asked us, at the end of the feast if we had satisfied the inner man, a scarcely audible grunt was all we were able to offer. It was a grand affair all through and we congratulate our brothers of the New York Division for their kind hospitality.

Secondly, this was also the occasion of the annual baseball game between the two divisions. No. 29 sent their best players to the front, while Division 37 produced their "finest" for the defense. Enthusiasm ran high and the "rooting" on both sides was "terrific." A large delegation of New York Central boys were present and about evenly divided in their cheering. After a long wrangle between Managers Dodan, of No. 29, and Lyons, of 37, a decision on the umpire was reached, when it was agreed that Mr. Racer, train dispatcher at Harlem River, should be the arbiter on the field.

For nine innings the two teams battled, while the crowd cheered and jeered, great excitement prevailing from start to finish. The New Haven boys, however, proved too much for their rivals this year and avenged the defeat of last year by winning by a score of 13 to 6.

NOTES OF THE GAME.

Bill Lore proved his worth in the position of "Hans Wagner" for New Haven. Three hits and five putouts is going some.

Cassidy and Oliver, the battery for New Haven, were the "Candy Kids." Some class, eh?

(Manager) Mike Lyons, Houlihan and Ross for New Rochelle pulled off a nice double play.

Dooley claimed New Haven bought Pequigney, hence Frank's release early in the game.

Jack McNeil, New Haven's second baseman, made three distinct attempts on the life of Umpire Racer.

Rieff, the shortstop for No. 37, was transferred to the field after the third inning. It was proven that his seniority exceeded his ability.

Thomas caught a swell game for No. 37, but had hard luck at the bat. Next time, old boy.

Lakin and Farrel were "on the job" out in the field, as the New Rochelle batters will testify.

Answering P. Q. D.: No, Corrigan did not knock the cover off the ball. The laws of gravity were against him.

"Ted" Gallagher, the strenuous one, howled mightily for the losers. Never mind, Ted, you won't feel half as badly next year.

Remember, All New Rochelle and New York Central brothers, as well as every O. R. T. man within reach of New Haven, are invited to attend our next big meeting, at which special inducements are offered, to be held at *New Haven Friday evening, October 1st, at 8 p. m.* Don't fail to come, every one, as a big time is planned, and we want YOU.

E. J. M.

Shore Line, West, Notes—

Although one would have to cover considerable distance to find a more flourishing and better organized section for its miles than the old Shore

Line, west, still it has been sadly neglected in the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER. Why, no one seems able to explain? Surely it is not for want of ability or news. For more than two years there has not been chronicled a single line from this territory. Yet it is fortunately evident the boys have remained loyal, encouraged by past concessions though and the undisputed stability and resources of the O. R. T. But let me warn that as time rolls on and never a "local line" appears in the official organ, eventually very naturally it will discourage some.

To cover this work properly requires the efforts of more than one. The writer would suggest a correspondent and two assistants, the assistants to be appointed by the correspondent. Further, if not taking too much liberty, I would like to suggest the name of Bro. W. P. Lippincott, of Madison, for correspondent. If prevailed upon it seems likely we might secure him. Bro. Lippincott is tactful, has the ability and would make an admirable correspondent. If this suggestion meets with favor drop Bro. Lippincott a line soliciting his acceptance. Don't wait and forget it. Do it now.

CARD OF THANKS.

Bro. E. S. Brimmer, of Branford, desires to extend his most sincere thanks to the brothers and friends on the Shore Line who so kindly and generously contributed financially to his relief.

Mr. W. S. Johnson, spare man covering second trick at Branford during the absence of Bro. E. S. Brimmer, is padding his trousers to ride the goat.

During August we had on the sick list: Bro. L. V. Lippincott, first trick, Madison; Bro. W. H. Wilcox, first trick, Saybrook Junction; Bro. F. M. Wilcox, first trick, Lyme, and Bro. H. G. Loring, third trick, South Lyme.

Those present at the July meeting of Division 29 were treated to an interesting talk by Vice-President Bro. Pierson, who dropped in while en route to Springfield, Mass., to help the committee of the B. & A. R. R. adjust their first schedule.

Bro. H. E. Conway, formerly first trick man at Guilford, who was obliged to go West for his health a few years ago, is back circling among old friends around Guilford. We are glad to report he has fully recovered and gained much weight.

Bro. John Lippincott, of the New Haven office, recently spent a day with Bro. W. P. Lippincott at Madison, fishing for blackfish, and reports having caught some "corkers."

Bro. W. J. Brennan, third trick, East Haven, purchased a comfortable steed, and, accompanied by his wife, drove to Goshen, Ct., the latter part of July to his old farm home for a few weeks' recreation helping out with the haying and other invigorating pursuits of farm life.

Mr. W. D. Coughlan, spare man, of East River, is now covering a trick at Cromwell.

Bro. Fleming Wall, formerly of Guilford, who has been working his way West for the experience and education, has recently been heard from at

Seattle, Wash., taking in the Exposition and having a fine time. Some very interesting letters have come from him while en route and those who have Fleming on their correspondence list must appreciate the favor.

Bro. Geo. E. Moody, formerly second trick at Westbrook, but now working second trick at Palmer, Mass., on the C. V. R. R., is visiting old friends at Westbrook. George says he is doing fine and likes his new location. All the Shore Line boys are pleased to hear this and wish him success.

Second and third trick men at Lyme were doubled up during the absence of Bro. F. M. Wilcox on account of shortage of men.

As a side line, Bro. R. R. Morgan, first trick at Westbrook, is trying his hand in the field with a hoe.

Bro. N. R. Wright, first trick, East Haven, covered first trick at Madison, his home town, during the absence of Bro. L. V. Lippincott.

At last reports, Bro. E. A. Roberts, spare man, was covering third trick at South Lyme.

Bro. E. S. Brimmer, second trick, Branford, who has not been able to work since last March, is, we are very sorry to say, still confined and no better. He has our sincere sympathy and we hope he may soon regain his strength and be with us again.

Next meeting of Division No. 29 is September 3rd. Don't forget the date. Bro. Dowd has instituted something quite interesting on debate proceedings. Come. CERT. 373.

New Haven to Springfield Notes—

Bro. Newkirk is a backslider. We wonder why? Thompsonville is again solid, Bro. J. H. Day having filed his application at the August meeting.

Bro. Reed has departed from Windsor Locks for parts unknown and we will miss him, for besides being a very clever telegrapher, he was a good O. R. T. man, which is a good combination. A later rumor says Bro. Reed is now in Panama.

Miss Prout has bid in the first trick at Windsor Locks, and we hope now that she has returned to the service that she will again fill out the necessary papers.

48 Church street, the first Friday in each month. That's us, Bro. Wallace.

Bro. Soneson, second at Berlin, was off duty for two weeks on account of illness, but we are glad to say he has returned to work feeling much better and sporting a new moustache, too.

There is a new agent at Rocky Hill. We don't envy him his position.

Bro. Guile did the right thing on re-entering the service. That is, he filed the necessary papers that provide him with an up-to-date card.

Who would have thunk it? Jerry Merchant is back again. We will be after him, and I guess he will come up with the coin all right.

Bro. Larson from "MD" Middletown to "Easy Street," Cromwell, third trick.

I wish Sister Tyler would write some Valley notes for our journal each month. I know they would be O.K.

Since Bro. Johnson left "AD" Hartford, Bro. Brooks has been working that office twelve hours. It seems no one wants even an eight-hour job there, it is so busy.

Nothing doing yet on the second and third tricks at "WS," Windsor Locks.

Sister Cahill at Windsor is determined to get the first eight-hour trick that comes her way.

If Bro. Mahon works nights, it's certainly up to Bro. Russell to see that "DP" is represented at every meeting.

Bro. Sugenhime, at Berlin, has taken a cottage at the shore for a few weeks for his family.

The secretary has entered five "Brownies" against the record of Bro. Flood for non-attendance at the August meeting. Cor.

Midland Div. Notes—

Now that the vacation season is over we should be willing to devote all of our energy to completing the organization on this Division, and see if by January 1, 1910, we cannot have a solid line from Hartford to Readville, Cedar Hill to Providence and from New London to Worcester. It is the intention of your local chairman to supply each member with a list of employees in his particular territory showing who are members and who are not, so that there need be no misunderstanding in regard to the standing of your neighbor, and each individual member should consider it just as much a part of his duty to interview non-members and try to get them to file their applications as it is to keep a paid-up membership. Continual growth is the life of our organization.

Eight positions having been up for bid since the last write-up proves that the telegraphers on the Midland are wideawake and always looking for something better.

"Pop" Johnston has retired from active railroading and has bid in Vernon Junction third trick.

Mr. Markham having tired of "Dreamland" (Manchester second trick) has come to "AD" office, where he will not need any practice to keep his hand in. We also hope he can find the time and price to provide himself with an up-to-date card, such as the majority of us carry.

Our Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Fogarty, has departed on his vacation of twenty-six days to be spent at his old home in Utica, N. Y., and in the Adirondacks, where he expects to do some mighty hunting and fishing, which we will hear of on his return.

Bro. Manning's old friend (?) rheumatism made a call on him a short while since and laid him up for a few days, but he has returned to work, none the worse for the attack.

If you are interested in "fish stories," make a call on Bro. Kingsland some evening. He can hand them to you by the yard since his return from Lake Champlain, where he and Mrs. Kingsland spent their vacation.

After six long years of hard work at the Hartford freight house, Sister Foley has bid in Manchester second trick. She certainly deserves the rest and we all wish her well in her new position.

State street has been a very busy station this summer and Bro. Baker will welcome the return of the winter schedule.

Business indications are very bright, and we are looking forward to a very heavy freight business this fall and winter, and to the reopening of many offices that have been closed through the depression.

Bro. Bell, of East Hartford passenger station, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation. He is being relieved by a Mr. Pender of Bolton.

"All's well" along the branch except East Longmeadow, who is still in the same old rut, but he does not refuse to take the nice increase we got for this station in the last schedule.

If any one has an eight-hour position that they do not want, please notify Bro. Gough. He will exchange with you.

Mr. Gilbert has bid in Westchester and expects to go there as soon as he is relieved.

Bro. R. W. Johnstone, Manchester first trick, is looking forward to a vacation, which he expects to spend in the Berkshire Hills.

Miss Zuleke, of Rockvill, is filling in at Manchester while the position is up for bid.

No. 66 always makes connection with the last interurban. Bro. Jim Costello should not forget our meetings.

The "late" Mr. Turner feels aggrieved at the reference to him in the July TELEGRAPHER. We have not noticed any one in Vernon wearing crepe bands on their arms since he left.

Bro. W. F. Johnson, Jr., is working Vernon third trick.

A small portion of the interest on the least number of shares of stock owned by Jim Fanning would buy him an up-to-date card. Why can't he see it in that way?

We expect that before this appears in print Bro. J. H. White, of Westchester, will have taken his new position at Burnside Junction, but at present he is holding his old job on account of the injury to his arm.

The vacancy at East Wallingford caused by the resignation of Bro. Stoughton has been bid in by Bro. Burke from Elliotts. We will all miss Bro. Stoughton, as he was one of the best agents and telegraphers that we had on the division. We all join in wishing him success in his new position in Hartford.

"En."

Western Division Notes—

Bro. Percy, agent at New Milford, visited friends in Kent Sunday, July 25th.

Bro. Hogan, of Canaan, had the misfortune to lose his quarterly pass and \$16. He reports no trace of it.

Bro. L. H. Dowd, our local chairman, made a trip up the Berkshire July 25th, calling on the brothers. We were all glad to see him, and wish he could come oftener.

Bro. Powell, agent at Sheffield, is enjoying a three weeks' vacation.

Bro. O'Donnell, agent at Brookfield, has been away a few days on account of the illness of his brother. He was relieved by Telegrapher Odell, of Cornwall Bridge.

Bro. VanDeusen, the second trick man at New Milford, has returned from a week's vacation. Bro. Shepherd covered Van's trick and Bro. Smith and McKnight covered Shep's.

Sister Gibbs, of Kent, has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent in Bridgeport and other places.

Bro. Sherwood, of Great Barrington, is on a month's vacation visiting in Oxford, N. Y.

Bro. Latour, the agent at Lime Rock, is on a two weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Smith.

Bro. Howard Tuttle, the second trick man at Brewster, is off sick a few days; relieved by Telegrapher J. J. Lynch.

Bro. H. E. Kent, agent and first trick man at West Patterson, is enjoying a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. L. Leonard.

Bro. D. C. Wooden, third trick man at West Patterson, is off for a few days; relieved by Telegrapher J. J. Lynch.

If you wish to see a busy spot, drop in "GY" Bank Street Junction tower, any old time of the day and you will find the men busy on their large "Armstrong" system. The same applies to "BX" Highland Junction.

All brothers want to remember the joint meeting scheduled for October 1st, and as many as possibly can should arrange to turn out, even if they do have to put themselves to a little inconvenience or lose some sleep.

The new freight house at Seymour is quite an addition to the town, even if it is a little out of the way.

Bro. Davids, who was formerly at Shelton, bid in Derby Fort, relieving Russell, who bid in second at Derby Junction.

The new Union station at Waterbury has been completed. At present the telegraph job is filled by Mr. Fay.

Following are the brothers holding down "K" tower, Derby Junction: Bro. Jno. Mills, first trick; Bro. E. A. Russell, second trick; Bro. F. C. Folkey, third trick.

Telegraph Inspector Clark has reached the "Old Naugy," and is certainly changing the appearance of some of the offices, and they were sorely in need of it, too.

We were pleased to see Bro. H. D. Spencer, of "BX" Highland Junction tower, first trick, at the last meeting, and hope to see him oftener. Bro. Flaherty, of "WD" Winsted, says he will arrange to be present at the October meeting.

Bro. Webb, of New Britain, is off for a couple of months; relieved by Mr. Foster.

We understand that "GY" tower, Bank St. Junction, is to be closed for about a month on account of Bro. Gordon's going on his annual vacation through the South.

Bro. L. H. Dowd is enjoying a visit with his people up York State; relieved by Bro. B. H. Dun-

bar, second, who was in turn relieved by Bro. Halsted.

I wish to thank Brothers VanDeusen, Mills and Porter, of the Western, and Bro. G. H. Foster, of the Shore line, for the many items they furnished this month. If all the brothers followed their example I would require the services of a secretary. But please do not consider my troubles. If you have any news, send it along; I'll see that it goes to St. Louis.

I received two or three items this month that I declined to submit for publication. They were personal knocks, and I do not consider that a good policy, even though the victim be a non. I don't think it ever gained anything for us, and my idea is that the proper way to treat a non, so far as THE TELEGRAPHER is concerned, is to keep his name out as much as possible.

Shore Line Division—

Bro. Reilly, the first trick man at Glenbrook tower, is off on a two weeks' vacation; relieved by W. M. Smith, who needs no introduction, as he is an old-timer with us, but has been in the broker business for three or four years.

Bro. White, first trick man at South Norwalk ticket office, is away on vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Cody.

Bro. Gould, who works second trick at South Norwalk "SK," is off a couple of days; W. M. Smith on deck.

Sister Reardon, of Westport, is away for several weeks; Mr. Cody is relieving.

Bro. Flagg, the second trick man at tower 55, is taking a two weeks' vacation; Telegrapher McCloskey is filling in.

Bro. J. W. Smith, first trick man at Cabin 56, is off a couple of days; Bro. Wannemaker is relieving.

Bro. Melick, first trick man at Cabin 59, with his family, has been enjoying the sea breeze at Myrtle Beach (Milford) during the hot weather.

Bro. Olmstead, second trick man at Cabin 59, and family, are camping at Fairfield Beach for a month.

Bro. Kennedy bid in third trick at tower 62.

Bro. Knapp, first trick man at tower 63, spent some time at Fairfield Beach recently.

Bro. Sheriden, from third to second trick man at tower 70.

Bro. Caldwell has been transferred from second trick at tower 70, to second at Cabin 56. Bro. Reardon worked second at tower 70 until it was bid in by Sheriden. He then went on third trick at the same tower.

Mr. J. M. Hemmingway, third trick man at tower 54, Fairfield, has bid in third at tower 70. Bro. Reardon relieves him at 54.

Bro. Skibbie, second trick man at West Haven tower 74, is on his vacation; relieved by Bro. Moore.

Bro. Rockefeller, third trick man at tower 74, and Bro. Kennedy, third trick man at tower 62, are working in "BS" New Haven, while Bro. Kelly and Leonard are relieving the dispatchers.

Bro. Rida is working third at tower 74, and Bill Smith third at tower 62, until Rocky and Kennedy return.

Sister Caywood, of Milford, made a flying trip to Newark, N. J., a few Sundays ago.

B. M. Betts is in the harness again after three years' service with the Merwin Oyster Co. of Milford. He is located at Mt. Carmel as agent. We hope to see him with an "up-to-date" in his inside pocket soon. T. A. A.

Providence Div., No. 35.

Auxiliary Night—

The ladies, God bless them, turned out in goodly numbers to inaugurate their new local. The picture they made was certainly an inspiring sight to all lovers of unionism. Eyes sparkling, countenances radiant and all determined to make their local a success and prove to the brothers that their interest in our glorious Order was as deep and sincere as ours. There were present wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, sweethearts—no, I don't mean sweethearts, for they as yet are not eligible—but when they do become acquainted with its objects and aims I clearly foresee a great activity in the matrimonial market, and in the language of the day, there will be something doing all down the line, forcing the clergy to work overtime in order that their eligibility may be established, and they, too, will then become imbued with the same love and affection for their union and its objects as their other sisters have shown and by their works prove that their sincerity cannot be questioned.

The remarks of the two old bachelors, Bros. Joslin and Manion, in welcoming the ladies and elucidating the object and aims of our order, were just what could be expected from them, right to the point, and we all hope to soon see the fulfillment of the sentiment expressed in "Ed's" closing remarks.

Sister Brady's happy response clearly proved that the ladies of the auxiliary are going to be onto their jobs right from the word "go," and those brothers who are figuring upon using as an excuse for non-attendance at meeting, "Had to stay and tend to the children while wife went to auxiliary meeting," are doomed to get sadly left, as meeting nights will not conflict. So let's all lift our hats and cry, "Long life to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the O. R. T., in general, and of Division 35 in particular.

Bros. Joslin and Brady are qualifying as trappers of a very high order, and we look to see the country in their vicinity very soon entirely denuded of fur-bearing animals.

The sympathy of all is extended to Bro. and Mrs. E. R. Smith, of Davisville, R. I., on the death of their infant son.

Bro. Cook, first trick man at Shannock tower, is visiting at his old home in Canada. C. T. U. of A. Bro. Scott is doing the relief in his absence.

The yard office at Midway yard has been moved into the new building. Bro. Hearn says that nothing more is needed now to make life one grand sweet song but a—

Since my last letter the following brothers have been off sick: Bro. Burns, "MA" tower, Midway; Bro. Stoddard, "JC" tower, Midway; Bro. Gardiner, Davisville tower, and Bro. Harding, East Junction tower.

Bro. Davis, first trick man, Boston switch tower, took a three-weeks' vacation visiting friends in New York State, and was relieved by Bro. Sooy.

Bro. Rivers, first trick man at Davisville tower, was called home on account of the illness of his mother. We are glad to hear she is much better.

During the past month towers at Davisville, Wood Rivers Junction, and both at Midway, were compelled to go on twelve hours for different periods, on account of sickness of employes and scarcity of spare men.

It is hard to say which gave the most pleasure to the brothers meeting night, the presence of the ladies or that of Bros. R. A. Brown and B. P. Greene, whose return from the valley of the shadow of death was nothing less than miraculous.

Bro. Leets, local chairman of the Midland Division, was on hand and as usual handed in a bunch of applications, seven in all. This habit is, we are very happy to say, becoming "chronic" with "Joe," and we hope that other brothers will become inoculated with the same "bug."

Bro. John Trainor, who was laid off nearly two weeks with rheumatism, is, we are very much pleased to say, again back to work.

Bro. Lobisky, from third trick, Westminster street tower, is back to his old love, C. & O. in Auburn station.

Bro. F. E. Wilbur, third trick man at Apponang tower, has been transferred to third trick at Slocum's tower.

We are very sorry to announce the serious illness of the wife of Bro. Frank Gardiner, first trick man at Slocum's tower, and hope ere this appears in print she will have entirely recovered.

Bro. F. E. Wilbur, first trick man at Opponang tower, and Miss Mary Adelaide Lillibridge, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Stonington, Conn., August 11th, 1909. Division 35 extends its heartiest congratulations to the happy couple.

No. 777 was the lucky number to draw the gold watch, raffled for the benefit of the sick brother, and a good sum was realized.

Miss Venetia Smith, daughter of Bro. and Mrs. J. F. Smith, while not old enough to become a member of the local, certainly won the hearts of all present at the meeting by her charming manner and sweet disposition.

Master Ernest Mehrling, son of Bro. and Mrs. H. H. Mehrling, who drew the tickets from the box, says he is going to be an O. R. T. man when he grows up.

To All Members of Div. 35.

Your attention is called to Sec. 1, Article 14, of the Constitution, regarding length of time applicants must be in the railroad service to become eligible to admission to the O. R. T. This rule must be strictly adhered to.

Div. Com.

Springfield Div., No. 38.

The regular monthly meeting of this division was called to order at 8 p. m. by Chief Telegrapher Woodward, with all the officers in their respective chairs and the usual business was transacted.

The twenty-five members present were quite disappointed because of the absence of Bro. Pierson, who was unable to attend this meeting.

An encouraging feature, however, was the news contained in a letter from Bro. Pierson, read by our General Chairman, showing that matters looking to the signing up of a general schedule were progressing very favorably.

Following the reading of this letter, the General Chairman begged every member to do his utmost to bring in the "nons," and also to have the members still back in their dues pay up as soon as possible. Owing to the manner the committee was received at its first hearing, he expressed himself as confident that an understanding would be arrived at in regard to the B. & A. schedule as soon as the proper official returned from his vacation.

Bro. Ross, chairman of Division 89, addressed the meeting and laid particular stress on the good to be accomplished by the members adopting the policy of *kind words timely spoken in all cases*, instead of the reprehensible kind of "knocking" too often indulged in. His reference to some of his own personal experiences brought down the house and we were all sorry that he was obliged to cut his address short in order to catch the 9:15, at which time all the east end boys also had to leave.

Bro. Powers, from Worcester, gave us a good talk, and was greeted with hearty applause when he stated that General Chairman Pennoyer was "one of the best that ever crossed the Pike."

Now brothers, we want to remember that our full duty has not been performed by simply having an up-to-date card. Don't sit down and gaze at the horizon expecting some kind fairy to bring you a good fat envelope containing a schedule. We must show our interest in the Order by all trying our best to bring in the nons and line up the delinquents, or we may soon wake up to find ourselves in a worse rut than when we were slaving twelve to forty-eight hours.

East End—

Bro. Powers' delegation, ten strong each meeting, is a good average.

Ex-Bro. Liguire, formerly from Russell, is now in the tower at East Brookfield.

Telegrapher Merritt, from "K" office at Worcester, second trick man, is now at Worcester depot office, days, first trick.

Telegrapher Duscoll, a new man on the road, is on the second trick at "K" office, Worcester.

Towerman S. F. Sarri, formerly N. A. Junction, B. & M. dispatcher's office, and last at tower 22, South Framingham, has been discharged. He did believe in unionism, but never had the money.

West End—

Bro. Hammond, formerly from Becket, is now at Agawam Junction. Bro. Barry is now arranging to come to us. "Wo" Westfield and Geo. Austin are relieving Bro. Stannard. Bro. Dillon was formerly from Dalton, second trick.

Russell "RN"—Hamilton and Hunt, two new men.

Chester "H"—Harris, third trick; steady; Middlefield, H. C. Parkhurst, from C. V. R. R.

Dalton "G" Barnes, formerly from "MS," East Chatham, West Shore Railroad.

Richmond Furnace "RF"—J. McDonald, formerly telegrapher at East Greenbush "GB"; now agent. Bro. Mahar at Junction Tunnel, West Portal.

East Chatham "BC"—Bro. Burke, formerly at Becket, and new man, A. Miller.

East Greenbush "GB"—Bro. Kaiser, formerly Chatham "B," and Bro. Diefendorf, and a new man by name of Rock.

Niverville "K"—W. H. Sweet, a new man on the road; tower 72, Demmon and Drane, No. 8.

Rensselaer "JX"—R. Bartle and J. J. Sanders, twelve-hour tricks; T. J. McCoy, formerly from Erie and D. L. & W., on relief work.

Prepare for more money, boys, and be good.

Div. Com.

Boston Div., No. 41.

Considering that a number of our old standbys are away on their annual vacations, our August meeting showed the presence of quite a large delegation. The routine business was carried on in a systematic manner, and showed the meeting to be composed of intelligent, self-thinking men.

Our Worthy Chief's pet measure, a sick benefit association to be composed of members of this division only, was the important question to be debated. The special committee appointed at the July meeting to investigate and report on the feasibility of forming such an association, presented their report, which was accepted. The division went on record as favoring the forming of the association on general lines, as presented in the committee's report, and a permanent committee of five was appointed to draw up by-laws and present them at our September meeting.

A few words in explanation of the proposed association may not be amiss. To begin with, like all other organizations, we have had in times past, and no doubt always will have, more or less sickness among our members, many of whom have required, and will require, financial aid. Whatever amount the division has seen fit to give has been given in the proper spirit, and I don't think I err in saying that as long as Division 41 has a dollar in its treasury, no worthy case will remain unnoticed.

A steady drain upon our treasury has been the consequent result, and while it has withstood all calls, and still shows a substantial balance, it is of course for the interest of all to preserve its present condition, and to this end the sick benefit association is being formed.

After careful consideration, the committee has recommended that an entrance fee of 50 cents,

and thereafter a monthly assessment of 10 or possibly 15 cents, be charged, which should pay a benefit of \$5.00 per week, for a period of 10 weeks, for each member in good standing.

Doesn't this proposition look good to you?

Now, brothers, all that remains to make the movement a success is for each one to render all the assistance possible, and we will have added another strong spoke to the mighty wheel of progress of this grand organization.

Don't fail to attend every meeting possible while this association is being formed.

Here are a couple of "cautions" which are well-meant and should receive careful perusal:

Members should bear in mind that any communications received by them from officers of this division are for their own information and not for outside parties. Such communications after being read should not be left lying around where they can be read by any one who happens in their office, but should be placed where they will not be seen except by those for whom they are intended, or by a duly qualified member of the Order. While, as a rule, there is nothing of a very secret nature to such communications, whether it is a circular or postal card notice, still they are not for outside parties, and there have been several cases of late where persons not connected with our Order, or, in fact, any Order at all, have known all about business that was to be transacted, something that could only have been learned by the careless throwing about of communications sent to our members. Treat all such as confidential in future and discuss them only with known members of the Order.

Of the several cases of late where operators have severed their connection with the railroad on account of misconduct, none have been members of our Order in good standing. In a sense, we are glad of this, for while we are always sorry to see a fellow workman go astray and lose a good position, as well as reputation, we feel that it speaks well for the Order that such as these do not belong to it, or if they have formerly been members, have been dropped for good and sufficient reasons.

Every member of the Order should give the very best possible service to the company while they are on duty, whether it be a nine or twelve-hour trick, and whether they are satisfied with their position or not. The company is entitled to this; they can demand it and enforce their demand justly if the service is poor. A member should not slight his work because he is dissatisfied with his place. Do the best you can at all times and when opportunity offers bid in something that suits you better. In the three-trick jobs there is no valid reason why the third trick man should not be onto his job as much as the other two. It may be hard work to give up time to sleep in "The Good Old Summer Time," but that don't excuse him, when the dispatcher has to call longer than is necessary. He has fifteen hours off duty, and there is no reason why part of this could not be given up to rest and not all to play. The third trick man who gets "canned," or at least gets a discipline record

for sleeping on duty, cannot reasonably expect much sympathy from the Order or from the company. He is not allowed to double! Is not that enough? It is to be hoped that no member of 41 will get caught napping.

One more:

A telegrapher who was anxious to join was put to considerable annoyance by a non-member, who for some reason best known to himself circulated injurious stories about him, which obtained some credence among members, and but for a quick investigation on the part of a local chairman would have resulted unfavorably to the party in question. The telegrapher who did this trick was dropped some time ago from the division, and is always quick to take advantage of any meanness of this kind. Members should not judge until they are sure that such stories as this one are true. It is apt to cause trouble and ill-feeling.

Fitchburg Division Locals—

Bro. Labell and wife, of Athol, are on a short vacation to Saratoga; Mr. Perley, of Athol ticket office, relieving.

Bro. Deshais, Baldwinville, second trick man, has returned from a vacation in the wilds of Canada.

Bro. Porter, of Peperell, days, is enjoying two weeks' outing in the White Mountains, being relieved by Telegrapher Jones.

Telegrapher Brightman, of Erving, third trick man, is back to work; understand he has been on the sick list.

Mr. Neilly, of South Ashburnham, second trick man, is on vacation; Spare Telegrapher Nall relieving.

East Deerfield job, vacated by Mr. Rogers, bid in by Bro. Pelky, formerly third trick man at Winchendon. Mr. Landry, third trick man at Troy, is going to Winchendon. Troy "NH" is now up for bid.

A telegrapher doing spare work has been dropped for unbecoming conduct. (Not a member of our Order).

Bro. Porter, of Royalston, traveled a good many miles to attend the August meeting. He does this frequently, thus showing an active interest in the business meetings. Members within a stone-throw of lodge room don't find time to come. This shows the lethargic side, which should be changed at once. We will try to have more social work this coming winter, but don't wait till then.

Div. Cor.

Fitchburg Division Notes—

Bro. Hollaron, the day telegrapher at Waverly, bid in the agency at Townsend Harbor, Bro. Hammond, of Gardner, taking the job at Waverly. Gardner was superseded by Mr. Conway, of South Ashburnham, and Mr. Warner is holding down South Ashburnham at present.

Mr. Simpson of Gardner, has been on a vacation, relieved by a Mr. Nutt, who is now relieving Bro. Deshais, second trick man, at Baldwinville. Bro. Deshais is on a vacation of three weeks.

East Deerfield, third trick, is up for bid, former Telegrapher Mr. Rogers having been discharged. Mr. Bilodeau is holding it down for the present.

Bro. Coleman, at Holden, is on vacation. Relief Agent Stone, of Erving, is filling in for him. Agent Stone also relieved Bro. Porter, of Royalston, while he was on his vacation.

Mr. Brightman, third trick man, at Erving, is on the sick list; relieved by Mr. Jones, of South Acton.
Cor.

New York Div., No. 44.

The regular meeting for the month of August was held on the 14th inst., with a fairly good attendance. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read and quite a volume of new business transacted. We wish to impress on the membership that there is important business coming up at every meeting of interest to each and every one working on the L. I. R. R. From now to the close of this year there will be questions coming up that may affect your interests, and unless you are there to give your opinion on these matters and they do not turn out to your satisfaction, do not come around later and kick. We are always glad to have a member come to the meetings and voice his sentiments on each and every question that comes before the division.

At several of our recent meetings there have been some very warm arguments. Now, brothers, if you cannot agree with some of the brothers, don't go away from the lodge room with any ill-feeling against any one who may have expressed a different opinion from yours. What we want and must have is a united circle within and the outside will then take care of itself.

As the summer season is drawing to a close, we are informed the "butt in" committee intends to wake up and do business. Get the habit, boys, and come to each meeting, for you know they never advertise when the good things are due.

Bro. J. A. Burt has resigned the position of night telegrapher and ticket agent, and accepted a day job at Bushwick freight terminal, Brooklyn. Sister M. M. Leonard, of Bay Side, has taken the night agency at Jamaica.

Tom Devoe, second trick man at Rockaway Park, has left the service. Didn't stay with us long enough to get his application. If J. A. Fahr, who took his place, is not a member, will Bro. Tom Walker kindly see that he gets an application blank?

Mr. S. H. Surrall, for many years agent at Hewlett, has been granted an indefinite leave of absence on account of illness. Bro. Geo. J. Ruck is relieving him. Some time ago the committee got a considerable increase in wages at this station and there was considerable talk in regard to getting increases for non-members. It should be borne in mind that there are comparatively few non-members on this road, and they will not always be in their respective positions, and when a member takes such a position he gets the benefit of the increase.

One George Hartman turned off a pretty neat trick, or at least thought he did. Hartman accepted

the position as agent at Cedarhurst, a position that he nor no one else wanted. He resigned, and after Cedarhurst was filled he hired out again and was assigned to some position on the Port Jefferson branch. The local chairman of the branch says that Hartman did not like that part of the country, either, and took French leave without going through the usual formality of sending in a resignation or saying anything about it to the company.

Bro. M. F. O'Laughlin is away on his vacation. His position as ticket agent at Flatbush Avenue Station, Brooklyn, is being filled by a Mr. Waters. Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand is at Manhattan Beach for the summer.

Bro. F. W. Edwards has accepted the position as dispatcher at Huntington and Ronkonkoma station is up for bid.

Did you hear that noise the other night? Well, don't be alarmed. It was nothing serious, only Ed Rixon of "GO," Long Island City, walking the floor and singing lullaby songs to the dearest little girl baby which his wife presented him with recently. Oh, yes, Ed bought the cigars and received the congratulations of a host of friends.

And Bro. F. W. Conklin, of Deer Park, was also presented with a fine ten-pound baby by Mrs. Conklin, recently, but we have not seen Conkie since the new arrival came to hand, so there is a cigar coming to us.

Pop Hammond, who has been a conductor on one of the Patchogue runs for many years, has been retired on a pension. Pop has been a conductor for over fifty years and at the time of his retirement was one of the most popular conductors in the service. Dear old Pop has many friends in Division 44. He has shown us all many favors, and his many acts of kindness will never be forgotten. He has always been ready to lend a helping hand to his fellow-worker when in distress, and he is respected by all who happen to have the pleasure of his acquaintance. Recently the members of the Order of Railroad Conductors, of which Mr. Hammond is an old-time member, presented him with a beautiful chain and charm in token of their love, respect and esteem. Bro. George Olen, of the O. R. C., made a very appropriate address at the presentation, which was a complete surprise to Mr. Hammond, who was greatly overcome. The members of Division No. 44 wish him long life, good health and happiness.

For the first time in three years Bro. W. A. Fuller missed a meeting. He was enjoying a much-needed rest, spending his vacation in the western part of the State. The regulars missed a good, hearty hand-shake and a pleasant word. Bro. Leonard read a communication explaining Bro. Fuller's absence.

Bro. O'Laughlin, of Flatbush avenue, is now spending his vacation, and enjoying a much-needed rest. Bro. C. P. Carll is working first trick during Bro. O'Laughlin's absence.

Bro. Chas. Harris has just returned from a flying trip to Baltimore, but says "never again." He didn't have time to see a thing.

Tower Department—

Bro. M. S. Scotten, first trick at Chestnut Junction, on a ten days' vacation at his home in Delaware, was relieved by Bro. J. H. Hopkins.

Bro. H. J. Connel is back at his old stamping ground, third trick, at "EX" office; too much ocean for him at Hammels Junction.

Bro. Hewlett, who was doing the relief stunt at "HX" Cabin, bid in first trick and is now in the new tower erected at that place. Bro. Gaffney is on third trick. Second trick is filled by some good O. R. T. brother, and a new man on the L. I. R. R.

Bro. H. W. Oliver, lately second trick man at Chestnut Street Junction, has changed to the Station Department, and is now located at West Hampton as telegrapher, helping Bro. Johnson hustle baggage and express.

Bro. Thomas Dryden, first trick man at Glendale Junction, is wearing the broadest kind of a smile these days, a little Miss having arrived at his home recently. Congratulations, brother; we don't smoke.

Sunday, August 8th, was a record-breaking day for the number of trains run on the Rockaway Beach Division. There were 458 handled on this date, all without accident or delay. This speaks well for the brothers on this division.

Bro. C. A. Lewis, third trick man at Jamaica Block, has just returned from a vacation to his home in Delaware.

Bro. M. Wooley, second trick man at Queens, has left the service.

Bro. Chas. Curran is still doing relief work at Fresh Pond Junction on account of Bro. P. H. Hayes being on construction work at Whitepot.

Bro. D. H. Powers is relieving Mr. Decker, second trick, at Floral Park, who is on a short vacation.

Bro. Chas. O. Webb, third trick man at Mineola, has bid in first trick at Ozone Park.

Bro. J. S. Shurma spent a few days visiting Bro. Whitman and family at Montana, and was relieved by Bro. P. J. Hopkins.

Bro. Scally's team of ball tossers were defeated by the O. R. T. boys from the New York Central. Score, 8 to 9. A return game played a week later on their grounds resulted in another defeat.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to bear to that eternal home the dearly beloved daughter of Brother and Mrs. F. H. Pike, be it hereby

Resolved, That New York Division No. 44, O. R. T., extend to the bereaved parents our most heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved parents and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. A. FULLER.
A. W. BROOKER.
A. F. HELLER.

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the all-wise Providence to remove from the home of Brother and Mrs. J. J. Fox their beloved son, be it hereby

Resolved, That New York Division No. 44, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved parents our most heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this their hour of trouble and bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes, a copy be sent to the bereaved parents and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. A. FULLER.

A. W. BROOKER.

A. F. HELLER.

Committee.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Delaware Division—

Well! We are a division without a local chairman. I wonder if there is another division of this strong Order that can say such a thing and at the same time have as many members as we have. It certainly is strange that after this division has received so many benefits through the Order, there is not a good man that will act in this capacity. It's for lack of interest in the Order, and for no other reason in the world. We cannot expect an increase every year, especially when there has been such a panic as we have experienced during the last two years. Just think, thousands of other employees were laid off and others were cut until their salaries were just enough to keep them alive. Have we experienced anything of this sort? No, we have been working at the same old salary. Our division needs a revival meeting to show some where they stand. Wake up and make hay while the sun shines.

"Patty Cannon," our up-to-date relief agent, was a visitor at Sand Hill camp this month and added another "stranger" to his list.

Bro. T. R. Taylor, of New Castle, was called to the bedside of his mother at Hebron in August. We are glad to report that she is now on the road to recovery.

We are glad to state that a number of the N. Y. P. & N. brothers are doing some good work for the Order. It will pay some of our brothers to take a trip down to Kings Creek or Pocomoke and just mention O. R. T. to the men down there. They will soon "say something."

Our old, faithful Bro. Hopgood has been transferred from Kings Creek to New Church.

Bro. F. P. Vansant, of Delmar, spent his relief day in Crumpton, relieved by Mr. Brasure.

Bro. H. S. Atkinson was in Pocomoke during the Fair. Understand "Shortie" has a "trotter" down there this year.

Bro. W. B. Prettyman, the agent at Stockley, resumed duty August 5th, after having been off thirty days on sick leave. Billy looks much better and we are glad to hear his fist on the wire again. Bro. Megee relieved him.

Bro. Taylor, agent at Snow Hill, was on his annual vacation in August. He spent part of his time at Ocean Grove, N. J.

Mr. Tunnell, freight agent at Georgetown, spent two weeks of August on a trip through the West, visiting his son at Butte, Mont. He also visited other points; relieved by Bro. Smith.

Mr. Corbin, agent at Chincoteague, Va., spent the month of August visiting in the Northern States; relieved by Bro. J. B. Roe.

Bro. Dryden, telegrapher at Franklin City, Va., was on the sick list a few days in August; relieved by Bro. Roe.

Mr. Hill, telegrapher at Lewes, was on the sick list a few days during August.

Mr. Leager, of Millsboro, is getting the idea that his baseball team can't be beaten. He should beware. He may meet his Waterloo before the season is over.

Mr. McCabe, freight clerk at Selbyville, has been transferred to the freight office at Middletown. Mr. Tarr, of Berlin, succeeds him at Selbyville.

Relief men seem to be as scarce as hen's teeth on this division this summer. It is quite a hard matter for the agents to get relieved.

Mr. E. H. Roe, former relief agent, has been appointed chief clerk at Delmar.

Bro. Holmes, the agent at Massey, with his family, spent a week in August visiting his parents in Easton.

That good-natured, smiling brother of ours on the D. & C., who visits the D. M. & V., where he formerly worked at every opportunity, will soon be getting tangled up in the matrimonial line if he does not take a slower gait.

Bro. Taylor and Truitt spent their relief days at Parsonsburg.

Mr. Metz, telegrapher at Snow Hill, recently spent a day in Goldsboro with friends.

Mr. Brasure relieved Bro. Dabson a few days in August.

We understand that Bro. Millman of New Castle, recently purchased a motor cycle and while learning to ride the machine had quite a serious accident. Fortunately he came off with just a few scars on the face, which caused him much uneasiness.

Div. Con.

Maryland Division—

Bro. R. H. Lipscomb, of Wilmington, has tendered his resignation, effective August 1st. We understand Bob is going in business at Warwick, Del. We wish him success.

Bro. Thos. H. Cassidy bid in "SO" Stanton Block, last trick, but is working extra in Wilmington during the summer months. He is anxiously awaiting the 25th of August, at which time he will receive his annual pass, he having been in the service three years.

Bro. Gibson, of "MO" Moore Block, has been on the sick list for about a month. We hope to see him back soon. Brother Merryman of "HX" Edge-Moor, yardmaster's office, is filling at "MO," last trick, during Brother Gibson's absence.

Telegrapher L. K. Mills, of "U," bid in "BX" block, 4 o'clock trick, and Bro. Steir is filling in at "U" Bellevue extra while the job is on bulletin.

Telegrapher Andree bid in Seabrook "BO" block, 4 o'clock trick, which was made vacant on account of Mr. Vitek going to Stemmers-Run "RU" block.

Telegrapher W. L. Hall bid in "DX" Lanham block, 4 o'clock trick.

Telegrapher P. W. Boyd bid in "BF" 4 o'clock trick.

Telegrapher Chambers, who has been working the extra message job at "VX" Perryville, has bid in "CA" Chase, 4 o'clock trick.

"SV" Severn block is being filled by extra men; the job is bulletined.

"WI" Columbia is again on the bulletin.

Cor.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

We understand the general manager is still standing our committee off, under one pretext and another, as he has been doing for months. Several of the boys who have been drawing less than \$50 have had their wages increased \$2.50 per month, and the management has advised our committee they have other increases and better conditions in view, but they have not been sighted yet. The committee has grown tired of asking for conferences and the chances are by the time this is in print, things will have been turned over to the organization for further negotiations.

The August meeting was quite well attended. The east end, as usual (?), had the north end skinned a mile. Were glad to see some new faces out, and can't see why this can't happen more often. We north enders would gladly be on hand, but something turns up every time to prevent.

Melvin Gillespie, of McCallsburg, is a new member of Division 71. Bro. E. A. Smith is entitled to the honor of securing this new member.

Bro. W. J. Cleary, formerly of New Sharon, has been transferred to Division Skiddoo—23.

Bro. A. J. Morris, of Brighton, is again on the sick list. Night Telegrapher Bartlett ran things for some time and the night office was closed. Mr. Sweigard, who worked at Little York some time ago, is at present working as agent, and Bartlett is again doing the night stunt. Bro. Morris has gone North, and we hope the change will soon bring him around again.

E. A. Cross, agent at Little York for a short time, has taken the position as day ticket agent at Oskaloosa. Ross Brown, who held the position at Oskaloosa for several years, has resigned on account of poor health. Have not learned who has taken the Little York roast.

Bro. D. J. Kyle writes that he is highly pleased with his position with the National Coal Co. at

Middle Grove, and is not going to railroad any more until the minimum goes up to \$75.00 per.

Bro. Harry Boughtin is now located at Connell, Wash., on the Northern Pacific, and wants to be remembered to all his old friends.

All our boys who have left the Iowa Central and gone to the Northwest seem to be making good, and they can't seem to understand why the balance of us stay here and work for the wages we do when good positions are to be had there for the asking. The way the boys are pulling out it does not look as though there would be many of us here much longer.

Understand Sister Weldon, of Mason City days, has resigned her position. Sorry to have our only sister leave.

Pixley, the non at Mason City nights, got the "can" for leaving town and leaving the cashier in his place. The cashier did not seem to be on the job, and No. 91 got a delay of an hour and a half.

It is now Bro. Lewis at Ackley nights, he having paid up and got his pasteboard. "Every little bit helps."

Bro. J. A. Holmes, of Steamboat Rock, has left us to engage in business in that city. He was relieved by a Mr. Platts. Of course, Bro. Holmes will still keep up to date, and if Mr. Platts is not already that way here's hoping he soon will be.

Bro. Ralph Mitchell is back at Marshalltown first trick. This displaces one non, and we are glad to get the brother back.

What has become of Bro. Lou Boughtin, of Pickering? Bro. Bruce, who has been doing the owl act, is on days.

Bro. F. R. Arnote is spending his vacation relieving Agent Atkinson at Gilman for three weeks. If the change were permanent, it would be satisfactory to at least part of us.

Agent Frazier, of Grinnell, is off on an extended vacation, and says he does not think he will return, on account of too much business and not enough help to handle it.

Bro. Harry Clawson is back on the road, located at New Sharon days.

General Manager Cutter has resigned his position, effective September 15th, and the duties of G. M. revert to Vice-Pres. Day. Mr. Cutter has been with the company only ten months, and had just got everything started for the better in nice shape.

Two brothers on the branches were asked to send in a few items each month. One of them did so just once. The other did not even condescend to acknowledge receipt of the letter. Each one of you can send something interesting if you will only try, and every item will help out. Try it once.

No card, no favors.

Div. Cor.

Trenton Div., No. 85.*Belvidere Division—*

The regular monthly meeting was held August 20th. The general routine of business was transacted and one new application was received and acted upon.

Bro. Hoffman, the manager at Coalport, is off on vacation. Bro. Cochram, the first trick man, is working his job.

Mr. Kays, second trick at Coalport, is working first trick same place, and Bro. R. Parker, first trick at Wilburtha, is working in Mr. Kays' place.

Mr. W. H. Wilmot, Jr., bid in the second trick at Wilburtha, but is at present working first trick. Mr. Buckley is working the second trick at Wilburtha.

Bro. Nagle, third trick man at Warren, bid in the third trick at Wilburtha.

It is rumored that a man by the name of Wilson bid in third trick at Washington's Crossing.

Mr. Rapp, the third trick man at Warren, has bid in the second trick at that place.

Martin's Creek has been bid in by Bro. Schaeffer, who is in luck to get the first trick.

Second trick at Hudson Yard has been bid in by Bro. Farley. This puts "DY" third trick open.

Mr. Decker, first trick man at "G." L. & H. Junction, is working nights at Trenton during the time the dispatchers are taking vacations. Bro. Person is filling in at L. & H. Junction first trick.

Bro. Walter Weaver is off a few days on a trip to New York. Mr. F. F. Weaver is working at Belvidere during his absence. Bro. Lerch, of L. V. Division No. 124, is working at Roxburg second trick in Mr. Weaver's place.

Bro. Lilly, second trick man at Dempsey, is on a vacation trip to Maryland, his home. Bro. Lerch worked at Dempsey during his absence.

It is rumored that Bro. Minnich, of L. V. Division No. 124, bid in the second trick at Martins Creek.

A number of the boys took in the "Farmers' picnic" at Belvidere on the 18th. They were. Bros. McKelvey, Farley and Messrs. Dean and Hannon, and all report a fine time.

We understand that Bro. Goddard, who has been sick for two months, is slowly improving, and we hope to soon hear his old familiar fist.

Div. Cor.

Boston Div., No. 89.

The regular night meeting for August was called to order at eight p. m., Aug. 7th, Worthy Chief Ross in the chair, and all other officers present except First Vice-Chief Cushman.

There was a good attendance of the brothers from the Boston and Providence Divisions, while there was quite a few from the Old Colony. It was almost impossible to find a brother from the Midland Division. The writer could name

at least five brothers who could get to our meetings without much effort on their part, but for some reason known only to themselves they are content to stay away. This is not the proper spirit. Members who attend regularly do not find it necessary to buttonhole some other brother to find out what was done at the meeting.

Three applicants were voted upon, and one brother transferred from Division No. 35. Two applications were submitted to committees of investigation.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to confer with a similar committee from the B. & M. Division No. 41, in regard to holding a joint open meeting, reports the plan working out in good shape and that the meeting would probably be held about the middle of September.

Among our visitors were Bro. Pierson, second vice-president; Bro. L. H. Pennoyer, general chairman of the B. & A.; Bro. J. A. Cardinal, secretary and treasurer of Springfield, Mass., Division No. 38; also our own general chairman, Bro. E. J. Manion.

This was Bro. Pierson's first appearance at the night meeting since his re-election as second vice-president at the Atlanta convention, and by the reception accorded him he must have felt as though he was at "Home, Sweet Home."

Bro. Pierson favored us with one of his nice, spicy talks for about thirty minutes, telling us of his experiences here in the East since he has been one of the grand officers of our organization, and also of meeting Bros. Pennoyer and Cardinal, who were present, several years ago on the C. P. R. at a time when the O. R. T. in general and himself in particular were about "down and out."

Bro. Manion was next in line and he addressed the boys for a few minutes in regard to the circular that the O. R. S. A. men have sent out lately to some of our agent members, advising them to authorize them (O. R. S. A.) to represent their jobs at New Haven. Bro. Manion called the attention of the brothers to the first rule of our schedule, which says in part: "This agreement covers all employes doing telegraph work of any kind or duration, except train dispatchers, etc."

Bro. Manion said he had been advised by the officials that they could not entertain such a plan from the O. R. S. A. people, and that our committee would represent all telegraph jobs.

Bro. Cardinal was next on the program. He proved to be a very interesting speaker, and held the close attention of the gathering, and wound up by extending a cordial invitation to the brothers of Division No. 89 to attend some of the meetings of Division No. 38, which, no doubt, some of the brothers will do in the near future.

Bro. Pennoyer was last on the list, but proved to be not the least, as he was there with the "goods." He told us of the efforts of the brothers on the Boston & Albany to get a schedule, and thought it safe to say that the road would be scheduled before many more months.

This is certainly good news, as this road has been an eyesore for some time to the brothers of this part of the country. Now the boys on the Central Vermont ought to wake up and get busy, do a little organizing, get the boys together, talk the thing up out on the road and it wouldn't be long before they could be working under a schedule, and then we would have every road in the whole of these New England States scheduled. Some of the New Haven boys will probably have to go over on the C. V. and start the ball rolling for them, as there don't seem to be anyone there who wants to take hold of the proposition.

Understand our worthy chief, Bro. Ross, paid Division No. 38 a visit at their meeting of Aug. 21st, and spoke to the boys in Springfield for about twenty minutes. The boys of "38" must have enjoyed a treat, as Bro. Ross is somewhat of an orator when he gets started.

The daylight for August was called to order at ten a. m., our worthy chief, Bro. Ross, in the chair.

Two applicants from the Midland Division were added to our membership roll. Two applications were submitted for investigation.

The committee appointed to negotiate with our sister divisions to hold a joint meeting some time in the near future reported progress. Our worthy president will be invited to this meeting, and a large gathering is anticipated, as it will no doubt be held in the evening. The writer would therefore beg to suggest that the committee negotiate for two meetings, one to be held in the morning and the other in the evening of the same day. This would give all the brothers of the three different tricks the opportunity to meet our president and fellow-workers on the Boston & Maine and Boston & Albany railways. This could be accomplished with but little extra expense and effort.

Very little business came up at this meeting, allowing more time for discussion under "Good of the Order." In this the brothers waxed rather warm on the various topics that came up, especially the schedule revisionists, who held the floor for an hour or more. It was good, sound, and sensible talk, more conservative than otherwise, showing that the boys mean business. One hour has been set aside at each daylight meeting for discussion coming under this head.

Notes—

Division No. 89 extends its sympathy to Bro. Cashen, of Dorchester Station, who bereaves the loss of his mother recently.

The O. R. T. was well represented at the picnic of the Trainmen down the Providence River and at the Firemen's outing at Lake Pearl.

The brothers on the Old Colony Division are glad the "war" is over, especially at South Braintree, where the soldiers entrained for home.

Midland Division Notes—

Bro. Murphy, second trick at Franklin Station, has just returned from two weeks' vacation spent on a yachting trip along the Maine coast. He reports a fine time.

Bro. Gerring, third trick at Franklin tower, is back from a two weeks' vacation spent with friends and relatives at New York, Jersey City and Gloucester, Mass.

Bro. Mathewson, agent at East Thompson, is on a three weeks' automobile trip through New England.

We can now spell the word "solid" at Putnam tower, the second and third trick men having come in at the last meeting of Division No. 89. This was accomplished after much hard work on the part of Local Chairman Leete and some of the brothers on the east end.

We now have only three nons between Willimantic and Readville, and two of this number have promised to come in the first of September. They are stationed at Norfolk, Thompson and Douglas Junction. Now boys, get right after these fellows and don't let up until they hand in their papers. We want this division solid and I think such a thing is possible, only don't wait for someone else to do all the work, but take a hold and do a little yourself. I know it is not always convenient for you to call on these non in person, but you can write, and if each wrote him a line urging him to come in, once in two or three weeks, it wouldn't be many weeks before he would commence to take notice of what is being done. This scheme works the same as all of our telegrams that we flooded in Washington when we wanted the "hours-of-service" law passed. If only a few of us had sent messages, our senators and congressmen would have ignored us, but when they saw them coming by the bushel, they thought it was time to heed our demands.

Local Chairman Leete was over on this end a few days, calling on the boys and punching up the nons. He paid the boys at Franklin quite a visit, taking dinner with Assistant Chairman Jacobs.

Mr. Wickham, chief dispatcher, is unable to relieve all the boys that would like to be away, on account of being short. He has been looking for two or three good telegraphers for the last two months, but is still unable to land any. The same can be said in regard to the other divisions of this road.

Boston Division Notes—

Bro. J. A. Willard, of tower No. 185, is doing the bachelor stunt during Mrs. Willard's absence of several weeks at Hastings-on-the-Hudson.

Bro. Geo. Pierce, who has been a spare towerman on the Boston Division for over a year, was the successful bidder on second trick at Braintree tower.

It is not all of the boys who can take a pleasure trip to the Rockies for a month's duration, but Bro. Francis Riley, of Atlantic tower,

is one of the lucky ones. Understand he is having the time of his life. He ought to be able to tell us some good stories on his return. Mr. Hodge is filling in during Bro. Riley's absence part of the time, and Bro. Pierce doing the honors the remainder, Mr. Hodge having left the service of this road.

Bro. Regan, who has been working the table job at Chickering tower, has been the successful bidder on second trick at the Transfer. Understand it has been quite hard to keep good men at the Transfer.

Spare Agent Kriss bid in second trick at the Transfer, but finds it more congenial work selling shoes, etc., to the boys along the line, so has resigned.

Telegrapher W. Musgrave, from the M. C. R. R., is filling in the table job at Chickering. Understand he was formerly a member. We will have to get him again.

Bro. Arthur Mitchell, of Castle Square tower, and wife, spent Sunday recently at his old home, Marshfield, Mass. Bro. Mitchell enjoyed himself to the fullest extent, fishing and renewing old acquaintances.

Bro. W. D. Henderson, of Chickering, is quite a sport. He does not believe in working Sundays during the hot weather. Bro. J. Willard relieves him on Sundays. Div. Cor.

Chicago Div., No. 91.

C. & W. I.—

The railroad Employes' Branch of the American Federation of Labor held a meeting at the Kaiserhof Hotel, August 2d, with Bro. Lowe, of the I. B. M. & W. E., presiding. Bro. Newman, first vice-president, was chosen as secretary, and much good was accomplished. About forty members were in attendance, representing the C. R. I. & P., C. T. T., C. & W. I., E. J. & E., C. I. & S., and C. J. railways.

Brothers, whenever there is a change at your station or tower just drop a line to our genial secretary, Bro. McDonald, who is a very busy man, but always willing to work overtime for the interests of our noble Order, and will put in a "write-up" that all will be proud of.

We are glad to see business getting so good, and it is now a fact that telegraphers are not so plenty as they were, for several of the boys on the Belt have asked for a layoff, and were turned down on account of the scarcity of telegraphers.

Bro. E. O. Jacobson, third trick at Oakdale, is back to work after two weeks spent in Michigan.

Bro. Hoffman, first trick at Oakdale, is taking a week off, relieved by Extra Telegrapher E. J. Joseph, who also filled in during Bro. Jacobson's absence.

Bro. Banks, formerly with the Belt, is working extra at R. I. Junction, South Chicago, for the C. R. I. & P.

Work seems to agree with Bro. Stanley, agent at Dolton, as he is just as pleasant as ever.

Bro. Crippen, third trick at "CU" tower, South Deering, is getting fat. He says a steady position agrees with him.

Bro. Brown, third trick at Auburn Junction, says he will be with us at every meeting.

Now, brothers who are working first and third tricks, you could all come to meetings once a month and feel at home. Come out once and see.

I will close for this time. Will try and help with a few items each month. Remember, "No cards, no favors."

C. I. & S.—

In reading the July number I saw a few items from the L. S. & M. S. Ry., Western Division, and I am glad to hear that a remark, "Who pays the freight?" has struck the parties so forcibly that the two nons mentioned have come across like men and remitted for cards. Good boys. Hope you will continue to keep your cards up and be two of the most zealous workers on that division. Help your local chairman out, as he is a good one.

On this road we have nons as follows: Three at North Libertyville; three at Knox; three at Walkerton; one at Hamlet; one at North Judson; one at Tefft; one at Wheatfield; four at Shelby; two at Schneider; four at Momence; one at Kankakee, and as many more west of Kankakee. This on the KKK Division. The Danville Division is situated about the same. Out of thirty-three men between South Bend and Kankakee, a distance of 100 miles, there are eleven in good standing. That leaves twenty-two nons. Now, "Who pays the freight?" The men carrying the cards or the nons? Look at the percentage. Look at the eleven good men and true who are carrying a burden almost too heavy for their shoulders. Is it any wonder we are getting small salaries? Is it any wonder that the majority of the nons at the end of each payday have no money left, and have to borrow five or ten to help them out, especially when sickness overtakes some of their families? Why not use some of that money you borrow to come into the O. R. T. and work to get higher money? "Who pays the freight?" It's a cinch you nons don't. Who bears the brunt of sorrow and sickness? The wife and children. In the dead of winter the wife and children in most cases are having a hard time keeping warm over a fire at home, and a lunch for the noonday meal, while the husband is at his office enjoying the warmth of all the coal he can burn and occasionally a good cigar that is passed over to him, and he also enjoys good company. This is real truth. When he goes home and don't find much on the table and sputters about it, and wife says "I did not want to get much at the store, as our bill is too big now, and our coal is very low and nearly gone, and with the wages you are getting we can't pay for it all payday, and I and the children must have something to wear. I have got to economize." Think of it, you nons. Think what the

O. R. T. has done for you. Got you better salaries, shorter working hours, got you better working conditions, and do you appreciate it? The O. R. T. is in the same condition the wife and children are. Got to bear the burden of "Who pays the freight?" keeping you in warmth.

Now a word regarding the Federation. I think it is the grandest movement ever inaugurated. It will show who is who. It will show up every man on a railroad. It will show if he is a man, and it will show if he wishes to help pay the freight.

CERT. 243.

Philadelphia Div., No. 102.

It has been some time since Division No. 102 has been represented, because the members fail to send in any notes and your correspondent is not in a position to secure them unaided.

Bro. W. H. Keiser of "JK" is handing out cigars with the utmost liberality on account of the arrival of a strange young man.

Speaking of cigars, Division No. 102 keeps a good supply on hand at all times to be given the brothers who attend the meetings.

It is rumored that Bro. Brendel is thinking of transferring from the New York Division of the P. & R. and going to the Atlantic City R. R. We are sorry to lose the brother from our midst, and we wish him all success.

Mr. Lane, from Lansdale, is to take the place at Shawmont made vacant by Bro. Brendel. We will be compelled to do some missionary work in the near future.

Mr. A. V. Henning has taken the owl job at Wissahickon, vice Mr. Parsons. The two merely exchanged positions, Mr. Parsons taking the second trick at Corsons, out among the farmers.

Former Bro. Rudolph contemplates resigning from the service and accepting a position as assistant draughtsman with the American Bridge Company at Penncoy.

It is rumored that our competitor, the Schuylkill Division of the Penna. R. R. is desperately short of telegraphers, eight-hour men being compelled to double up and work twelve. When this happens since the nine-hour law went into effect you may be sure that there is something radically wrong. Even the men who were unfortunate enough to be given suspensions were not allowed to leave on account of no relieving operators.

Our secretary reports that the former secretary, Bro. Malstrom, is having quite a success with his garden in his new home at Central Village, Conn. He is to be congratulated, as the most we can raise around here is trouble.

Messrs. Lamb, Allbright, Weidner, McCue, Pugh, Bro. Enterline and Mr. Rudolph, have lately returned to duty. It is rumored that the latter took advantage of his vacation to enjoy a honeymoon.

It is with deep regret that I have to record the death of one of our oldest members, Bro. H. W. Moyer, of Richland Centre, Pa. Bro. Moyer was

one of our best men, attending every meeting possible, and giving us all the support he possibly could. He was seized with apoplexy and died within the course of a few hours, without regaining consciousness.

At the regular meeting of the division the following was adopted:

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst our brother and friend, Mr. Herbert W. Moyer, and

WHEREAS, While we bow to the edicts of the Almighty, still we feel that his family has lost one who, by his word of counsel, his cheerful presence and his untiring devotion, has so endeared himself that his loss will never be forgotten, and that the Division has lost a faithful brother and an esteemed friend; therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing family, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and that the charter of the division be draped for a period of sixty days.

J. J. McLAUGHLIN.

H. A. RAMSAY.

H. O. MENNIG.

Committee.

"SZILOW."

Hagerstown Div., No. 106.

Brother Hyde, formerly of Berkeley tower, is located at Guilford, with the W. M. R. R.

Bro. Cross, New Kingstown, has returned to work after spending several days at his home in Hagerstown.

"CR," Carlisle, is now working eight hours, with a Mr. Moyer on the extra trick.

Our former worthy chief, Bro. Osborne, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., has resigned, and is with the C. & L. at Mt. Gretna, handling the pasteboard in the ticket office. We understand that he was relieved by a Mr. Bentz.

Telegrapher Van Kirk, Carlisle, attended the National Guard encampment at Mt. Gretna; relieved by Mr. Glover.

Bro. Hines, of "BY" tower, Berkeley, spent several days in town.

Bro. Schleicher, of "HN," Hagerstown, tells of a harrowing experience with a large snake, while on a berry hunt near 84-mile siding. While crossing a small ravine, a black snake about seven feet long wrapped itself around his body, with the presumable intention of ending his career, but was effectually stopped by the timely arrival of Bro. Minnich, who killed the reptile. As bona fide proof of this they exhibit the skin, which is fully seven feet in length.

A number of the members have made complaint of a telegrapher located on the north end who is representing himself as a member of

the O. R. T., and wearing an O. R. T. button. Brothers, beware of him and be careful of your tongue when in his presence. Perhaps he is not aware that there is a penalty for misrepresentation of this kind.

Business is slightly increasing, and we may look for a heavy run as the fall and winter seasons advance.

Div. Cor.

Addison Div., No. 108.

Business on the line is again looking up. During the first seven months in 1909 there were 46 per cent more cars of coal and coke handled than during the same period in 1908. This prosperity means full time, and full time means a good pay check.

Bro. Sheldon, of Blasdel, is spending a few days at his old home at Scio, on the Genesee.

Sister Verna Corbett, third trick at Sinnemahoning, is enjoying a vacation, being relieved by Mr. Camfield.

Bro. Mathews, second trick at Hicks Run, is away on two weeks' vacation; being relieved by Mr. Welton.

Bro. Drum and Bro. McCarthy, agents at Sinnemahoning and Medix Run, are doing the second trick stunt in addition to the regular agents' duties.

Bro. Taylor, of Hamburg, is in the stone business. Next will be the fair, then you will hear "AG"—"AG"—"AG"—"AG."

Bro. Cole, of Cowanesque, has been in the Tioga County metropolis for a few days.

Bro. Nichols has more passengers than any other agent on the line. All roads lead to Crystal Lake.

Bro. C. W. Dickerson, of Wellsville, has been enjoying a vacation.

WANTED—Every member of Division No. 108 to attend meetings at Addison on the second Sunday of each month. Inquire if the man next to you has an up-to-date card. If not, why not.

The local chairman of your division will appreciate any news you may furnish him that would be of interest and proper to appear in the journal.

Div. Cor.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular August meeting was held in the St. Charles Hotel, Emporium, Wednesday evening, August 18th.

We are glad to say that there was a good attendance, and best of all was the fact that Vice-President T. M. Pierson was with us and gave us a two-hour discourse on the principles of our beloved Order, which was one of the finest efforts it has ever been our pleasure and good fortune to hear. The only regret we have is that more of the members were not present to hear and enjoy this brilliant brother's discourse.

Bro. Pierson predicts that within a year the Marr insurgents will be a thing of the past, and that their efforts to injure the Order will be without avail. It is simply a case of secession by a disgruntled lot who were never good union men at heart and as long as they could use the Order everything was all right, but when they were exposed they rebelled against justice and now are seeking to crush the hand that made them able to be called honest men. Unfortunately we have one or two of them on this line, but anyone who takes notice of the service they give to the company will feel thankful that they do not belong to the Order.

Brothers and sisters, do not let your interest flag at this time! Work tooth and nail to prevent the insurgents from gaining a foothold in our midst. They have stopped at nothing to injure us and self-preservation is the first law of nature.

The best way to be in shape to watch our interests is to attend the meetings and become familiar with what is going on.

Bro. L. Griskey, of "WY" tower, Kane, has returned from his vacation looking hale and hearty.

Sister Geary, of Kane, is on the sick list; relieved by Telegrapher Cupp. We hope for Sister Geary's speedy recovery.

Bro. Woodruff, first trick at "DW" tower, Warren, is off on a vacation, and we understand that he expects to take unto himself a partner of life's joys and sorrows. It has been noticed lately that he has stove and furniture catalogues galore around the tower, and this is an infallible sign of "something doing." We speak from experience. Bro. James of third trick is relieving him.

Bro. Daugherty was relieved at "WY" tower, Kane, by Bro. Stroup, while the former was away on account of his wife's death.

Telegrapher Pierce, of second trick at Garland, is off for ten days, relieved by Telegrapher Johnson, of Wetmore.

Death has entered our ranks again, and has taken one of our most worthy brothers and the beloved wife of another respected brother within a period of a week.

Mrs. L. E. Daugherty, the estimable wife of Bro. L. E. Daugherty, of Kane, died at the family residence in the above city on Tuesday, August 3d, with that most-dreaded disease, consumption. The deceased had been a long and patient sufferer and her worthy husband had spared no effort or expense to relieve her and make her life pleasant. Such devotion between man and wife are seldom seen as was shown in this case. Bro. Daugherty did all in his power to make her days happy and comfortable, but the disease was too deeply seated, and the patient sufferer at last succumbed. The remains were taken to Watontown, Pa., August 6th. The flowers contributed by the division were beautiful and well chosen. The entire membership ex-

tends sincere sympathy to Bro. Daugherty in his greatest of earthly afflictions.

Bro. Frank Signor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Signor, of Ridgway, Pa., died at Warren, Pa., July 30th, after a long illness. Bro. Signor was afflicted with a complication of diseases, and while his parents did everything in the way of earthly remedies and medical science, it was all unavailing. Bro. Signor was an exemplary young man, was highly respected by all who knew him. He was born January 27, 1875, and was therefore 34 years of age at the time of his death. The entire membership extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents in this, their time of sorrow.

Death has also claimed our pioneer dispatcher, in the person of Mr. E. K. Stevens, who for many years worked the first trick at Renovo. Mr. Stevens was one of the pioneers of telegraphy, and was apparently in good health up to the day of his death, when he suddenly expired at 11:55 a. m., Thursday, August 19th. He was always friendly to the men with whom he worked, and was held in high regard by all of the employes along the P. R. R. lines. His loss will be deeply felt. A beautiful floral contribution was sent in his honor from the employes of the Renovo Division. We extend our deepest sympathy to his grief-stricken relatives.

These faithful servants' work is done,
They are with us no more;
God beckoned to them with his hand,
To come to heaven's bright shore.
We would that they could longer stay,
But God above knows best;
And they are happy with him now,
Forevermore "At Rest."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God to call from us our beloved Brother Frank E. Signor, therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 110, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in meeting assembled, whilst bowing in humble submission to the will of God, extend their sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the division, a copy sent to the bereaved relatives and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. T. WELLS.
F. J. CONFER.
M. L. VUGHT.
E. M. THORSTEN.

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler has deemed it wise to remove from our midst the faithful and beloved wife of our worthy Brother L. E. Daugherty; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Division No. 110, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend

to Brother Daugherty our heartfelt sympathy in this, the hour of his great affliction, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the division, a copy forwarded to Bro. Daugherty and a copy given to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. E. O'LEARY.
A. L. GOODWIN.
JOHN F. SULLIVAN.
Committee.

Shamokin Div., No. 117.

Last month we selected a few of the boys from various points to send in the news. This seems to have scared out even those who had been heretofore lending a helping hand. If you desire to see notes from your section in these columns, you will have to furnish them as we are not gifted with mental telepathy.

All the boys have their new cards, or should have them. Remember that Autumn is the very best time of the year to get after the nona. Come, brothers, let us double the membership on this division before 1910. We can do it easily if we only think so.

The question has been frequently put: "What must we do to protect our nine-hour law against the tools of the corporations?" The best remedy, of course, would be to have about ten million working men throughout this nation to learn to vote right at election time, but as it will probably take a few years more of empty stomachs and shabby clothes to educate the working class how to do this, therefore we must not, we dare not, forget the O. R. T. Under the present system of society it is our only weapon. Had it not been for our noble Order the nine-hour law would never have seen the light of day. And at this very moment our organization stands behind that law like the Rock of Gibraltar. The hosts of labor are standing on the threshold of a mighty struggle. Let us not tear down our organizations that are serving us as breastworks, but rather strengthen them. We need the O. R. T. more than we ever did before. Let us close up the ranks and then, shielded by its mighty arm, we can put up a braver fight than ever for labor's complete emancipation.

Bro. Caldwell, of Mountoursville, paid a visit to his mother at Turbotsville a short time since.

Bro. Bower, of Halls, and lady friend, took in the sights at Harveys Lake recently.

Bro. Harris, of West Milton, is again back to work after a long illness.

Bro. Lyons, of N. B. Junction, has about completed a fine new house on West Third street, Williamsport. Now that Howard has the cage he will no doubt be looking for the bird. Widows and old maids need not apply.

Telegrapher Moon, of N. B. Junction, is spending his vacation in Philadelphia.

Telegrapher Reaser, of Montgomery, is relieving Telegrapher Moon.

Quite a number of the boys became charter members of the Moose, a new order instituted here last week.

The new branch of the Socialist party organized here last week elected telegraphers to every one of the five different offices.

Business is some better than it was a year ago, as we have taken considerable from other lines. When it comes to prompt service the P. & R. is "Johnnie on the spot." Why can't we say the same of the Order on this division? Don't all speak at once.

Now, don't forget our next meeting, and let us have some notes. CERT. 17.

Olean Div., No. 135.

Our last meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. by Local Chairman W. J. McCarthy and the time was devoted to general discussion and the adoption of several resolutions. Brothers, you should take more interest and attend meetings. If you had been there to hear President Perham discuss the local situation I assure you that you would take more interest and attend all meetings. Undoubtedly some will say, "Why did not the secretary mention on his monthly meeting card notice that President Perham was to attend our meeting, and I would have attended." Brothers, our secretary and treasurer nor any brother for that matter, knew that President Perham was to be present. You all know the important position President Perham holds, and it is almost impossible to make a date with any local division and always be able to fill it. Unexpected business of much greater importance than would perhaps be transacted at most local division meetings will sometimes turn up, calling him away. While Bro. Perham was passing through Olean en route to a different destination, having a few hours to spare, he stopped off at Olean to visit the brothers. We were very much pleased and thankful, and assured Bro. Perham that we appreciated his visit. We will have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Perham at our meeting again in the near future, but we are unable to say what date. Try attending all meetings and you will not miss seeing Bro. Perham.

Owing to sickness in the family of General Chairman Page, he was unable to attend our last meeting. We were sorry we did not have the pleasure of hearing Bro. Page. Our next meeting will be of interest to all. We will have a brother from some foreign division to give us a lecture on harmony. Make a big effort to attend.

There has been considerable changing around since placing some of the agents working first trick. Last month my write-up failed to show the changes; through an error I failed to put all the correspondence in the letter. Some time has elapsed since the changes took place, and I feel safe in saying that everyone knows the situation, so it will not be necessary to write it up this month.

We were asked the following question by a non: "Why is it customary for telegraphers when reporting trains to dispatchers to place 'OS' before the office call?" I suggest the following answer: "Organize solid."

Bro. Granger, the second trick man at Aurora, was visiting friends at Olean last week.

Bros. Plack, Protection and Wilkins, of Chaffee, were in Buffalo, last week, looking at the high buildings.

Bro. Z. C. Burt, the third trick man at Delavan, was in Buffalo last week.

Bro. C. E. Smith, of "CH" office, was off a week last month visiting friends and relatives in Syracuse; relieved by Telegrapher Snel.

Bro. Lindsley, of Cadiz, was off one day last month.

I understand that Bro. Shear, formerly of Ebenezer, has resigned and left the company's service. He is now engaged in the mercantile business at Buffalo. Bro. Shear still carries an up-to-date card. He is one of the many who knows a good thing when he sees it. We wish him success.

If the O. R. T. is no good, why do you read THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER? To enlighten you, of course.

News is scarce from the south end and Sonyea. No contributions have been received. It seems very strange, as have several good brothers on the south end, also on the Sonyea. Try to give us the changes made by the boys for next month. I mean you!

Perhaps if you have not already done so you will receive a letter from—well, no one knows who the bunch is composed of. They are a bunch of "con slingers" seeking information. Instead of giving them any information whatever, forward their letters to your local chairman or secretary and treasurer. The persons, whoever they are, will offer you a big bluff. Do not let them give you the "horse laugh" and say how easy you were to swallow their bait. They may possibly make you a personal visit, misrepresenting themselves for some unknown reason. A couple of the "guys" in the bunch are laboring under the impression that they are about as clever and smooth as are made, but as yet their smoothness has failed to make any appearance around here. "Keep your eye on the gun."

It's not compulsory, of course, for telegraphers who are eligible to join the O. R. T., but Mr. "Non," do you not really feel like a little school-boy getting on the floor before a large audience to deliver his first little piece when you get with a bunch of O. R. T. boys. I know just how you feel. You sometimes gasp for breath, thinking what excuses you can offer for not being able to show an up-to-date card. To cut the story short and give the other brothers some space in this grand old book and get down to the final point, you nons are unable to offer any reasonable excuse for not being members of the O. R. T. Did you send a committee down to Washington to fight for the nine-hour law? If not, who

was it had a grand man down there representing the telegraphers, nons as well as good O. R. T. boys? To be square with you, we will meet you more than half way—we challenge you to put up any argument against the O. R. T. you wish. Accept this, please, as a personal invitation to come to our meeting room and thresh the matter out (by tongue, not fist). You may bring along your judge to decide the debate, whether member of the Order or non. We will leave that part to your good judgment. Do not give for an excuse you did not know where or when our meetings were held; it's a cinch you read the journal. Just turn back in THE TELEGRAPHER where it says "Division Directory." When you find that look for Division No. 135. There you will find the desired information, then on the meeting evening take a train to Olean. You will be welcomed by a number of good, loyal brothers. Should you be unable to attend our meetings, just drop us a card. Some of the good brothers will pay you a visit. Stop your knocking; you can not cut wood with a hammer, and do not be yellow. I beg of you to please not give us the following old chestnuts: "I have no money;" "I'll join next payday;" "I will let you know next week;" "I'll see my wife and let you know her answer tomorrow;" "So-and-so says the O. R. T. is no good;" "Have had sickness in the family for years;" "I'm contemplating getting married." Would not the last one give you a pain in the right eye? I believe any sane person would advise any non who contemplates matrimony that should \$8.00 (the cost of joining the O. R. T.) be the cause of putting him in bankruptcy he should not get married. Is that the way you nons look at it? We would appreciate something new, Mr. Non. You know how monotonous it gets to hear that old song "Sweet Marie." You can hardly blame us for getting sick of the above songs and several others composed by nons. Now, Mr. Non, although you and I will never see it, suppose for an illustration that every telegrapher in the world were as close as you, and say "I will keep my money and let the other fellow pay the bill. I will receive as many benefits as if I had helped to pay the bill." In less than twenty-four hours you would feel the ill effects. Who would be there to fight for liberty and keep wages going up instead of down?

CERT. 23.

Everything is going along nicely.

Bro. Buckley was off the first of the month to attend reunion.

Bro. McGoldrick visited in Oil City this month.

Bro. S. C. Ide was off last Sunday, August 1st, for an outing.

Forty-five-mile Siding has been opened as a day office for the benefit of getting the excursion trains through.

Bro. Car is holding down the ticket agency at Mayville. Mr. Barras takes his place at the key.

Mr. McGonegal reports that he has moved into his new home at Brocton, and does not have to get out so early as he used to.

Mr. Provo, who is holding down the second trick at Titusville, is off for a few days to attend the Silver Creek "Old Home Week."

Bro. White was transferred to Spartansburg a few days since.

Bro. Blakeslee was down to see the old folks at Spartansburg recently.

S. M. Dutton is off for a few days. Mr. Reynolds, who says he will soon be one of us, is relieving her.

Mr. "Rube" Lincoln worked third trick at Farnham for a while so he could attend to his watch business, which was very pressing. Bro. Kuhlman relieved him. CERT 179

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. Johnsey, the agent at Shannon, Miss., is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. Newsome, the second trick telegrapher. Bro. Johnsey is visiting in Colorado and other places of note.

Bro. Caver, the agent at Wheelers, is off on vacation; relieved by Mr. Hern.

Bro. Armstrong, day telegrapher at Booneville, was off a few days; relieved by Mr. Parish.

Bro. Ramer, of Bethel second trick, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Rutledge.

Bro. Reynolds, second trick at Perry, laid off a few days and was relieved by Mr. Rutledge.

Bro. A. S. Johnson, the agent at Henderson, was off a few days; relieved by Mr. Parish.

Bro. Murdaugh has gone back to Clamore. He was relieved at Oakton by Bro. Clark.

Bro. Beadles has resumed work at Berkely after being off for several days on account of sickness in his family. He was relieved by Bro. Clark.

Bro. Fowler, the agent at Cayce, was called home a few days on account of the illness of his sister; relieved by Bro. Cunningham.

Bro. Hatley, agent at Laketon, is off battling with chills; relieved by Mr. Jesse Overall, Jr., of Dyer, Tenn.

Mr. H. C. Wilson, our prominent third trick man at Murphysboro, is taking a vacation; relieved by Extra Dispatcher R. O. Burke, who has just returned from a three-months' vacation in the west.

Mr. J. Cook, second trick telegrapher at Sparta, has resigned; relieved by Bro. Nelson.

Bro. Parker, the agent at Ava, has returned to work after spending several weeks in the West. Bro. Sterns, our prominent ex-local chairman, filled the place while Bro. Parker was away. We are glad to have Bro. Sterns with us again, but we will soon lose him, as he returns to school in a short time.

Bro. G. A. Williamson, the third trick telegrapher at Ava, is again at work, after spending thirty days in the West.

Mr. Jernigan, agent at Alto Pass, is off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Sterns.

Business keeps picking up on the Mollie. We like to see her come.

The movement of trains was delayed very badly for several days on the north end on account of high water and washouts, but all are running as usual again, except local freight trains, which are causing some of the boys extra trouble at one-man stations, keeping them up at night to meet the locals. Local crews say that business is heavier than it has been for a long time.

Div. Con.

Montgomery District, Mobile Division—

J. M. Moss has been installed as agent at Booth, Ala., relieving Miss Verna Mills, who was taken down with typhoid fever several weeks ago and died at St. Margaret's Hospital at Montgomery, Ala., August 22d.

Bro. Fred Colvin has returned to his duties at West End yard, after being away several weeks on a trip out West.

Bro. O. C. Oakles, who has been sick several days, was relieved by W. O. Young. There are still a few nons whom we hope to have lined up soon.

CERT. 79, Div. 94.

IN MEMORIAM.

The supreme architect of the universe, in His almighty wisdom, was pleased to call from this terrestrial world a jewel of His own creation. Though it was His divine will to take the soul of Miss Verna Mills to a celestial paradise not built by human hands, the parting was very sad to her many friends.

Miss Mills was born on September 17, 1888, at Shiloh, Denton County, Texas. While still a youth her parents moved with her to Alabama, where she made many friends in her social and business career, and lived a conscientious and sincere Christian life in the environment of the M. E. Church. For the last few years she has been in the continued service of the M. & O. R. R. as agent at Booth, Ala., where she gained the esteem of all. Should her many friends place but a single blossom on her grave, she would be sleeping under a canopy of flowers.

It was her desire to deserve the esteem of parents and friends alike, and she never failed in the full performance of her duty to all.

At six o'clock on the beautiful Sunday morning of the 22d of August, 1909, God called the soul of this perfectly pure, religious girl to her eternal rest. She was kind to her parents, affectionate to friends and true to the one that was to become her companion through life.

(Signed) J. O. DICKINSON.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of Division No. 94, a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

J. O. DICKINSON.

J. C. HUGHES.

Committee.

Wabash Ry.

Decatur Division—

A very pleasant and profitable meeting was held at Decatur, July 24th. The following brothers were present: J. E. McQuade, J. W. LaFever, J. W. Burch, J. R. Hefner, W. P. Shutt, H. J. Schwartz, P. J. Barny, F. J. Birk, P. D. Roby, W. H. Harte, Jr., and B. F. Stone.

While there was not a very large crowd in attendance, and not nearly so many as were expected, everyone enjoyed the meeting.

Bros. McQuade, Burch, LaFever and Hefner gave us short talks and all the brothers should have been present, as the speeches were very instructive and well worth listening to. It is hoped the boys will get a little more life into themselves than was shown at this meeting by those absent.

What is the matter with the assistant correspondents? I have not received an item from one this month, and the write-up will be small in comparison to what it should be.

Bro. Pucket, of Taylorville, is reported sick. Bros. Lewis and Lovell doubled; can't say who relieved Pucket.

Bro. Stinebarger, of Honey Bend, was relieved for about a week by Telegrapher Sona.

Send your items to Litchfield to Bro. Stone, and they will be taken care of; don't be bashful, but send in one anyway. It will help some.

Rox.

Peru Division—

Bro. Hood, the third trick man at Logansport, has bid in the third trick at Clymers. Telegrapher Todd is doing the extra work at Logansport until it is awarded on bulletin.

Bro. F. M. Temple has resumed work at Mamme after several days' leave of absence.

Dispatcher Test was seen in Logansport recently; he enjoyed a short visit with friends there.

Bro. Chase, of Newell, is working the third trick at Tilton a few nights, vice Bro. Erskine, who bid in first trick at Toledo yard. F. W. Wheatley is doing the extra work at Newell while Bro. Chase is at Tilton.

Bro. Edson has taken third trick at West Peru, and Bro. Gladden is working the second trick at that place.

O. C. Overman has returned to his duties in Peru "Z" office as manager after several days' leave of absence.

Bro. Barcklow was recently called in from his vacation on short notice to work a few nights at Peru "Z" office on account of the sudden illness of Bro. Kennington at Lafayette. Bro. Vanguardy, of "Z" office, was sent to Lafayette. Bro. Barcklow finished his vacation after Bro. Kennington returned to work.

Bro. Webber, of Buckcreek, was off duty one week recently, visiting relatives at Attica, and Telegrapher R. F. Davis worked his trick during that time. R. F. Davis comes from the N. Y. C. & H. R.

Bro. E. W. Patrick has resumed work at Westpoint after several weeks of illness.

Bro. G. W. Patrick, the agent at Williamsport, laid off a few days on account of the sickness of his wife at Westpoint; relieved by Bro. Etnire.

Bro. Shutt, of Delphi, is off for a few days, and is going over the road lining up the nons. We hope he will have success.

Bro. Hinkle, of Clymers, laid off several days to take a trip to Niagara Falls. Bro. Vangundy relieved him.

Bro. G. L. Steel, of Huntington, is off duty on account of a severe attack of typhoid fever and is going to Peru Hospital. His little daughter is also suffering from scarlet fever, and the combined misfortunes of his family have caused much sympathy among his friends. Mrs. D. C. Anderson, wife of the mayor of Huntington, and an old-time telegrapher, is doing the extra work in place of Bro. Steel.

Bro. Jones, of State Line, is enjoying one week's vacation, and K. A. Miller is relieving him for that time.

Bro. Thompson, agent at Buckcreek, was off one day; relieved by Telegrapher Romeick.

Bro. W. E. Spencer, of Westpoint, has been off ten days visiting friends in Logansport and Dupont, Ind.

Mrs. M. B. Weckerly is working at Delphi while Bro. Shutt is away.

Miss Gertrude Mack, telegrapher from the Detroit Division, has left the hospital at Peru after being there for several weeks on account of a siege of pneumonia.

Bro. John Kieff is working the second trick at Williamsport, vice Bro. Etnire, who is working for the agent at that point for a few days.

Bro. Etnire secured a leave of absence for one day and went to South Bend to see a friend.

Bro. Robertson, of Danes, is off duty on account of the severe illness of his wife. A Mrs. Beckley is working there until it is convenient for Bro. Robertson to return to duty.

Bro. Abel, of New Haven, was recently off duty ten days; relieved by Telegrapher Miller. Bro. Abel's wife is down sick with typhoid fever at present. He has bid in third trick at Tilton, and will go there as soon as his wife is able. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Telegrapher Stockstell, of Toledo "GO" office, is laying off two weeks; relieved by Telegrapher Joe D. Coke, a new man over here who is going to New Orleans when Mr. Stockstell returns.

Bro. Ribble, of West Lebanon, is laying off two days; relieved by Bro. Murray.

The second trick at Logansport is open for bid.

Bro. C. D. Burke, the second trick man at Logansport, has bid in the third trick at that point, and will make the change soon.

Telegrapher K. A. Miller is working the second trick at Hugo for a few days.

Dispatcher Martin, of Peru, is taking his vacation, and his place is being filled by Dispatchers Test and Webb.

Bro. Chase has received a letter from Bro. Kilgore, who formerly worked on the Wabash at Newell. He is located at Balfour, Iowa, on the Burlington, and states that the road is suffering for want of men.

Bro. Beisecker, formerly of Wabash, is here on a visit from Texas, where he is working on the Southern Pacific. He looks fine, and says he likes the South. Cor.

Springfield Division—

When we reverse the sails of our good ship Memory and pause for reflection upon the past, it leads us to think seriously of the changes that have taken place and the cause that wrought them.

As we wander back in memory's halls we behold a glittering array of brass buttons, blue uniforms and a class of poorly-paid telegraphers working all the way from twelve to sixteen hours per day without overtime, making anywhere from twenty-five or thirty to sixty or seventy dollars per month, owing to the work, and nearly all of us trudging up and down the yard twice a day with switch lamps, no seniority rights, no means of handling a grievance, and depending upon what we supposed to be our merits for promotion, having not even the right of appeal when younger men were assigned better positions.

We could work all day and stay up half the night to meet belated trains, and the wives at home who kept the lonely vigil with midnight oil can make affidavit to the life of servitude the breadwinner was obliged to live.

Today we are decidedly on a higher plane of living, but far from what we are entitled to. Although the switch-lamp work is eliminated from the duties of many of us, seniority rights are ours, we can wear out a suit of old Sunday clothes and every-day work, and by rigid economy restock our wardrobe with a suit of something better, even if it is not broadcloth.

These and some other benefits must be placed to the credit of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and we cannot understand why some of the nons do not seem to see and appreciate these things and help us support an organization that is daily working in their interest.

After eleven years of railroad service as agent and telegrapher, Bro. H. N. Edom, agent at Baylis, decided to enlist in the civil service, and received the highest marks in a contest with six other applicants at a competitive examination held in Pittsfield for the position of postmaster at Baylis. His average was 93.25. While the salary of the two positions is approximately the same, the Government does not require full time on Sunday and legal holidays, and these are points worthy of consideration. The incessant grind of seven days each week (legal holidays not excepted) is telling on one's powers of endurance, and a few years of it will soon wrinkle a man's brow, even at the prime of life. While we regret losing such a "knight of the key" as Bro. Edom,

still we cannot but have a feeling of satisfaction at his success in securing a life-time position, as there is little doubt that a man who could hold down an agency so long, cannot manage a postoffice just as well.

Bro. S. E. Fouché, second trick at Bluffs, and Bro. F. V. Stelman, second trick at Jacksonville, spent a few hours recently on the banks of the Illinois at Meredosia, but, unlike most fish stories, a few mosquito bites was all they had.

Mr. J. C. Green is back at his old stand at Jacksonville after a couple of months' rest, but is working first trick at present, relieving Miss Platt, who is taking her vacation.

Bro. Wm. Dean is again on third trick at Baylis, after a month's vacation spent in enjoying country life.

Mr. T. E. Smith, agent at Pittsfield, is taking a two months' vacation; relieved by Bro. P. J. Barry, of Harristown.

Mr. Boone Stead, of Griggsville, is now acting as agent at Maysville, relieving Bro. C. H. Claus, who is now assistant to the agent at Pittsfield. F. Pennington is still in the hospital at Decatur, owing to the condition of his eyes.

Mr. C. A. Doyle has returned from his two months' vacation, visiting the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle, and we are expecting his application before long. Mr. Doyle works second trick at Barry.

Mr. N. W. McRoberts, first trick at Shops, is laying off, relieved by Bro. Conrey, of the second trick, and Bro. Conrey has been relieved by Mr. E. M. Cunningham, a new man with the Wabash.

Mr. E. F. Hatfield, of the "JN" force, Springfield, who laid off recently on account of an attack of telegraphers' paralysis, was relieved by V. W. McRoberts, of first trick at Shops. Mr. Hatfield did not think he could handle the work at "JV" on his return, and took Mr. McRoberts' trick at the Shops. Mr. Hatfield later returned to "JV" office during the chief's absence, when Telegrapher Mawhinney took first trick at Shops, E. M. Cunningham second, and Bro. Conrey returned to his old stand on third.

Telegrapher Cunningham is working second trick at Riverton, relieving W. B. Milam, who has resigned.

Bro. R. F. Lipcamon is relieving Bro. P. J. Barry at Harristown, the latter holding forth at Pittsfield.

Telegrapher P. S. Klinefelter spent a day in Springfield recently; relieved by Extra Telegrapher L. Hancock.

Bro. C. H. Claus, who has been relieving Agent Pennington at Maysville for the past month, is now assisting Bro. Barry, with the work at Pittsfield.

Bro. S. C. Moats, agent at Lanesville, is off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Ryan, first trick. Bro. Ryan was relieved by Mr. J. A. Raines.

E. M. Cunningham, now working second trick at Shops, was relieved on second trick at Riverton by L. Hancock.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. J. H. Keigh, is taking a fifteen-day vacation; relieved by Dispatcher Geo. Sanders. Extra Dispatcher Little is relieving Mr. Sanders.

Private car "Missouri," with the general officers aboard, passed over the division in No. 9, August 25th.

I am indebted to several of the brothers for interesting items this month. Come again.

CERT. 957.

Illinois Division—

Operator Van Gundy, who has been working on the extra list during the summer months, and recently worked first trick at Lafayette, has been sent to Tilton to work the third trick, relieving Bro. C. C. Chase. Bro. Chase returns to his regular trick at Newell, and Bro. H. O. Murray, who has been at Newell in Bro. Chase's place, goes to West Lebanon, relieving Bro. Ribble, who is to be away for an indefinite time.

Telegrapher Miller, "AY," working as agent at State Line in Bro. Jones' place, was relieved by the latter on Thursday, the 19th. Mr. Miller then relieved Bro. Jess Hettrick, who is to be away for some time.

Detroit and Chicago Division—

Telegraphers must be getting very scarce, judging by the number of boys who want to get off and are unable to do so.

Bro. H. J. Jackson, agent and first trick telegrapher at North Liberty, spent a few days with his parents at Bangor, Mich., and reports a good time; relieved by Bro. F. I. Drennan.

Bro. B. F. Stombaugh, third trick at North Liberty, was off on a two weeks' vacation, and took a trip to Kalispell, Mont., to try his hand for one of those prizes in the Flathead reservation. He was relieved by Bro. N. E. Long.

The gravel trains for the last few weeks have made things lively, and, together with the increase in the business the Wabash is doing this year, looks very good.

Bro. C. A. Sutton is filling the agency at Westville. Bro. P. A. Heath, second trick, and Bro. H. E. Dorsey third trick.

Benton and South Milford agencies are bulletined; Bro. D. E. Taylor landed Benton. Second trick at Wakarusa was bid in by Bro. A. Schultz, who has up to this time filled the tower job at Dillon since the closing of that office as a telegraph job.

Sister Jackel, second trick at Adrian, is off on a few weeks' vacation and is taking an extended trip through the Western States, expecting to visit Seattle and many of the coast cities before returning. We wish her a pleasant and safe journey.

Bro. Geo. W. Clark, first trick at Britton, is taking a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. A. N. Chambers, agent at Whittaker, is off for a short vacation; relieved by Sister Katherine May.

Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Shoup, second at Belleville, were in Milan for a few days and departed for a visit to Bro. Shoup's relatives in Indiana.

Bro. and Mrs. A. F. Klages are the proud parents of a nice 8-pound girl.

Bro. J. M. Seibert, third trick at "BO" tower, who has been sick for some time, is being relieved by Bro. F. M. Barry, regular third trick at Ashley, who just returned from his vacation in the East.

Bro. D. E. Taylor, taking the agency at Benton, opened up the first trick at Milan, which Bro. V. A. Wood landed, Bro. L. A. Yoder getting second. Bro. C. G. Ambrose is working second at Milan until third trick is filled.

Bro. Geo. Hostetter, agent at Kunkle, who has just returned from his vacation, was relieved by Bro. S. E. Turner.

Bro. C. L. Iliff is working the agency at Montpelier. CERT. 146.

St. L. & S. W. Ry.

Illmo Division—

Having been appointed correspondent by our worthy local chairman, Bro. Hervey, I will try my utmost to have a good write-up each month from the Illmo Division of the Cotton Belt and to prepare these write-ups I must have help. Send me all the news you can and I will assure you that we will be represented regularly. Send to the following address: L. I. McConnell, Rockview, Mo.

Bro. A. C. Hervey, our local chairman, has accepted the agency at Piggot, Ark., while Bro. Arnold stepped into his shoes at Kilso. Bro. Arnold was formerly second trick telegrapher.

Bro. Calvert, the agent at Thebes, is taking a month's vacation. A Mr. Daley, from the C. & E. I. R. R., is relieving him.

Bro. Nicks, of Rockview, first trick man, is back to work.

Bro. L. I. McConnell has been transferred from first trick to third trick at Rockview.

Bro. Carlton ("Fatty") is working second trick at Rockview.

Times are getting better every day. Only a few days since the Frisco Railway, Cape Division, was wanting five telegraphers. Telegraphers are a scarcity, after all, at least men that can handle the business. What does this indicate? Simply that if we are closer together in our brotherhood—if we are 100% strong we can get what we want—our rights. Remember our motto and live up to it. "No cards, no favors." Buy union clothes and everything you use, either to eat or wear, made by union people, and in this way we will help other unions to a great extent.

Bro. Tige Nicks, of the third trick at Dexter Junction, is suffering with a large carbuncle on his neck.

Mr. Renfro, of Dexter Junction, first trick, is off for a few days attending court. Telegrapher Brink is relieving him.

Telegrapher Brink is now at Ardeola.

Mr. Flowers, our day dispatcher, seems to get along with the boys fine—and every one likes to work with him.

Let every one of us try to do our duty and get at least one member into the O. R. T., which will make this division solid. MACK.

Colorado & Southern Ry.

Southern Division—

There have been quite a number of changes since our last write-up.

G. L. Webster, third trick at Ludlow, and Chambers second.

A man named Lewis, third at Walsenburg, relieving Bro. Ricks, who has left the service and gone west.

Bro. Shircliffe, cashier at Ludlow, has returned from Seattle, where he spent several weeks at the fair and other points in the Northwest.

Our friend (?) James, formerly first trick dispatcher at Trinidad, has left the service, consequently there is great rejoicing among the telegraphers.

There are two men at "YA" Trinidad; unable to say if up-to-date.

Bro. Pinkston, formerly the "big cheese" at Trinchere, is at present employed by the Cedar Hill Coal and Coke Co., and J. G. Church is agent at Trinchere. Bowns office is open; unable to say who is at the wheel.

Bro. Basey and wife are running the joint at Forbes Junction.

All the telegraphers who were around here asking for "pie cards" recently have departed; must be a shortage all around, which our worthy chief seems unable to supply.

This would seem to be a good time to line up for a schedule. We have worked long enough for a minimum of \$55.00 per month, and the dead ones who seem to think the company will come across with the raise, when they get around to it, without the assistance of the Order, will still find they are mistaken. Times are good again, and it is keeping the road "humming" to move the business, so why not us get our share of the dividends? Somebody come to the front with the dope and hand it to the editor. We would like to see a few items from the north end.

WILLIE.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Allegheny Division—

On August 22nd, a very enthusiastic meeting was held at the Stein House, Kittanning, and various questions of moment were discussed. The attendance at the morning meeting was very good, but the afternoon meeting was not so well attended. It does seem as though more of the first trick men might have put in an appearance. However, as long as the boys desire these gatherings and show a disposition to help make them a success they will be held at intervals, because it is believed that much good can be accomplished by mingling with one another, getting new ideas, new hopes and new inspirations. The idea that

the company does not like these meetings is a mistake. On the contrary, our division officials are glad to see us get together and exchange views, for they believe in this way the service is improved, and naturally anything that tends to the betterment of the service has their hearty approval.

Bro. J. L. McKinnon has resigned and gone to Chicago. He was relieved on third trick "NY" tower by Bro. R. D. Jones.

Mr. W. E. McGee secured third trick at Ford City on bid; relieved at second trick, Dotter, by Bro. J. C. Ramsey.

Mr. H. L. Verner secured third trick at Mosgrove on bid, having been bumped on third trick "SK" tower by Bro. E. C. Green, who was bumped by Bro. G. H. Carson, due to the closing of the East Brady office.

Bro. G. W. Williams was appointed agent at Benetzette, being relieved at second trick at Rimer-ton by Bro. B. S. Hooks, second trick. "MR," vacated by Bro. Hooks, is up for bid.

Bro. S. L. Robinson secured the vacancy at second trick "MD," Bro. Ramsey going to second trick, Dotter.

Bro. F. F. Hilliard secured third trick, East Sandy; second trick at St. George being up for bid.

Bro. C. A. Stover has resigned from third trick, "BO" tower, to go west. Vacancy up for bid.

Bro. J. G. Reese has been transferred from second trick, East Sandy, to first trick "NS" tower; relieving Bro. Gahagan, who has resigned to accept service elsewhere. Bro. C. F. Stewart has been transferred to second trick, East Sandy, from the extra list.

Bro. F. M. Hodge is now the regular second trick man at "VO," and Bro. J. A. Lowry is the regular third trick man at the same place; first trick being taken care of by Bro. J. T. McNaughton.

Bro. R. J. McColgan has been transferred from the extra list, to second trick at Rock Run, regular, relieving Bro. R. D. Jones.

Mr. F. M. Evans was appointed agent at Tyler; relieved at second trick, Summerville, by Bro. F. E. Matthews, from "NS" tower; relieved at the latter place by Bro. A. B. Caldwell, from the extra list.

Bro. H. W. Alexander, acting agent at Medix Run during the absence of Bro. Schaffer, was relieved at Summerville by Bro. M. J. McGarrity from the second trick, St. Charles.

Sister R. L. Reitzel has been transferred from first trick at New Bethlehem, to second trick at Du Bois; third trick at this point, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. A. R. Fox, is up for bid, also first trick at New Bethlehem.

Bro. L. E. Swinney has resigned at "NX" Du Bois, to accept a better position with the National Transit at Oil City; vacancy filled by Bro. F. A. McElhinney.

Bro. Wm. Rockwell has again entered the service of the company and is at present on the extra list.

Mr. John R. Karns recently "filled in" at "K" office, Oil City. He says it is a "Dickens of a job," which is rather strong language for John. We understand his Oliver ran hot on several occasions and he was compelled to "break" in order to cool it.

Bro. H. D. Hammond, from the second trick at Tyler, was before the "trial board" lately, and the manner in which he acquitted himself deserves special mention. Investigation developed the fact that Bro. Hammond had just completed a "19" order for a freight train when they pulled by his block. He immediately ran out of the office and called the attention of several bystanders to the fact that his block was red and that the train had run past it. This, together with the quiet and gentlemanly manner in which he conducted himself at the investigation, won for him the respect and confidence of all those constituting the so-called "jury" and undoubtedly saved himself a suspension, as the engine crew were prepared to say that his block was not red, which is only too often the case. When there are two to one, there is little hope for the telegrapher, but in this case Bro. Hammond had his wits about him and is to be congratulated on the outcome. It might be well to state at this time that it is always best to be quiet and unassuming when before these investigating committees, as a loud, boisterous and blustering attitude does not carry much weight at such times, and the fine example set by Bro. Hammond might well be emulated by others placed in a similar position.

The Salamanca Branch is now a part of the Allegheny Division, and it would be nice to have some brother on that district send in a few notes. Who will volunteer?

How about securing a charter for a local at Oil City, or some other point more easy of access than Pittsburg or Olean?

BRIGHAM.

Louisville & Nashville Ry.

As I haven't seen very much of late from the L. & N., I will endeavor to hand the boys something that will put them next to what we are having to put up with.

There is nothing doing on this division now in the way of student teaching. The agent at Ranger is opening up a telegraph school in an old, dilapidated barn, which I hope will be known as the "Dung Hill Institution."

We are working eleven to twelve hours over here, but are still hopeful.

Mr. Draket is off for a few days, Ellis, a student from Fairmount, doing the relief.

Hill, from Ranger, is off. Mr. Bellamy is in his place. It is supposed that Hill is endeavoring to get his school of telegraphy under way.

Mr. Griffin, night man at Fairmount, has just returned with his wife from a rather prolonged visit to his and the recent bride's people; Mr. Ellis is doing the relief.

We have lost a good man in Mr. Barnett of Chatsworth, Ga., who is now making the daily rounds with Uncle Sam's mail sacks.

Our friend, Redding, who it is generally supposed was the cause of so many good men losing out last year, seems to be keeping pretty still this season. Guess he's learned that the way of the transgressor is hard.

Mr. Mullin is working first trick at "MI;" Roberson at "XN" days; Redding, second at "MI," Breakfield, third trick in "DS;" Thompson on vacation.

J. D. Garrison, from Fairmount, has left us, and is AKG. with the C. of G. A., in Macon, third trick. We hope he will make good.

Mr. Lawrence, from Copperhill tried "NS," but only remained a few days, Mr. Canada relieving him.

Mr. Arnold, from Crandall, generally known as "Red," is doing the extra work at "XN" this year. HIRAM.

K. C., M. & O. Ry.

We should have a schedule over here, as we are nearly solid. All we need is for some one to take hold and push it through.

Bro. Chiles has resigned at "TA" and gone to his home in Kentucky. Mr. Davis is relieving him. Mr. Davis says he will line up first pay day.

Bro. Hazen has resigned at "AY," and was relieved by Telegrapher Collier, a Santa Fe man.

Bro. Ferguson has resigned at "CK," and was relieved by Bro. McCready, of Division 126.

Bro. Ferguson is an electrician, and says he will pound brass no more.

Bro. Maner has taken a few days' leave of absence to visit home folks in Texas.

Now, boys, if we want a schedule we will have to get busy and ask for it. This is a coming road. Let's organize it while it is new and bring it all up together. If the man working with you is not lined up, you should write for the proper blanks, and get after him at once.

Bro. Larrick, who has been doing the third trick dispatcher's stunt at Wichita for some time past, will soon return to "FA" on second trick.

I would like to see some of the other boys over here send in some news for our paper. Mc.

Buffalo & Susquehanna Ry.

Business is picking up slowly, but very few engines have been stored.

A third trick man will soon be put on again at Austin.

The second trick man, a non, at "CW," was discharged on account of drinking.

Bro. Botz, of Keating Summit, is on a vacation; relieved by Miss Bevier. She claims the work is too heavy for her, and has asked for a helper.

Telegrapher Ellis, of Cross Fork, has been transferred as agent to Brookland. "RA" is not up for bids yet.

C. S. Judd, of Addison, has been transferred from the agency at that place to the Du Bois "DU" agency, which was filled by a man off the Erie.

Bro. Murray is back to work again at "DU."

There are now two students, or helpers, about ready to go to work.

Telegrapher King has been placed at Bridge street, Galaton, as manager and telegrapher. We will have him soon.

A new office is to be opened at the Gravel Pit, south of Sandusky.

Four new members will be taken in soon, "BU," "JN," "U" and "DU."

Dispatcher Johnson is on a 30 days' vacation; relieved by Dispatcher Scott. CENT. 43.

Indianapolis Southern Ry.

News is very scarce on this division this month, month, but I will send in what is at hand.

The meeting held at Linton on Saturday, Aug. 14, was not very well attended.

Bro. Sherrill, who was working nights at Morgantown, was called to Palestine to work first trick during the last part of July. Bro. Wood went to Willow Hill to relieve Agent Hardwick on account of sickness. Mr. Hardwick is again on duty.

Bro. Sherrill, on being relieved at Palestine, went to Sullivan first trick to relieve Bro. Cummings who is seriously ill. We hope to see Bro. Cummings back at work soon.

Bro. Sherrill spent a few days in June visiting relatives and friends in Lebanon. F. Lanham is filling in during his absence.

Bro. H. N. Wentz, agent, and G. D. Sherrill, telegrapher, at Morgantown, accompanied by their lady friends of Southport and Lebanon, Ind., spent Sunday, July 18th picnicking in Brown County.

Telegrapher Layman, of Palestine, is off a few days; relieved by Chrisman.

Bro. Wentz, the agent at Morgantown, spent Sunday, July 25th, in the vicinity of Indianapolis.

Dispatcher H. E. Stephenson took his vacation the latter part of July. Bro. C. A. Keene took first trick and Bro. A. L. Young, day telegrapher and extra dispatcher, held down second trick. P. G. Evans took the day telegrapher's chair, and Bro. Smith, from the Yard, took the night job. We do not know who took the yard job. On the return of Dispatcher Stephenson, Dispatcher L. E. Weed took several days off and was relieved by Bro. Young.

Bro. Murray, of Unionville, was recently called to Bloomington to work second trick for a while.

Bro. Sherrill was the only one to contribute items this month.

The I. S. must be getting its money's worth of the agents and telegraphers, as they never seem to have time to drop us an item, no matter how many changes take place. I wonder if they will find time to fill out that committee blank.

ACTING COR.

Kansas City Southern Ry.*Southern Division—*

It is rumored that Mr. J. M. Fishback, who was agent at Vandervoort for seven or eight years, has been appointed agent at Ashdown, and that Agent Strong, of Ashdown, has been promoted to chief dispatcher and trainmaster of the M. P. & G. at Nashville, Ark.

H. R. Brooks has been appointed agent at Vandervoort.

We understand that Mr. Phillips, who has been working at Trigg Street, and also in the Texarkana general office, is now out of the service.

Bro. Young, at Grannis, is taking his vacation, being relieved by his helper, Mr. Frye, who is a new man at the business.

Agent Webb, at Wilton, is off on a vacation, relieved by a beginner, who was formerly agent at Allene, a non-telegraph station.

During the peach rush at Horatio, the company put on the third telegrapher at that point, making eight-hour tricks, but as the peaches were not so plentiful as in former years, the extra man was cut off in a short time.

There was an office opened at Orchard Spur for handling commercial business during the peach rush, a new man from Kansas City doing the stunt. As soon as peaches were gone he went back to Kansas City to work in "GO" office. We did not learn his name.

There is a new man by name of W. C. Corbus, formerly second trick at Horatio, now doing the owl stunt at Trigg Street.

It is rumored that Mr. Stevic, who was doing the second trick stunt at Beaumont, temporarily, has left the service, and has entered the service of the Guffey Oil Co. He was relieved by Mr. Lansing, formerly with the T. & P.

Bro. Brannon, formerly with the T. & P., has been engaged to work in Shreveport dispatchers' office. I am not able to say whom he is relieving at that point.

Bro. W. D. Grisson left us for his home in Terrell, Texas, where he has secured a good position with the T. & P. at that place. He was relieved at Hornbeck by Mr. Glasscock.

Bro. J. S. Gledhill has relieved Wm. Richardson as agent at Singer, La.

Bro. H. J. McBeath, of Juanita, has resumed duty after 15 days' vacation.

Bro. D. M. Davis, formerly agent at Myrtis, is now with the Iron Mountain at Quimby, La.

Bro. Dan Caudle, former agent at Fisher, is now on the Rock Island. We wish Bro. Caudle success in his new position.

Bro. F. G. Hardwick has relieved Mr. T. T. Hughes as agent at Carson, La. We understand that Mr. Hughes went to Panama, Okla., as agent.

Dispatcher Lynn, first trick at Shreveport shops, is taking his summer vacation, and is being relieved by the second trick dispatcher, Mr. Aikers, who, in turn, is being relieved by the third trick dispatcher, Mr. Sullivan. Bro.

Goostree, of Texarkana general office, is relieving Dispatcher Sullivan.

The company has put on another man, so I am told, at Ashdown, and also at Gilham.

We should all rejoice greatly on account of the decision of Judge Landis regarding the nine-hour law. Understand it will increase the number of telegraphers on the K. C. S., and I suppose it will have the same effect on other lines. The judge showed wonderfully good judgment.

Bro. Vickers, of Beaumont, is off for a fifteen or twenty day vacation. He will spend most of his time at his home in Louisiana. He was relieved by Mr. Stevic, of Spiro. He in turn was relieved by Mr. Lansing, as stated before.

There are certain telegraphers on the line who have been working for several years, and who have not allied themselves with us, but we are quite sure they have always accepted, gladly, all increases in salary, and do not hesitate in asking favors. They are always going to get an "up-to-date" some time in the future. Surely, if the nons will reflect upon what the Order has done in the last few years they will hide their faces for shame—and after that get in the O. R. T. "band wagon," gladly displaying a card, *up to date*.

Bro. Burrows, third trick at DeQuincey, relieved Bro. W. H. Smith, second trick man. Bro. A. C. Newlin, from the Frisco, relieved Bro. Burrows. We are sorry to lose Bro. Smith, our assistant local chairman, but at the same time we cheerfully welcome Bro. Newlin. I do not know where Bro. Smith has gone. Presume Bro. Harkrider, our local chairman, will have to appoint another assistant in Bro. Smith's place.

I am greatly indebted this month to Bro. Ferguson of Beaumont, Bro. Hardwick of Carson, Bro. Owen Pipes of Trigg St., and Bro. Vint of Hornbeck for items. I certainly appreciated the interest they manifested in helping me out, and I hope that the good brethren along the line will drop me a note any time before the 20th of each month. Do not hesitate to send me news. I will gladly dish them up in some style or other, so the Southern Division will be at least reasonably well represented. CENT. 271.

Union Pacific Ry.*Nebraska Division, Second District—*

A thousand pardons, brothers, for being so dilatory; but you know since we have been taken into partnership with the Harriman system and share in the dividends, I spend my summer months in my summer grounds among the mountains of Colorado. Shouldn't an excuse like that be much more acceptable than that I had let the press of more urgent matters crowd out the writing? But why should I excuse myself? I have not been threatened by "night riders" or "white caps" for my neglect. Hence, I can offer no excuse for my continuance in these paths of petty journalism, except that I relish the occasional good things said about me by Bro. Hook, from Kansas. But, after reading his articles from time to time, I've con

cluded that is his method of keeping me coming, in order to show me up against such articles as he put out in July. So, Bro. Hook, I refuse to be inflated by your bait. We thank you for the kind words, but I am too wise to go down to ignominy by starting in a contest with you. But, perhaps, by continuing as we have been, the Hook and (eye) combination may be able to help hold the garment of the O. R. T. on the Nebraska contingency.

Business is at the top notch to what it has been for two years. This month the company has put on a new limited train between Chicago and Seattle—72-hour run—a train of the same class as the Los Angeles limited, and running on a similar schedule. This splits old No. 6, bringing the Denver No. 6 through as a single train, instead of connecting with the Oregon part at North Platte. Prospects are very bright for a good fall business on the Union Pacific. Corn will not make the crop that was expected, but the farmer will get about as much for it, anyway. It is you and me, brother, who are called upon to foot the bill. Its like the game of whip-cracker we used to play. The consumer is the end man and what he generally got, you and I get in this commercial game of whip-cracker.

I have recently been asked my opinion by several and the stand the order takes toward the examination card which recently was among us—not only by telegraphers, but by some of the other employes as well. It has never been brought to a showdown and the Order has never taken a stand, but from its principles I am sure that it would not stand against an institution like this. It stands for the highest efficiency and intelligence among the craft. This can only be determined by the accomplishments of the members in railroad work. It is to the interest of the company and employes (union employes) as well, that the standard be as high as possible. Among its old employes the company has men who can hardly read or write. These men were all right for a generation ago, but all desire that new men be of a better average. Complaint was made that older men could not memorize such a set of definitions as they were called upon to do. I admit that, and think allowance has been made for all these things by the company. I believe no old employe has any reason to think but what these things will all be considered, and I believe all should unite in encouraging such an institution and help raise the standard of efficiency required and thereby help ourselves and enable us to work more intelligently. Suppose, too, you are back home visiting, where they have not installed the automatic block system, and you are asked what it is. I suppose most of us could not intelligently explain it. It's the old story of the professor who asked the boy in school to define the word "vacuum," when the boy, after a moment's hard study replied, "I have it in my head, Professor, but I can't define it."

I hope by next month to be able to introduce to you a new writer from the first district, and then we will be able to go ahead as we have always done, for I find it will be impossible for me

to keep track of items there, too. I wish to thank some of the boys on the Columbus branch for items and apologize for their non-appearance by saying that I got my last items into St. Louis too late for publication. I will advise you when the new correspondent is appointed and you can then assist him. We are so thankful for any assistance we get that we never wish to slight it.

All are thoroughly interested in the final outcome of the recent decision of Judge Landis in Chicago, sustaining our claim that nine-hour period must be continuous. It will now be fought through the Circuit Court of Appeals and thence to the Supreme Court, and after their decision is reached there will be no more quibbling.

Bro. W. O. Clark, of Brady Island, bid in the position of second telegrapher at Columbus, made vacant by Bro. Winkelman bidding in the scheduled job in South Omaha, and Bro. H. B. Dart secures Brady Island agency. Third trick there is not yet bulletined.

Bro. Hans Jensen, at Overton, is taking his vacation out, in visiting his relatives in Iowa; while R. F. Miller, third trick man at Gothenburg, holds down the lid at Overton. G. A. Hood is working the Gothenburg job where Miller usually holds the fort.

Bro. Cook, of Scotia, is assisting in relief work, while Messrs. Frick, of Ord and Clinton, of St. Paul, take vacations. These are both good stations and we are glad to see Bro. Cook keep an eye single to fitting himself for a better job some day. Several others are contemplating vacations in the coming month.

Bro. Rob. Fountaine, of "GE" Grand Island, took a month off and worked the Canada Land deal to a "fare-you-well," so well in fact that he did considerably better than if he had worked the month, and had his vacation besides. You never know what you can do till you try.

J. W. Stepanoski, at Keith, makes his bow this month as a new member and we are glad to have him. I have been approached by several of those who have come up as students, for membership, but must ask you boys to remember that it is a mistaken idea that the Order wants everything that pounds a key. We want to watch these young men and if they make good, both as operators and as men who apply themselves to business, we want them; but if they are no good, no difference whether new operators or old heads, we don't want them. We have a standard which we hope to maintain as nearly as possible. Always keep this in mind when looking for new members.

Telegrapher Moore, of "GD" Grand Island, is now laying off, relieved by Mr. Brehmer, a new man here. We were very sorry to lose Bro. Hennigan in that office, as he was a man always to be relied upon, both by his fellow employes and the company. We hope Mr. Moore will lose no time in showing the same disposition.

We are still climbing toward that solid lineup.

CERT. 765.

Kansas Division—

Chief Dispatcher Brownson is being relieved by Mr. C. D. Townsley, Mr. M. L. Chandley working the trick and Telegrapher Cadagan relieving Mr. Chandley.

Bros. Schuchman and Foss are holding down the two extra vacancies in "GN" office, Kansas City, caused by the death of Bro. Hodgetts and the illness of Mr. Hawkins.

Sister M. I. Nixon is back in "FY" office after her Western trip, during which she picked up a farm in one of the drawings.

Supt. of Telegraph J. B. Sheldon and General Chairman Stump attended the funeral of Bro. J. C. Hodgetts in Kansas City.

Mr. E. A. Terry is relieving Bro. Stout at Bonner Springs.

Miss Mable Jette bid in the position of day operator at Bonner Springs, Bro. Shannon going to Menoken.

Bro. Farrell has been transferred from Perry, nights, to Wilson, days, regular; Adams and Lister extra at Perry.

Mr. Lister, Race and Bro. Shannon are relieving at Menoken, owing to the death of Bro. Davis. All applications for the position of agent at that station were withdrawn and Mrs. Davis has taken charge.

Jno. Nedwed, from the L. & W. branch, relieved Bro. A. E. Batchelor at Rossville, Bro. Batchelor spending several weeks in Colorado for his health.

Bro. Jno. Ross is back at Wamego after his trip to the mountains, Bro. Fisher going back on nights and Bro. Kirkpatrick to Junction City.

Bro. Leger is back at Manhattan after his trip North.

Bro. Armstrong, relief agent, is relieving Bro. Wyatt, at Garrison Crossing, while Bro. Wyatt works off his Western fever.

It is reported that Bro. Kendall, of Blue Rapids, now has a partner to share his salary. We will confirm this in next issue.

Bro. Hauer, Barneston returned to work in time for the big reunion, Bro. A. E. Miller going back to his store.

Bro. Deighan, at Junction City, is being relieved by Bro. Kirkpatrick. We suspect it is a honeymoon trip.

Bro. J. W. Robinson is relieving Bro. Herr, at Salina.

The auto agent beat us to both of the Price brothers at Kanapolis this month, and as a result they remain non-airs.

Mr. Shum, at Salina, is another remaining non-air. From a brother Mason we learn that Mr. Shum is taking all of the degrees, and then some. We don't wish to discourage any one from becoming a Mason, nor say one word against any fraternal organization, but we cannot figure out just how Mr. Shum expects to increase his salary by becoming a Mason and remaining out of the O. R. T.

Mr. Price is also taking on a few degrees in addition to automobiles. Here is hoping he will enjoy these necessary luxuries as much as he will the next increase handed him by the Order.

Bro. Crofut, at Minneapolis, found life too much of a burden at Minneapolis, and after paying his respects to Mr. Anderson, bid in a position at Abilene. That's one way of working on the non.

It is now Bro. Parr, at Sylvan Grove, and Bro. Campbell at Lincoln Center. Some of you brothers who have never had the pleasure of rounding up the festive non, take a few lessons from Bro. Nickel at Lucas and see how it feels to know that you have done your duty to your organization.

With Bros. Denison, Nickel and McNeil on board the good ship, O. R. T., we feel "real chesty" over our crew, and are headed for the banner port.

A few weeks ago I had occasion to write several of the brothers in regard to a matter which I considered they were very much interested in. To those who answered I wish to express my gratitude at their promptness. The balance I wish to caution against any frenzied outburst on their part providing the final disposition of the matter does not meet with their entire approval. When your local chairman meets with such support from the membership in a matter directly affecting you, what encouragement has he to secure for you the things that you seem to think should come to you, without effort on your part. Now get in the game and show us that you are really alive and capable of accepting the things that the Order would secure for you.

Mr. George, Washington Grover Cleveland Folson, a brother of the gentleman by the same name who was discharged at Lansing some time ago, was discharged at Emmet recently, owing to a difference of opinion between himself and the auditing department that sounded like \$85.00.

Bro. J. O. Ross, from Wamego, is relieving Mr. McElvaine at St. Mary's, while Mr. McElvaine spends his vacation in the West. We have before us a letter written by Mr. McElvaine on the stationery of a certain fraternal organization, several months ago from which we were led to believe that Mr. McElvaine and his family were on the verge of starvation. We notice he took a lower Pullman to Denver, from which we naturally conclude that he does not need a raise in wages.

Mrs. N. A. Delair, a daughter of Bro. F. B. Wade, of Blue Springs, who was agent at Marietta before her marriage, is relieving Bro. F. A. Cantwell, of Holmesville.

Bro. Fisher, Wamego, nights, is relieving Bro. Ross; Telegrapher Ball, from the East, relieving Bro. Fisher.

By the time this is in print, we hope several matters of interest to the membership shall have been made into history. Of course it is far beyond our fondest expectations to please every one, especially the dear non-members. Please bear this in mind, also the fact that we could not possibly be responsible for any of the concessions which you may have or will receive. Consider them as a manifestation of Providence or the charitable gift of a benevolent corporation. By no means admit that the Order is responsible for any part of it and those of you who are so unfortunate as to

be overlooked, owing to that retiring disposition where money matters are concerned, please continue to make the same kind of a noise that you have made in the past when the Order called upon you to bear your share of the burden.

The local chairman is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. C. A. Davis expressing her appreciation to the members of Division 6 for their words of sympathy and the beautiful floral tribute. *Con.*

Wyoming Division—

Bro. H. H. Horton, of Lookout, is on his annual vacation. He will be gone ninety days looking after his real estate and other interests in Pennsylvania. His wife, who is also a loyal O. R. T. girl, is acting postmaster and otherwise filling Bro. Horton's place on first trick. This lets "Coyote Bill" in on the second trick at Lookout. Bro. Kline will have to get accustomed to sleeping nights, which is an unusual thing with the "Coyote."

Bro. C. Sumner Hill, the well-known society man of Cheyenne, is now manager of "CY" office in that city.

Bro. J. D. McLachlan, who is equally well known in the Capitol City society circles, has a straight day trick, having relinquished the night chiefship in "N" office that he might thus be enabled to give more attention to his local duties.

Bro. Dodt, after filling a three-months' engagement in the East, has returned to Egbert and will do legitimate in the local stock company this winter.

Bro. Fredrickson "broke" into the agency at Egbert and now he can't get out.

Bro. Virgil Martin, who spent 60 days in Illinois and elsewhere, has just returned to Wolcott with his pretty bride. I told you so! *Div. Con.*

Canadian Pacific Ry.

Farnham Division—

En vain je regarde depuis des mois dans les colonnes de notre journal pour y trouver quelques nouvelles de la division. Mais rien, rien. N'y aurait-il donc plus personne qui puisse envoyer quelques lignes de leur prose à notre éditeur de St. Louis? Je ne doute pourtant pas qu'il fut bienvenu.

Quelques notes seulement sur les événements les plus récents. Tous ont appris avec un réel chagrin la mort prématurée de notre Confr. A. E. Morrisette de Megantic qui fut pour nous un local chairman des plus dévoués; aussi toutes nos sympathies sont acquises à sa famille si cruellement éprouvée. Mr. A. Perrault est entré en fonctions comme agent à Megantic. Nous regrettons que ce dernier ne soit pas dans nos rangs, étant illisible par le fait qu'il n'est pas télégraphiste. Confr. Lessard à Eastman. Heureux de vous voir plus rapproché "L." Il y a déjà si longtemps que nous n'avons pas entendu de votre Morse. Confr. A. J. Morrisette à Cowansville; inutile de dire "get busy, old man," for we are always busy in that town. Mr. Bariloux à St. Hyacinthe; je ne pourrais dire si ce

dernier est un confrère, ou non, je l'espère du moins. Succès donc.

Il nous fait plaisir de voir Confr. O. M. La-voie occuper le fauteuil de dispr. "OS." Tous formulons pour vous des vœux sincères de succès. Pardonnez l'indiscret qui vient ici vous dire: jamais position ne fut mieux meritée. Dimanche dernier nous avons eu à Farnham une assemblée de l'ordre. A mon grand regret, je n'ai pu y assister. Aussi l'écho malin, n'a pas eu pour moi de tendresse. Je l'entends, vengeur, sous-entendu, sarcastique, "Labas—Vas—" et en plus, ne nous sommes-nous pas franchement amusés? Parmi nos officiels: vous parlerais-je des changements quasi accomplis? Tiens non, je serai discret: puisque l'on chuchotte encore tout bas. Mais sachez qu'en haut lieux, l'on se propose de nous fausser compagnie. Trois mois seulement parmi nous, pourtant que de poussière soulevée! Ton plumbeau est bien rude à du s'écrier plus d'un vieux bahût depuis longtemps publié. Mais si—de vos plaintes: balayant à grands coups; le ménage aura-t-elle par hazard mis son balai sacrilège à travers une relique d'armoire à glaces? Que sais-je—? Si oui te paf! a dû être terrible car si vie, l'on se songe à fuir; et moi de même: mais non pas sans jeter par derrière un regard furtif afin de revenir vous raconter, si vous me le permettez bien dans vos loisirs, mes étonnantes impressions. Voyez-vous!

A. D. JEANRIZ.

New York Central Ry.

Buffalo Division—

A day meeting, the first in several years, was held at North Tonawanda, August 4th. The attendance was fully up to expectations. Many members who have not attended a meeting since our local was abolished were present. Local Chairman Groat, who presided, announced the appointment of Michael Donovan and Michael Houlihan as assistant local chairmen. Bro. Groat will call other day meetings whenever conditions appear to warrant it.

The matter of a sick benefit to be established on the Buffalo Division has been before the membership for some time. A committee of five are wrestling with the problem, endeavoring to find a plan that will give some promise of success and permanency.

Many changes have been made along the line during the past two months, and as there are a great many more pending at the time this article is written, there will be little need of listing them now. As it stands now, B.S. 59 is again solid; B.S. 58a has one non who is eligible; B.S. 65 has two; B.S. "LL" has two and there is one at LaSalle station. There are also a few on the Belt Line who would make desirable members. Bro. Groat will furnish information regarding them to any member who will interest himself in the matter.

Members employed on the Buffalo Division appear to be a unit in favoring the "straight seniority" clause. We hope that this subject

will be discussed at all meetings along the system so that the general committee will be in a position to act in accordance with the wishes of the members. A paid representative for Division No. 8 is also favored by our members.

A matter which is causing serious and needless annoyance to the officials and the various local chairmen is the tendency some men have to bid in positions which they are either not qualified to handle or which, upon reflection, they decide they do not want. We are glad to note that members of the Order seldom offend in this manner. This might be taken as another illustration of the fact that those within the fold have the ability to handle whatever they tackle, and the gray matter not to go beyond their depth. Div. Cor.

Grand Central Terminal and Electric Division—

Bro. McGlasson, assistant at Botanical Gardens, is spending his vacation at Sharon, Conn.; relieved by Mr. DeCamp, Jr. Upon Bro. McGlasson's return he will assume the duties of assistant at Bronxville second trick, having been awarded that position the day after leaving.

Bro. Hubbard, agent at Williamsbridge, left yesterday for a week's sojourn at the seashore; relieved by Assistant Agent Francis, who in turn is relieved by Mr. Farrand, relief man.

Mr. Hance, who so suddenly disappeared while doing the relief stunt at 183d St. station, has not been heard from. The reason for his flight is quite a mystery, as his accounts were found to be correct.

We understand that there is some kind of a deal in the air that will fill the vacancy at 138th St. without putting the job up for bid. Rumors are to the effect that the freight and passenger agency at Claremont Park are to be consolidated under one agent, and the new position will figure in the deal in some manner. The fans want to know what is being pulled off.

Bro. Malone, first assistant at Mt. Vernon, having put in a bid for a tower position several times and then withdrawn the same, has decided that a raise in salary and stay where he is suits him better than a tower position, so he will not bid on any more tower jobs. He surely earned the raise, as it was a hot job during the races at Empire track.

Bro. Alrutz, assistant at Fordham, spent his vacation in and around Albany; relieved by Bro. Mohrbach for a few days, and a Mr. Blodgett for the rest of the time. Bro. Alrutz relieved Bro. McBain while he in turn relieved the freight agent at Fordham for his vacation.

Mr. Thomas Akers, who has been doing station work in and around University Heights for the past six weeks, has been awarded "MY" third trick.

The only station position up for bid at present is second trick at Botanical Gardens. Presume some new man will be assigned to it, as none of the old men will bid on it.

It is about time that Akers and Sanford, a Bronxville, filed their applications. Sanford car-

ries an up-to-date C. T. U. A. card, but if he intends to stick to railroading he wants one of the other kind. Both have promised.

Bro. McManus is looking for a third trick so that he can study telegraphy during the day. We "13" Mac has a lady teacher, and should experience no difficulty in acquiring the art.

Our next regular night meeting, Sept 22d, promises to be one of unusual importance. Several prominent officials from other divisions have promised to be present, and no member of Division No. 8 should miss this meeting. Refreshments, of course.

On account of Bro. Joe Curran's job being abolished, Bro. Curran bumped Bro. Pollitt, and Bro. Pollitt bumped Bro. Waddell; can't say what Bro. Waddell is going to do.

H. G. Stegman, second trick dispatcher, is on a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Braese is covering the job.

There are several new men on the division who need looking after.

We were sorry to have Bro. Jack Mohrbach leave us. Have not heard where he has located.

Bros. Kneipp, Ray and Jack Smith took a trip to the fishing banks lately. The total catch was one measly little fish, caught by Ray. Bro. Kneipp informs us that he had a fish on his line that felt like a whale, but it broke away before he could land it—they always do, those big ones! However, they all report having a good time. Enough said.

Bro. C. A. Dougherty has been on the sick list for several weeks, but expects to be around again soon.

Bro. F. F. Rooney has also been off sick for some time and is now in Massachusetts recuperating.

A number of our boys report having spent a very pleasant vacation around South Cairo, N. Y.

Bro. Dooley and family spent their vacation at Deposit, N. Y.

Bro. J. E. Howe expects to spend his vacation at Bar Harbor, Me.

Bro. H. M. Wright has been telling about some of the large fish he caught while at White Lake, N. Y.

How about getting the ladies interested in the Auxiliary and starting a local division?

Bros. Engle and Myers were seen sitting under a raised umbrella in the Lexington Ave. waiting room. Wonder if Bro. Engle thought he was sitting in the sun at So. Cairo with his friend from Rockaway Park.

Bro. R. W. Sloat spent several days in Montreal, Que., last month.

One of our brothers spent three days fishing last month and only caught cold.

OLE BLACK AND BLUE

St. Lawrence Division—

August is almost past and soon the summer trains will be gone. Then we will have a quiet spell, and later snow and storm for ours.

Telegrapher Shorey is working the third trick Barneveld, taking the place of Telegrapher McConnell, who resigned.

Bro. R. G. Zimmerman, of Holland Patent, calls for a supply of application blanks occasionally. That shows where the push is. Let's all get busy.

The decision of the coroner in the case of the accident at Trenton Falls resulting in the death of one man and terrible injury of another caused by a freight train striking a hand car, was that the man in charge of the hand car was negligent in not protecting his car. The men killed and injured in this accident were brothers who have been in the service of the N. Y. C. at the same place for thirty-five years, and are well known by a very large circle of friends. The accident is the more deplorable on account of the advanced age of the men and their long term of service, which has always been the most faithful.

Bro. Jas. Marron has the first trick at Clayton.

Bro. R. J. Shedleman has second trick at Smith.

As no outside notes have been received, will be unable to make much of a showing this month. Boys, send me items each month. We have our new schedule, and should feel like stirring around and making a noise like business.

Div. Cor.

Mohawk Division--

Mr. Witherstine has left the service of the N. Y. C. He has worked second trick at B. S. 31 since Bro. Lambert's resignation. Witherstine was at one time a member of the O. R. T., but of late years he claimed he could not afford it. He never gave it the thought that he was working for about twelve more per at that block station, which was secured through this organization. He had that terrible color blindness which is too prevalent among the telegraphers on the Mohawk Division. It is reported he left the service through transfer of his pass.

While we are talking of nons, we have a list here which we are asked to publish: Rose second trick 28-a; Prosser, second trick 36; Dockstader, second trick 37; Cleveland, extra Oneida; Howe, extra, Greenway. Note the list in the vicinity of Oneida, and such a beautiful country, too. It is hoped these men will fall in line. If they have any personal feelings toward any member of this organization they should not stay out on that account. They should stop and consider what the Order has already done for the telegraphers of this country.

It is almost impossible to get relief nowadays, so many being sick, etc., and some are getting married. Among the benedicts is Bro. Laraway. We all join in wishing Ralph and his bride a long and happy married life.

Conductor Withe-wax, of Schenectady-Hoffmans shifter, won the gold watch raffled at the August meeting. The lucky number was 135.

The arrival of E. H. Harriman from Europe is being watched with interest, as the report that he is endeavoring to establish a through line

from coast to coast, the eastern end of which is the N. w York Central, may affect the business of this division materially, and divert much seaboard freight from the Erie, L. V., Penna., and other trunk lines. Under his control the N. Y. C. might acquire the bulk of business by being routed from his western holdings over the New York Central, instead of the above-named lines of railways. Although business has greatly improved, it is common talk that the New York Central has lost heavily in the past year or two on seaboard freight, especially grain.

Div. Cor.

Beech Creek District--

Bro. B. C. Gamble is working "YA" tower, third trick, at present, while the regular man, Bro. C. W. Miller, is working Beech Creek, third trick.

Bro. Fredericks is doing the agent's work at Avis station, while Agent Peters is off with a broken ankle.

All roads lead to Jersey shore this week during the firemen's convention.

Bro. J. D. Roffe and family are taking in the sights in New York City and Coney during Bro. Roffe's vacation.

Bro. C. W. Barrow is working first trick at "SR," during Bro. Roffe's absence. Bro. I. C. Miller is filling in for Bro. Barrow.

Business is still on the increase, but not yet up to the normal.

Have you all received a copy of the new schedule? It looks good to me. Any not receiving a copy can procure one by addressing our general secretary, Bro. Blim.

The regular August meeting was called to order by Chief Telegrapher G. S. Stover. What's the matter with you River line boys? The first trick men from "WB" tower to Rush are all able to attend. Get out and attend your meetings. You don't know what you are missing.

We are still blessed with twenty-one nons on this district, and the brothers who are working at those offices should get after them. If you have no blanks, write the local chairman or either of the assistant local chairmen, for some.

A few of the members have not yet paid the floral assessment of 30 cents. This money is to be applied to a good cause and should be remitted promptly.

Will some good brother angler kindly land a hook in the jaw of Telegrapher Sherry and tow him to our lodge room?

Bro. Cloos, Arcadia, is attending the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

It would look a whole lot better if the boys would answer their dispatcher as promptly as they do the man who furnishes them with the big league baseball scores.

Sister C. V. Holt, Curry third trick, wished to be off to attend the regular meeting held at Clearfield, August 10th, but all extra telegraphers were busy, and therefore she could not be relieved.

Telegrapher Graham is back on the job at Lumber, after ten days' vacation for spending some time in the office unaware of what was going on in the dispatcher's office.

Bro. Jno. Heitsenrether, Lumber, second trick, is taking his vacation at present; relieved by Telegrapher Cook.

Bro. B. F. Sterling is doing extra work at Clearfield station during Bro. Robinson's vacation.

Bro. E. L. Crist is working second at Curry at present.

Sister B. H. Seid is filling the vacancy at Panther, first trick, while Bro. Miller is at "SR," Sister Seid being relieved at Stark, second trick, by Miss Quiggle.

Bro. G. S. Stover, agent at Dimeling, was off a few days last month; relieved by Bro. E. L. Crist.

Bro. B. F. Sterling was off one day last month; relieved by Telegrapher C. B. Miller. By the time this is in print we expect to be able to address Telegrapher Miller as brother.

Bro. R. R. Aigler has bid in Deer, third trick, and is now on the job.

Telegrapher J. A. Brillhart is filling the vacancy at Dimeling, third trick, at present. It has been awarded to Bro. J. T. Fisher.

Hooverhurst agency was awarded to Telegrapher L. A. High.

Several N. Y. C. telegraphers were called to Mahaffey recently, to take the P. R. R. examination. It is understood that in the future it will be necessary for all N. Y. C. telegraphers to pass this examination who work in offices where P. R. R. train orders are handled.

Bro. De Hass, Kerrmoor, second trick, was off one day and was relieved by Telegrapher Miller.

Bro. G. L. Darr, agent at Mitchells, relieved for his vacation by Bro. Hoover.

Bro. O. J. Kester, third trick, McGees, was off three days last month; relieved by Telegrapher Cook.

Bros. Musser, of Gillintown, and Remsnyder, of Viaduct, spent a day in Clearfield last month.

Bro. Kyler and wife, of Dimeling, also Bro. Vail and wife, of Gillintown, were also in Clearfield last month.

During a recent storm the house of Bro. H. A. Hunter, agent at Curry, was struck by lightning and set on fire. The fire was extinguished before it made any headway, but considerable damage was done to the furniture. Bro. Hunter was also injured, not seriously, however, and we are glad to see him out, after being laid up a day.

We are glad to say that business has increased wonderfully on the River line.

Bro. Price has bid in Mowry, second trick, and is now on the job.

Bro. Bonner is relieving Telegrapher McQuown, who is taking his vacation, visiting in New York. We are glad to learn that Telegrapher McQuown has seen the light and expects soon to be with us.

Bro. Rougenx, who has been assigned the position of Deer, second trick, is on the sick list; relieved by Telegrapher L. A. High.

Several telegraphers on the River line were relieved to attend the Frenchville picnic. Bro. Foust, Walton, second trick, was relieved by Telegrapher L. A. High; Bro. J. B. Beauseigneur, Walton, first trick, by Telegrapher Brillhart; Bro.

Hoover, of Rush, second trick, by Bro. Etters and Bro. Maines, of Cataract, third trick, by Bro. M. O. Work. They had a nice day for the picnic and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur, of Walton, third trick, was off a few days last month fishing; relieved by Bro. Work.

Bro. Foust's Bald Hill baseball team was quite badly defeated at the game played at the Frenchville picnic. The score was 11 to 2 in favor of the opposite team. Bro. Foust has not given up hope and is still practicing.

Bro. Lyman, "DY," third trick, on vacation last month, was relieved by Bro. Price, of Mowry, who was in return relieved by Telegrapher Long.

We wish to thank several of the brothers for items this month. We wish some of the members from the B. C. would send in a few items, as it is impossible for me to keep track of what is going on there.

Attend the meetings.

CERT. 2117.

Hudson Division—

Bro. Barrington, at "BS" 54, third trick, is a close competitor for honors with our famous Burbank. Bro. Barrington has some new floral creations that may appear at the leading floral exhibitions this season.

Bro. Hyatt says New Hamburg is good enough for him. "I would leave my happy home" myself for Bro. Hyatt's New Hamburg attraction.

Bro. E. Miller, wife and son have joined a select few camping out at Old Point Comfort.

Numerous changes in tower service is noticeable the past month. Some dismissed for infractions of the rules, while others gave up the struggle of trying to meet their monetary obligations on their meager salary and have sought other and more remunerative labor. The press proclaims that prosperity is fast returning. I am no Salomon, but from the signs of the times approaching prosperity seems destined to be a "corporation prosperity," and if the laborer hopes to get a small tithe of it, he must be up and doing. Anything labor hopes for must come through organized efforts. The final disposal of the tariff question seems to be more pay for our daily necessities, and my advice to every man that has a card is to see that his neighbor has one, for only through a solid organization can we consistently demand an increase that will allow us enough to feed and clothe our families.

Bro. Riley, one of our famous "baseballers," has resigned, and is now making good in the carpenter business.

Bro. Turner, "BS" 55, is on his vacation.

Bros. Cable, "BS" 43, and Conklin, "BS" 39, have resigned to go in the hat business. We hope for their success.

Bro. Lowe, "BS" 57, one of the committee of four, is still doing nicely with adventures in the Canaries.

Telegraphers are scarce, and those that do come around claim there is not money enough in the jobs offered. Others holding jobs share the same opinion.

Bro. Groupe Cook, serving 15 on account of changing tricks without permission. Pretty severe on Bro. Cook for changing as favor to another.

CERT. 1324.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Ruler of the Universe has deemed it wise to remove from the family of Bro. J. Toone his beloved son, Mr. John Toone; and

WHEREAS, We know human sympathy is insufficient, and that we can point the bereaved to Him who promised to be an ever-present helper in the hour of trouble, praying His consolation to be ministered unto them; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Hudson Division, No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy to be spread on the minutes of our next meeting, and a copy sent to our official organ for publication.

J. M. Moss,

F. A. EDIT,

C. F. HEIDEL,

J. A. HAUGHEY,

Committee.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

I want to appeal to the boys on the N. & W. Ry. and all members of Division 14, to give their moral and financial support to the O. R. T. Bond Co.

In the judgment of many of our best men, this will give our members more relief than any step our organization has taken for a long, long time. Many brothers have had their bonds cancelled, and have never been able to find out why such action was taken. Our adjustments on bond grievances have been very unsatisfactory, and, in fact, our sources of information in many cases have been shut off, so as to prevent any investigation, except along certain restricted lines.

Boys, this is purely a business proposition. All of us are anxious to make a small investment that we know is safe and sure, and where we know we will not be literally robbed of our small savings. We now have before us such an opportunity, and let us all strive to take advantage of it. If you can only take one or two shares, take that many, and later you may be able to take another share or two. Anyway, get something in it and help along.

I want to be plain on another point: The O. R. T. Bond Co. will not accept any man simply because he is a member of the organization, but his application will be given a careful investigation and if he has a satisfactory record he will be accepted; otherwise, he will be declined. But, remember, if you are turned down you will be told why, and this very information is what hundreds of our men have been wanting and have never been able to get. Boost the bond company and make it a go.

The panic is fast becoming a matter of history. On every side we hear of and see great improvement in business conditions in every line, especially in the railroad work matters. We are told that we are now entering upon the greatest era of prosperity this country has ever known, and now is the time to get in some good work for our organization.

Get the "individual effort" to working again, take an interest in the bond company and all other departments of our organization, and especially in our own local division. Attend the meetings, keep posted on the labor movement, and when some little two-by-four fellow proceeds to argue the question in order to leave a false impression in the minds of some people as to what the labor movement has accomplished, show him where he stands, and how he is "hogging" up his increased salary at the expense of the union men. Tell him what is necessary for him to do to square himself with the boys, and if he don't do it, impress him with the "No cards, no favors" act.

The division correspondents have covered the point so thoroughly in regard to the pressure brought to bear on the nons that I feel nothing but downright selfishness can prevent them from seeing their true condition and realize the position they are placed in before their fellow workers.

GEN. COR.

Scioto Division—

A rapid improvement in business is noted on our division within the past few weeks. Apparently the airbrakes on the wheels of industry have been unloosed and everything put in motion. Every available engine on the division has been placed in service and several more brought from other divisions, in order to handle the heavy traffic. An average of eight to nine hundred loads daily are said to be moving from Williamson, W. Va., west, east-bound; from Columbus and Cincinnati is also very heavy, and quite a number of promotions in train service have been made necessary.

Eight to ten complete crews have been added to the already goodly number, which is very creditable, and that the N. & W. is coming to the front is unquestioned. At the present time the shop force at Portsmouth is the largest it has been at any time since 1907.

The double tracking force between Kenova, Ava and Portsmouth has been increased and the work is being pushed rapidly without any serious delays to traffic.

Bro. A. V. Osborne, agent at Fort Gay, W. Va., with his family, took in the sights at Norfolk, Va., and other points of interest on the line.

Bro. B. Workmen is doing the extra stunt, third trick, at "KM" Portsmouth.

Bro. O. C. Knight, agent, Peebles, Ohio, has resumed work after a 15-day vacation.

Bro. A. L. Peake, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Hempstead Hospital, Portsmouth, Ohio, July 29, is able to be out and will soon report for duty.

W. C. Corbin, car dispatcher, Portsmouth, Ohio, is mentioned as a possible candidate for mayor of that city, on the Democratic ticket. We believe "Bill," as he is commonly known among us, has the qualities and if elected would fill the office with credit.

Bro. Jacob Compton and wife have been assigned to second and third tricks, at Haverhill, Ohio.

Bro. Labon Wilson, of Wayne, W. Va., we are creditably informed, has received some very substantial offers on his newly-patented automatic circuit-closing telegraph key, but as yet none have been considered, the conditions not being agreeable to Bro. Wilson, whose proposition is on a lease basis and not on an outright sale. He is now on a trip to Missouri, where he will be in conference with some superintendents of telegraph during this month in regard to it, and to exhibit its advantages. Saying the least for Bro. Wilson's invention, were it in general use, wires being left open by operators would need no attention.

Hayesville, Ohio, was reopened as a three-trick office August 18th, which means employment for some extra men a while, or at least until permanent appointments are made.

A new office at the end of double track west of Wheelersburg, O., was cut in August 20th. Wheelersburg is now a 12-hour position.

Our regular meeting was held at Portsmouth, Ohio, Saturday evening, August 21st. Bro. Layman being with us usual interest was taken in the work. The attendance while not so large as at previous meetings was made up of brothers who have not been able to attend previously. Brothers, we are truly glad to have you with us and you may rest assured it is a step in the right direction. Good acquaintance leads to good service and it is our duty to work together to this end. It is a winner. Come again and bring others next to you; also a petition now and then which will help out. We still have a few nons left to work on who will have to be "shown," and if they wish to know more of the good being done by the Order than they do by standing on the non list, they have secured many times the cost of membership in increases and working conditions. We hope there is not a non member on our division who will stand back longer, as excuses have run out. Our officials and general committeemen are working together most harmoniously and nothing but success can come out of such intimacy. The interest of the company is the concern of employes, whose duty is good service, obedience and activity. Be on the alert, answer calls and stay awake at all times on duty. When you fail in these particulars our interests are neglected as well as of our employers and will most certainly end in broken faith, which is detrimental to all concerned. Get down to business during these busy times and put up a record. We want to be among the foremost in the service and swell the popularity of our railroad system. The opportunity is a worthy one and must have our best efforts. Watchwords, "good service," "successful business" and our duties well performed.

Bro. Chas. H. Builing, formerly manager in "KM," Portsmouth, O., late manager of the relay office at El Paso, Texas, is paying Portsmouth friends a visit. Charlie is looking good and holds his weight. He reports favorably on his new position and says he prefers the warm days in Texas to Portsmouth fogs, and will return to his work in a few weeks. Success, "CH."

Bro. W. F. Hoptry, our old division chairman, is spending his vacation with friends at Portsmouth and Ironton. "Happy" is now employed as a Western Union operator and has forsaken railroad telegraph work, but still carries an up-to-date O. R. T. card.

Your correspondent desires to express his thanks for notes donated in August, and hopes every member will be interested sufficiently to keep us posted on happenings of interest on our division.

Boost the new O. R. T. bond company, take a share or more of stock, the investment will net you good interest on your money. It's safe; if sufficient money can not be subscribed now to start it out on a good financial working basis, we are allowing one of the most important matters to us to be disregarded.

Bro. A. M. Cross, agent at Sciotoville, Ohio, is spending his vacation at Sulphur Lick Springs, Ross County, Ohio, intending to visit friends in Columbus and Cleveland before his return to work.

As we have now probably infringed on space will take our "23." CART. 750.

Pocahontas Division—

Why is it we seldom hear anything from the Pocahontas Division? Is it because we do not care to be represented in our journal, or self-neglect? I have grown weary of seeing the west end, the best business part of our line, left out in the dark. You should display more interest in the welfare of your union and let the rest of the boys know we are yet alive. I have recently returned from a trip home and while away gathered some mighty good and reasonable points regarding our future outlook.

It seems some of the boys on this end are discouraged on account of the telephones, the automatic signals, etc., which they fear will knock them out in days to come. My dear boys, you are looking at these things entirely wrong. The thing you want to do is to keep up your dues and not allow yourself to get behind. If you are expecting help from the O. R. T. you can never realize it unless you get in line and assist us.

Don't let these things worry you. The organization will not let you suffer. Don't feel any uneasiness as long as you stick to the O. R. T. The more confidence you have in it the more it will do for you. I was block-headed enough for several months to let my dues fall behind, not having any idea of again taking up the cross, but my experience in the past three weeks has taught me different, for I am in a position to know these things will not affect us. Mr. Perham has his eyes set upon us, watching every movement for or against our interests. I feel no uneasiness as to the future.

Now, boys, come across with your dues, or join again. Unless we show a good backing when our committee meets in January, 1910, we can never realize our just benefits. We are aiming at something next year, and you must help us secure it. We need your help and you need ours, and the thing to do is stand firm in the ranks.

At present writing Huger second and third, North Fork first, and Devon agent and operator, are advertised. It is our earnest wish that some good Order men get these positions.

Milmore and Claren have recently been closed on account of extending the double track from these places. This change cut six operators out of positions. Bro. Pippin, recently first at Wilmore, taking first at Huger; other men moving where seniority allowed.

Bro. Bridges, agent and operator at Jaeger, is now off on vacation, relieved by Relief Agent Boyd.

Bro. C. E. Pendleton, second trick at Alnwick, was recently married to Miss Edna Hatfield, of Cedar, W. Va., went on vacation, has returned and is now living at War Eagle, where he has a nicely-furnished home, with one to share his troubles. We all extend to him our heartiest congratulations and wish him a happy and prosperous future with his dear little wife Edna, whom he was indeed lucky in securing for his bride.

Bro. Alvis, agent and operator at Alnwick, was recently offered the agency at Big Stone Gap, Va., with the V. & S. W. Not finding position as represented he returned to Alnwick.

We are told Bro. Conners expects to leave us shortly for the West. We hate very much to see him leave, but our best wishes are with him wherever he may go.

Business on this end is better than for two years and prospects point to an increase. We must all get together and route our freight as far as possible over organized lines, thereby giving them the largest revenue possible.

This is my first attempt at a write-up and I hope the boys will help me out in securing a better showing for next month.

"DE."

Radford Division—

The Radford Division made a record to be proud of in July. No suspensions and three credit entries of fifteen days each for operators finding defects in the equipment of cars, possibly saving disastrous wrecks. We often hear it said these credit entries cost the company nothing, that the officials can well afford to give them and that if we were given the time off it would be something worth while. It would be showing a spirit of appreciation if we were to be given the time off as a reward for diligence in looking after the companies' business and an incentive to watch everything with an eye single to all interests, and in time we may hope they will be magnanimous enough to reward us. This is a subject the committee may feel it worth while to take up in the future. However, as the company only seems to appreciate the possible

saving of a wreck worth ten days, given as a mere credit entry and then gives one thirty days for the mere breach of a rule frequently caused by some oversight, almost unavoidable, it is hardly probable they will give us anything that will amount to anything substantial.

Business has been booming for some time, and the officials are looking for a very heavy run from now on. Operators have been scarce and all extra men are making good time. Eight or ten new positions have been opened recently. The telephone is being installed in all main line offices, and every one is anxious to know what will be the outcome.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Humphries was obliged to give up the agency at Galax on account of ill health, and hope he will soon be able to resume duty.

Mrs. Cord, wife of Bro. A. B. Cord, has been very sick, but is some better.

Mrs. Vest, wife of our "old-timer," Bro. W. A. Vest, has also been in bad health for some time, and has gone to the hospital in Roanoke for an operation, which we hope will be successful.

There have been a great many changes lately on account of new positions, transfers, etc., but we will not now attempt to give them.

A death that fills all our hearts with sorrow was that of Mrs. Martin Peters in Roanoke recently. Mr. Peters is the oldest engineer on the Radford Division, and is known by every one. He is a prominent member of the B. of L. E. and the sympathy of all who know him goes out to him in his sad affliction.

Bro. J. W. Williams was married at Bristol on August 4th to Miss Nannie Hunt, of Wittens Mills, Va.

Radford Division, River Line—

Bro. F. S. Findley, Jr., agent at Ingleside, W. Va., was off ten days the last of July, being relieved by relief agent, Bro. D. B. Southern.

At Oakvale, W. Va., Bro. P. B. Spangler, agent, was off several days, relieved by Bro. G. H. Spengler.

Quite a number of our boys spent the 7th of this month at Pearisburg, Va., attending the unveiling of the Confederate monument, which was donated by the McComas Chapter U. D. C. of Giles County.

Bro. E. B. Durham, second trick, Ripplemead, Va., attended the "unveiling" at Pearisburg, and incidentally took some snap shots of the "curios" there. He was relieved by Mr. Carson Lemmon, who has filled out his application and will soon be one of the "elect."

Bro. R. S. Fry, agent at Pearisburg, is off on his vacation, and will attend the grand rally of the "Acca Temple Mystic Shrine," which will convene at Luray, Va., August 14th; relieved by Bro. D. B. Southern.

Telegrapher Sneed, a new man, is working a few days at Blake, first trick, relieving Mr. Conner, a confirmed non.

Shenandoah Division—

We will start with the old-time war cry, work on the nons, and from what we see of the Shenandoah Division at this time, some of the men are not doing what they should by a long way. Would you have it said that the Radford Division has gotten ahead of us, when at one time last year the non list on that division looked like a thirty-cent piece with the three rubbed off. Now, nons, let us ask you as a friend, can't you possibly spare the great sum, or is it just negligence? Regardless of what the trouble is, won't you have that name cut off the list by the time the minutes next reach us? We see five of the boys in a certain office, and three in another who don't come to the meetings. If you have a kick coming attend the meetings and make it known, probably you will see things in a different light. Something you may like and just suits you. It is very hard to make laws that suit all conditions, and to please everyone, that is next to an impossibility. Think a little less of self and a little more of your organization and we will all get along better.

Bro. W. L. Burks, agent at Buffalo, was relieved a few days by Bro. J. W. Melton, from second, Glasgow.

Mr. Hyde, second trick, Buchanan, was relieved by Bro. R. Y. Melton, who after working one day was relieved by relief agent, Bro. H. H. Burks.

Extra Telegrapher Thompson is relieving on the second trick at Starkey.

Bro. T. B. Dillard, second trick, Grottoes, was relieved by Bro. R. Y. Melton for fifteen days.

Bro. R. S. Smylie bid in the third trick at Troutville.

Bro. T. A. Graves, agent at Vesuvius, was on the sick list for several days, being relieved by Bro. S. M. Lane, from Rippon.

Bro. J. E. Mitchell, second trick at Greenville, who has been on the sick list for the last six or seven months, is still improving and we expect to see him back at the key shortly.

Bro. Vines, first trick at Basic, is taking a few days off.

Bro. J. S. Gant bid in the second trick at Pine Hall.

Bro. W. H. Shultz, while on his wedding trip, was relieved by Telegrapher Reed. Our congratulations, "H."

Our chief, Mr. C. A. Graves, is taking a few days' vacation, being relieved by Mr. C. B. Lackes, while Mr. J. M. Apple is relieving on the North End, second trick.

Work has been started on the new station at Shepherdstown, something that has been badly needed for some time. It will be a very handsome addition to that historic old town. The station and grounds will be up-to-date, with all modern improvements, waiting rooms for both white and colored, with toilets in each and baggage and express rooms. A very long shed and a walk something like twenty feet wide will also be constructed. It is to be completed by the first of the year. With the new station and the new railroad bridge, which has just lately been completed across the Potomac River on the outskirts of the

town, Shepherdstown should consider herself lucky in the way of improvements by the railroad company. There is also some talk of the Morgans Grove sidetrack being extended to Shepherdstown, a distance of about a mile.

Bro. C. P. Harris, third trick at Glasgow, is taking his vacation, being relieved by Bro. Bush. Bro. G. W. Skelton is relieving Bro. J. W. Melton on the second trick there.

Bro. J. N. Shank relieved Bro. W. L. Burks at Buffalo a few days, then Bro. J. M. Wise at Riverside, going from there to Basic, where he relieved the agent, Mr. V. I. Guyer.

Mr. H. A. Fix, from second trick, is relieving Mr. H. M. Davis, second trick at Shenandoah; Bro. McIntosh relieving at Stanley.

Bro. Stockton, agent at Ashby, was relieved by Bro. J. S. Biedler, relief agent for a while.

Our popular third trick dispatcher, Bro. Harry Kyle, North End, was off a few days to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. R. P. Kyle, of Thaxton, Va., who died very suddenly. The bereaved family has our deepest sympathy.

Bro. J. W. Melton is relieving on the second trick (side wires), "UD," Roanoke.

Bro. R. Y. Melton is relieving Bro. C. J. Hughes, second trick, White Post, while Mr. Ned Moffett is relieving the agent, Bro. Bowers.

Relief agent, Bro. H. H. Burks, goes from Buchanan to Glasgow, to relieve the agent, Bro. C. B. Bear; Bro. P. L. McNeil to Buchanan to relieve Bro. Burks, then to the first trick at that point, to relieve Bro. J. O. Dillard.

Mr. H. O. Ringle, first trick, Shenandoah, is on the sick list, being relieved by Bro. C. P. Harris, of Glasgow.
J. H. B.

Norfolk Division—

It is gratifying to see normal business conditions on our line, with as many freight trains and more passenger trains than we have had for several years.

Most of our boys are coming up with their dues beautifully, but there are some who have dropped behind. Brothers, you know this will never do. Send in your dues to Bro. Lankford, and get yourselves in line for better things. Before you can turn around good we will be up against revising our present schedule. It lies within your power to make improvements or remain where you are. You can see the wisdom of thorough organization without my referring further to it. I hope that all of you are enjoying good health, and when your eyes glance down the columns of our magnificent journal, remember that all that we say to you is for your good, and the elevation of our craft. Get in line, boys. With best wishes.

T. O. M., CMT. 1110.

Norfolk Division—

There is not much news from this end that would interest the membership or readers of the journal. Everything seems to be working nicely, as we do not hear any complaint from the membership.

While our general conditions as to standing of the membership is good we have quite a number who have gotten careless and allowed themselves to get in arrears. Boys, you are getting on dangerous ground when you permit this to occur. If we would see the organization progress, we need have the earnest support of every telegrapher, and we can not expect to press onward to higher achievements, and to protect what we have, unless our membership holds up, and furnishes the support essential to the workings of the organization. To any well-thinking telegrapher, it is needless to show the importance of this, and we hope those who have become careless will awaken to a realization of their duty, not only to their craft, but to themselves and family.

We are anxious to hear from the Bluefield meeting. We feel sure the boys started the Ladies' Auxiliary going at this meeting. We could accomplish, in my opinion, no greater thing at this time, than to get this branch of the organization started, and when we once get these ladies interested, results are sure to follow; your wife or your sweetheart will not enter heartily into the work unless she knows that she has a part in the work; in fact, a membership card such as ours.

I think the ladies who become members of the Auxiliary are due to the courtesies generally given telegraphers, and more.

I recall quite a number of courtesies extended to my wife, who was traveling with her sister, visiting friends in Ohio, because she was the wife of a telegrapher who held an up-to-date card, and she brought back several cards showing names of the boys who had been courteous to her. The idea struck me that suppose the wives, sisters, daughters, etc., of the telegraphers were organized, what a protection would be thrown around them when traveling alone, or when under any conditions they should need the courtesy of some one around the stations, or en route. Would you not welcome anything that would improve our conditions? Do you not think this would interest your wife, sister or daughter? Again, if the telegrapher grows careless, he'll find some lady calling on him to know why he does not come across with his dues, or if he's never done "the right thing by becoming a member," some lady will call on him to get his membership.

Time will not permit me to explain the many advantages to our organization; the brothers can figure these out. I hope we can soon establish this branch of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers on this system.

As stated, no news of interest, except that they are now connecting up making ready for automatic signals from Thaxton to Forest, and it is thought the signals will be installed last of the year. As there is great need for communication between offices and dispatcher, and the blocks pretty long as it is, it is not thought any offices will be cut out. In case of wrecks, especially in the loss of life, makes medical aid necessary, it is not hard to see the importance of the telegrapher in the proper handling of life and property.

If the Norfolk Division is not represented in the September journal it will be due to sickness and death in the family of your correspondent at the time the journal work was to have been done.

I hope all telegraphers who have not paid dues and the non-member will feel alike the importance of giving their support to the organization. The organization is just as essential to you as the home that shelters you is to your family, and the word "Protection" is the thing in a nutshell.

CERT. 110.

Michigan Central Ry.

While the railroads are talking "telephone," and the W. U. Tel. Co. is installing Barclay machines for the sole purpose of intimidation, why would it not be well for telegraphers as a class to branch out for themselves and boost their own interests.

Ex-Congressman Lentz, of Ohio, has a good article on postal telegraphy in the *National Monthly* for July, advocating the Government control of postal telegraphy. He goes on to show that while rates here have steadily advanced, the use has steadily declined, and that only one per cent of the American people use the telegraph, while in Europe the rates have steadily declined and the number of users steadily increased until now sixty or sixty-five per cent of the people use the telegraph. This goes to show that when the people are served and private gain not sought the service is vastly increased and improved, giving employment to many more people and at living wages. The Government is satisfied to give the people good service at reasonable cost, and is not trying to squeeze out dividends on vast quantities of water. The Western Union at the present time, under pretext of a new agreement with railroads, is depriving telegraphers of the small commission formerly paid them, and expects more from telegraphers than do the people who pay for the service.

CERT. 123.

Detroit Yards—

Mr. Maedel, our chief, is taking his vacation in Benmiller, Ont. The last letter received from him states that he is very sick, and is hardly able to get out of bed. Mr. W. A. Jackson, assistant chief, has been taking his place, and Mr. Gregg has taken Jackson's place as assistant chief telegrapher.

During the latter part of August, Dispatcher D. N. Smith is going to take a camping trip to Ontario. He will be relieved by Mr. W. A. Jackson, which will make Mr. R. S. Gregg chief telegrapher, and Bro. Senff assistant chief telegrapher.

Bro. Bitler, of the Grand Division, is working in place of Mr. Rowland, and Bro. Webber, of Car Shops station, is working in place of Bro. Senff nights.

Bro. Brockmiller, of Car Shops station, is taking a long-needed vacation, being away a whole month. He is relieved by Bro. Coyne, of Cen-

tral Ave. Telegrapher T. J. Murphy, of the west end, is working in Bro. Webber's place nights.

At Central Ave. Bro. Burroughs is working in place of Bro. Coyne. Bro. Graves was working days for about a week on account of Bro. Coyne's being sick, and sickness in his family.

Bro. Moll, at North Yards, was off about a week, recently, and took a trip to Charlotte; relieved by a Mr. Brown, of Dentons.

Bro. Armstrong, of D. T. Switch, is off for a few weeks, taking a trip West for his health.

Toledo Division—

Bro. Cotton, of River Rouge, was off several days recently; relieved by Mr. Brown.

Telegraphers Trozen and Murphy have been working at Ecorse on account of Mr. LeBlanc working third trick at Wyandotte.

Bro. Tinney was unable to keep up the pace at Wyandotte and had to be relieved on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Frantz, from South Rockwood, and Telegrapher Shuttleworth relieved Bro. Frantz.

Bro. Thistlewaite, of Monroe, is figuring on taking a month's layoff.

Bro. Marleau, of Alexis, is at present working at North Toledo in place of Bro. Whitney; unable to state who took his place.

Bros. Prentice and Frestle came back from their vacations and are again at the old hangout.

East Division—

Mr. Leslie, of Denton, who applied for the position at Ann Arbor, was taken very sick, recently, and as yet has been unable to try his hand at Ann Arbor.

Bro. Peters, of Wayne, has taken a trip up in the woods for hay fever cure; relieved by Bro. Brainard. Bro. Allward, of Wiards, got the position of second trick man at Wayne Junction, he in turn being relieved by Tracy Smith.

Mr. Brown is working as agent in place of Mr. Leslie.

Bro. M. Whitman has returned to work at Ypsilanti after having been off about two months. Bro. Burroughs worked while he was away.

Bro. Oliver, second trick man at Ann Arbor, was given the position of ticket agent days, vice Bro. Bunting. A Mr. Slowey, of Battle Creek, is working at Ann Arbor days until a man can be appointed there. H. C. Bell, who worked in Bro. Oliver's place on second trick, has resigned, and a Mr. Decker has the position regular.

Mr. H. C. Bitler, a new man on the line, relieved Bros. Speer and W. C. Smith for a few days.

Bay City Division—

Bro. Marsh, of Warren, has accepted the position of agent at Rochester in place of G. M. Thompson, on account of the latter being transferred to Oxford Freight House, vice W. Rogers, resigned. Relief Agent Watts is working at Warren until the vacancy is filled by bulletin.

Bro. Seavitt was off two weeks recently and took a trip to New York and Niagara Falls. We are unable to say who relieved him.

Bro. G. E. Calkins, of Oxford Freight House, is taking a needed rest, also taking a trip through Michigan.

Bro. G. C. Santee, of Hunters Creek, has resigned on account of being unable to get a satisfactory place to board or any kind of a house to rent. A Mr. Howell has the position now.

Mr. E. E. Schlicht, formerly of Hunters Creek, is now stationed at Vassar regularly.

Bro. I. E. Myre has been off sick for a month or more; he was relieved by Mr. Leet, a young man from Millington.

OH MR OH MI.

N. Y., C. & St. L. Ry.

Third District—

The regular meeting at Leipsic, Ohio, August 18th, was fairly well attended, but not as it should have been.

It appears that some of the boys along the line do not make any effort whatever to attend these meetings, but kick about the business transacted which does not suit their particular ideas of how it should be done. A better feeling would be engendered if such members would attend the meetings themselves and try to have the business done in the way they desire. We would like for each office to be represented at every meeting.

There appears to be some along the line who fail to appreciate what the Order has already done for the railroad telegraphers, and seem to not want to be convinced that it is a good thing to join with the members of their craft in trying to secure greater benefits. The small amount of dues required, even for the social part, should be hardly worth considering, and the additional amount necessary to secure the insurance is so small that we fail to understand what such men are thinking about. No reliable insurance can be carried in any safe company for twice the amount.

We hope, however, that they will come to realize these things before long and consider carefully the injustice they are doing themselves and their families by failing to fill out the papers as soon as they can get them.

On account of not receiving any items except from one or two of the boys along the line, it is impossible to send in the kind of a write-up we would like to see in THE TELEGRAPHER of the happenings on this district. It would require but little effort on the part of each one to drop the undersigned a note as to the changes, etc., at each office. Please try to do this in the future.

Telegrapher Kariger, third trick man at New Haven, is working in "FO," Ft. Wayne office, a few days, relieving the telegrapher there.

Mr. Harner is filling in at New Haven.

Telegrapher Fling, an old case-hardened non, on the first trick at Payne, is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Hayslett, who is the regular second trick man. Mr. Hayslett was relieved by E. W. Schille.

R. Jacobs, second trick man at Continental, is off on vacation; relieved by F. G. O'Neill, who formerly worked the third trick, at Continental. He has been out of the business for some time.

C. H. Bowman, third at Payne, will withdraw from the Order, as he has resigned and is going to school. He is no doubt making a mistake by dropping out of the Order, forfeiting his insurance and other benefits.

Mr. Johnson, second at Leipsic Junction, is laying off at present, visiting in Utah; relieved by Telegrapher Carney.

C. W. Zimmerman, of Maple Grove, made a trip to Detroit recently.

The Sandusky Division of the Big Four, going through Greensprings, is graveling the track and expects before long to run a great many more trains than at present; in fact, almost as many as the Nickel Plate is running at present. This will make an increase of business at "GR" office in wire work on the Big Four side, as two gates will have to be thrown for each train passing over the crossing. When calling "GR" please consider this fact.

G. A. Morrison, formerly from Chicago, but now working second trick at Colby, was united in marriage to Miss Wauneta Isgriggs, of Frankfort, Ind., August 18th. We extend congratulations to Mr. Morrison and his estimable wife. He advises that upon his return he will have plenty of good cigars, so don't fail to make a special effort to call on him. He is relieved by Telegrapher E. W. Arnold. ZIM.

Fourth District—

Bro. R. J. Demmitt is working second at Argos during the absence of Bro. D. L. Bunner, who is on a month's vacation.

Bro. W. J. Neff, the third trick man at Claypool, is leaving with his family for a trip to California. There is no need of there being long-faced rounders, now, as there are a number of roads asking for telegraphers.

When we think of the nons working on either side of us and reaping the benefit of the O. R. T., we pause to reflect and wonder whether each generation is getting wiser. We fear not.

Bro. Geo. Tulbert (agent at South Whitley) and wife are enjoying a trip to Oregon; relieved by Relief Agent Craig. George expects to visit the exposition at Seattle, and intends to take a bath in the Pacific.

Telegrapher Wilson, third at East End double track, has left the service. We have not learned who relieved him, but hope it was an up to date.

CERT. 15.

C., M. & St. P. Ry.

Third District—

Our esteemed local chairman, Bro. Ed R. Derrickson, has been elected general secretary and treasurer of Division No. 23 to succeed Bro. Soyester, who is now our general chairman. We are pleased that one so worthy has been thus honored,

but we are sorry that we will not be able to meet him quite so often as has been our pleasure heretofore. Bro. Derrickson will take care of his part of the work, let each of us do our part.

Bro. J. R. Allemon, of Chicago, "CG" office, has taken a few days' vacation and is visiting relatives in Iowa and Wisconsin.

Bro. J. E. Meredith, formerly agent at Shermerville, has been appointed agent at Libertyville. Bro. Meredith is a hard worker, and we wish him success.

Bro. C. M. Reed, of Rondout "RX" office, is now in the Railway Exchange, working in "CG."

Mr. J. G. Tuffley, former agent at Libertyville, has returned to the P. du C. Division, and will work extra out of Boscobel.

Bro. Thos. Cox and wife are on a pleasure trip West, including the fair at Seattle. He is being relieved by Bro. G. C. Brown, of third trick at Walworth, and he in turn by Mr. Rood, a new man on the road.

Bro. J. W. McKay, of Pacific Junction, has been heard from. He has been to the fair at Seattle, and is going on down in California.

Chief Dispatcher Rossiter is on a vacation. He is being relieved by Mr. Babcock.

Bro. W. J. Kreh is getting along very well at his home in Michigan, and hopes to be able for duty some time in September.

The aged mother of Bro. J. J. Hastings, of North Ave. tower, nights, died about a week ago; resolutions of sympathy appear elsewhere.

Bro. C. E. Larson, agent at Fox Lake, has been sick for several days. He is much improved, and has resumed work.

A. H. Lapointe, formerly of the M. C., has lined up with us—this leaves one non in a scheduled position regular, on the C. & M. proper.

We are at a loss to know why men entitled to regular scheduled positions cannot be placed in the positions to which their seniority rights entitle them.

A meeting was held at Friedman's Hall, Western Avenue, August 21st. The attendance was fair. It is the duty of each member to make a special effort to attend meetings. In order for anything to be a success, work and personal attention is required. Do not leave things that should be done for others to do, but be alive to your interests. If you are not interested in your own personal welfare how can you expect anyone else to be. We probably mean well, but let us do well. CERT. 64.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to take from our midst the beloved mother of our friend and brother, James. J. Hastings, be it therefore

Resolved, By the membership of the Third District, Division No. 23, that we extend to Brother

James J. Hastings our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent Brother James J. Hastings and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

B. J. SIMEN.

J. R. ALLEMAN.

M. R. CORCORAN.

Committee.

S. M. Division—

A meeting was held at Austin on Sunday, Aug. 22d. Nearly all the men had permission to go; in fact, all that could be spared, so there should have been a good turnout.

Business is picking up on the S. M. once more, but there is no visible increase in the number of night telegraphers.

Dispatchers at Madison and Lax are through vacations, and Extra Dispatcher Bro. T. P. Horton is off on thirty days' leave, visiting his mother at Snohomish, Wash., before returning to Ramsey agency.

Bro. Mathieson, appointed to Houston night job, has not taken charge yet, but is doing relief work at Fulda, at present, relieving Bro. G. B. Turner.

Bro. Sheehy, agent at Grand Meadow, enjoyed a few days off; relieved by Bro. Roy Wood, from Lanesboro.

Bro. Leo Schendel, Ramsey second trick for four months, has left the S. M. and is working third trick at Farmington, on the I. & M. Division.

Bro. Tagland is working second trick at Ramsey until appointment made.

J. W. Tuttle, from Alpha, takes Bro. Tagland's place as clerk at Wells, being relieved at Alpha by T. Thorsen, from Hatfield.

Mr. Spriggs, from Woonsocket, is agent at Hatfield.

Bro. Snyder, at Flandreau, was sick for a few days, but is on the mend again.

Gene Fogarty, at Egan, nights, has come across with the necessary, and now can be called brother.

Bro. M. M. Kellogg, formerly at Colman, who has been on the sick list for the past two years, and is in Chicago taking treatment, we are glad to hear is on the gain. Hope we may soon welcome him back to our midst as active as ever.

Bro. Wendorff, from the M. & St. L., has Colman in charge temporarily.

Bro. Chase was off for thirty days at Bryant. Relief was furnished by Bro. Harmon.

Bro. Taggart is relieving Bro. Phillips at Lake Preston while the latter is sight seeing.

We understand that Bro. Brann at Edgerton is to be spliced, but have not heard if he was relieved or not.

Div. Com.

S. C. & D. Division—

It is a pretty hard matter, boys, to write up anything if you don't send me the items. Now, everyone get busy and see if we cannot have good write-ups from this division every month. There is abundant news if you will only send it in.

We still have seven or eight nons on this division, and I am sure if we all do our best we can bring them with us and make our division nearly 100 per cent.

Bro. O. C. Kaatz and wife, of Saranac, have left on an extended visit with relatives and friends in Central Kansas, from whence they will proceed direct to Canado, Texas, thence to Golden Rod, Texas, at which point Bro. Kaatz has quite a large fruit farm. On his return trip short stops will be made at Galveston, Houston, Austin, Dallas and Denison. We all wish the brother and his estimable wife a pleasant trip.

Bro. John Gibbo recently returning from a two weeks' visit to Pittsburg, Pa., and Wheeling, W. Va., went to Rodney as relief agent for a couple of weeks.

Bro. J. L. Boyer and family, agent at Rodney, are spending a two weeks' vacation at Missoula, Mont.

Mr. Harlan, agent at Kenwood suddenly decided one day last week that he was too light for heavy work, refused to answer his call and that office had to be considered closed until Bro. Strobel, of Elk Point, could get there.

Bro. H. M. Todd has returned to Luton as agent. Wagoner is one of the heaviest stations on this division for the amount of help furnished.

Bro. C. F. Dunham and wife recently returned from a trip to Rapid City, S. D., at which point Bro. "C. F." has quite a bunch of property.

The sand pit at Ethan will probably not be opened until next spring.

Now, boys, get busy with the news, and send your stuff to Bro. F. S. Hudson, telegrapher at Parkston, S. D.

"FS," CRET. 2237.

C. & C. B. in Iowa Division—

Bro. B. L. Allen worked the agency at Panama during the illness of Bro. A. K. Fullerton.

Bro. N. J. Edwards, of Toronto, has returned, after an extended trip in the East and West.

Bro. F. N. Rathbun, of Martelle, is enjoying a few days' vacation. Relieved by Bro. Pat Ryan.

Bro. Lee Harned is holding down Council Bluffs yard office, filling the vacancy left by Bro. J. W. Belles.

Several third trick positions have been opened up on the west end on account of gravel and work trains.

Telegrapher. Heath, a new arrival, has been working nights at Defiance.

Telegrapher W. L. Downs has been working the third trick at Dawson, but is now working extra at Templeton.

Bro. A. C. Hutton was appointed to the vacancy at Olin. Bro. A. P. Hopkinson has been appointed to the night office at Atkins.

Bro. F. E. Bentley, the agent at Rhodes, is laying off for the present, Bro. C. J. Olsson relieving him.

Bro. Bethurum went to Clinton the night of July 24th, to see that Barnum & Bailey's circus train got through OK.

Bro. W. C. Bias, of Portsmouth, sends us a nice bunch of items this month. Says business is booming on the west end.

Agent Tanner, at Tama, is laying off on account of his father's death in Chicago. Bro. Storm, the day man, is relieving him.

W. T. Willant, a new man, has been appointed telegrapher at Clinton, superseding Bro. W. R. Knight, who has been appointed to the agency at Hale.

Agent F. Doyle and daughter, Pearl, of Neola, took a western trip recently, and were relieved respectively by Bro. C. E. Oleson and Telegrapher L. V. Curran.

Telegrapher L. V. Curran worked the third trick at Aspinwall about a week, when the position was abolished, removing him to Bayard, where he is now working nights.

Bro. H. H. White, of Atkins, has taken charge of the Cambridge tower third trick, which he drew on bulletin. Telegrapher Kingsberry, a new arrival, is now working at Atkins.

Bro. S. D. Gillilan gave up the third trick at Oxford Junction, went on the extra list, and was subsequently appointed to the third trick at Paralta, on bulletin.

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek, of Delmar Junction, is off for a few days visiting his folks at Dundee, Ill. He is being relieved by Bro. Priddy, recently of the B. & O.

Bro. H. F. Storm, of Tama, is taking his vacation, and is being relieved by the night man, Bro. J. H. Genrich, who is in turn relieved by Bro. Pollay, who is a new man here.

Bros. G. N. Whipple and E. C. Rood, of Slater, attended the Ames Chautauqua, Monday, August 16th, and heard Hon. W. J. Bryan deliver a speech entitled "The Price of a Soul."

Bro. Bowles, who has been working the third trick at Cambridge, after relieving Telegrapher Miles at Madrid, went to Keystone to relieve Telegrapher Dunlap, who was discharged for sleeping on duty.

Bro. W. H. Renbarger, of Gladstone, is taking an extended layoff, and is being relieved by Bro. M. J. Coughlin. It is reported that "Mike" has the record for summer whiskers.

Bro. B. E. McConaughy, of Lost Nation first trick, is off a few days visiting relatives in Ohio. Bro. C. R. Rodgers is doing the agent's work at Lost Nation.

Bro. P. H. Alberta, second trick in Green Island tower, is taking his annual layoff, being relieved by Bro. W. E. Rose, who, in turn, is relieved by Telegrapher G. Rowe.

Bro. P. H. Osborne, the second trick man at Cambridge tower, is off on a ten-day vacation, which he will spend at Kellogg and Marion. Telegrapher Mosher is relieving him.

Bro. C. Kasel, of Collins, is back to work after an absence of fifteen days, during which he was relieved by Bro. W. T. Willant, who was subsequently appointed to the day position at Clinton.

Bro. P. H. Curran, nights at Portsmouth, who was off a week or two on account of ill health, was relieved by his son, L. V. Curran, who went from there to Bagley to relieve Telegrapher Doyle.

Bro. C. R. Rodgers, of Lost Nation second trick, took a week's vacation during the first part of August. He was relieved by Bro. J. W. Hart, who was relieved at Rockaway by Telegrapher Ed Warner.

Bro. W. E. Ervin, of Neola, relieved Bro. J. H. Murphy at Underwood during the latter's absence at Herndon on account of sickness, and was relieved again recently by Bro. Ervin on account of a death in the family.

Bro. F. F. Foster, of Dunbar, was off a few days looking over the east end of the Coast Extension. He was relieved by Bro. E. L. Nunn, of Ferguson. Bro. Pollay, a new arrival, relieved Bro. Nunn at Ferguson.

Telegrapher G. Rowe and Bro. J. W. Hart took turns at the third trick at Lost Nation while Bro. W. E. Rose is relieving Bro. H. P. Buswell at Green Island, who is now off on a vacation.

The night office at Atkins was closed one night recently on account of no men being available. It was reopened with some new man in charge, who, after one night's torture, was relieved by Mr. McDonald, another new arrival.

Bro. H. C. VanDyke, of Van Horne, accompanied by his family, is spending his vacation in South Dakota. He is being relieved by Bro. M. P. Richardson, who is again sojourning among us after an absence of several months.

Bro. G. A. Arrasmith, of Bayard, is reported having broken himself in as a fireman during the recent conflagration at that place. The fire was not gotten under control until after the arrival of the Coon Rapids fire department.

A third trick man has been put on at Coon Rapids, relieving Agent Kinser from telegraphing. Telegrapher Geo. Curran got the extra job, but was called to Chicago by sickness of his wife, and Telegrapher Doyle, from Bagley, took his place.

Bro. F. M. Kelly, at "RD," Council Bluffs, is taking a layoff, and it is reported he is not coming back. Bro. F. P. Henry, of the same place, is also rustivating for a few months. Bros. Jeffries and Merkle are relieving them.

Bro. J. W. Reel, of Persia, is off on his vacation, taking in some of the western scenery by way of a northern route to the coast, and back again through Denver. Mr. Arrasmith, of Persia, an old-timer, is relieving him.

Bro. Geo. Madsen, Persia nights, is spending his vacation at Butte, Mont., and is being relieved by Telegrapher Minahan, whom we are glad to have with us once more after an absence of two years. Pat says he will be OK soon.

Since the vacancy left by Bro. F. R. Hoesly, the first trick at Madrid, has been respectively filled by Telegraphers Fowler, Hill and Roley, all new men here. The first and second tricks at Madrid and the agency at Bouton are on bulletin.

The worthy brothers will notice that some of the items in this issue are old, and should have appeared in the August issue, owing to having been received too late, but better late than never.

Telegrapher Miles has resigned the second trick at Madrid and has gone braking on the Des Moines Division. Bro. Bowles, from Cambridge, is relieving him, who was afterwards relieved by Telegrapher Perryman, a new man here, and the latter was subsequently relieved by Bro. M. P. Richardson.

Bro. G. J. Disburg, of Manilla, took two weeks' layoff to visit relatives in Wisconsin, and was relieved by Bro. F. J. Jackson, who was relieved on the third trick by Telegrapher J. M. Fraser, a newcomer. Bro. C. L. Kinner, on second trick, was undisturbed.

Write to John A. T. Hull, Washington, D. C., and ask him to send you a copy of Senate Document No. 122, which was submitted to the 58th Congress. It is a report covering the labor disturbances in Colorado from 1880 to 1904, inclusive, and will prove both interesting and instructive.

Bro. J. W. Belles, of Council Bluffs yard, has been appointed agent at Newhall. Bro. O. E. Hanssen, the former agent, was compelled to leave on account of the poor health of his wife. He is at present located at Drummond, Mont., on the Pacific Coast Extension.

Bro. E. L. Nunn, of Ferguson, comes forward with a nice bunch of items this month. Good! Do it again. Some of you other fellows shout, wake up and do likewise. Remembers that a good write-up each month shows a lively interest in everything that pertains to unionism.

Bro. G. D. Brown, of Dawson, was off two weeks and visited friends and relatives in Arkansas. During his absence Telegrapher Geo. Curran and young "Fawncie" Elder relieved him. Elder is a new man, but will join as soon as his age permits.

We are advised of a change in the force at the joint office in Pickering. Bro. Boughton, the former day man, has severed his connections with the Iowa Central, and has gone to work for the C. M. & St. P. Bro. Bruce, the former night man, has landed the day job. A new man is doing the owl act.

We understand that Bro. R. L. Leamon was given the position as second trick dispatcher on the branch at Marion, filling the vacancy left by Bro. J. M. Smith, who accepted a trick at Aberdeen, S. D. The boys wish "Smithy" good luck. Bro. Leamon was relieved at Marion west yard by Bro. James Keenan; Telegrapher Marchant relieved Bro. Keenan at the east yard.

We wish to take off our hat and beg pardon for referring to Bro. C. L. Jeffries as "Telegrapher" Jeffries. Jeffries is an up-to-date man with an up-to-date card. Mistakes of this kind are easily made on a road where so many new men come and go all the time. It is important that all new men should notify us so that we may know if they are OK or not.

Bro. G. E. Soyster has been appointed our general chairman, of which we are all proud, knowing that no other man could fill that position any better. We are sorry to lose Mr. Renshaw, but wish him success at his new vocation. Brothers, remember that Bro. Ed R. Derrickson is our new secretary and treasurer, and that it is our duty to help him make this Division complete. Remember the old proverb, "United we stand, divided we fall."

JOHN TILL.

LaCrosse Division—

Never in the history of this division has it done the enormous passenger and freight business that it has enjoyed during the past six months. We have had all the business we could possibly handle, and the officials feel very kindly toward us for the prompt and active service we have rendered.

Brothers, now is the time to get after the nobs along the line and make an effort to land them. See what you can do and advise your local chairman of the conditions and what excuses they now have to offer for not joining at once.

It may be possible that many who should be with us are afraid they might be discriminated against if they were to make application showing that they were now willing to connect themselves with others of their craft for their own betterment.

Those who claim that it takes all they can earn to live should be asked "What about the increase the O. R. T. has secured for them time and again, as well as the shorter workday and better working conditions?"

Among the changes are the following:

Bro. Gus Tofsen, of West Salem, has married Miss Grace Quiggle, of that city. They are taking in the fair at Seattle and other points of interest in the West. Bro. Breene relieved Bro. Tofsen, and Bro. H. C. Geitmann relieved Bro. Breene.

Bro. Wolfgram bid in the side wire job in the dispatchers' office, Bro. N. Frank getting second trick at Oconomowoc.

Third trick at Camp Douglas and Bangor are on bulletin and no announcements in regard to appointments have been made.

Bro. W. E. Jones, of Sparta, is relieving in the train dispatchers' office, while the dispatchers are having their vacation.

DIV. COR., CERT. 249.

R. and S. W. Divisions—

The home guards are sticking to their knitting pretty good.

Bro. Renshaw has been promoted to chief dispatcher on the H. & D. Division. Bro. Renshaw was a good general chairman, and we are all glad to hear of his promotion and wish him good luck in his new location. Bro. Soyster was elected general chairman and Bro. Ed Derrickson general secretary and treasurer.

Bro. Otto Moyer, Savanna depot, is still off duty. The hot weather seems to have put him "on the bum," and had to be taken to Chicago to consult a specialist.

Bro. Geo. Dupuis, Mont Clare, was off a few days on account of sickness. Bro. Lemaster, of Roselle tower B25, relieved him for a day and then Mr. E. H. Miller took the station until Bro. Dupuis returned to work. Bro. Dupuis was threatened with appendicitis, but fortunately consulted a doctor in time.

Third trick at Freeport was bulletined and then in a few days the bulletin was cancelled.

Bro. Taylor, "MT," did a short stunt at "SY" office.

Wish Bro. Teeter would please keep tab on the Southwestern Division for me and send the items to Bro. Correll, telling him to forward them to me. The boys on the Southwestern all seem to be so very busy (with outside biz). They want that division mentioned when there is something doing over there, but it seems to be too much trouble for any of them to drop me a line. I have written to several of them and they are the ones this little talk is meant for. If I can spare the time to put the items in shape for publication, they surely can spare the time to let me know what is doing over there. I have three times as much biz here as any one on the Southwestern, and I find time without any trouble.

Now, boys, all get together and when you know of any news send it to Bro. Correll as requested above and it will appear in THE TELEGRAPHER, providing I get the dope before the 22d of each month. Come across with the news. 1853.

River Division—

Increased business necessitated the recent putting on of a sixth telegrapher in the relay office at Minneapolis, the lucky number being drawn by a Mr. Kelly, formerly of the Chicago *Tribune*, but in business for himself during the past few years.

Bro. W. G. Kenyon, of Signal tower, is off for a few weeks' vacation, inspecting the new Coast Extension, and incidentally taking in the Seattle fair.

Bro. R. C. Sanborn is back at his old stand, third trick at Merriam Park, and Bro. S. H. Lester went to Signal tower to relieve Bro. Kenyon.

Telegrapher W. J. Putnam, formerly of Dakota, Minn., is now working the third trick at Signal tower. He relieved Bro. Lester on the second trick a few days while the latter attended the funeral of his father-in-law at Austin, Minn..

Understand F. C. Defield, who has been working side stable on the H. & D. at Minneapolis, has been promoted to trick dispatcher at Montevideo, Minn., and will be relieved by Bro. Chas. D. Galliven, of "C" office. Charley is not a dispatcher now, but "opes" to be some day.

Telegrapher H. A. Caddington is doing the day stunt at Chestnut St., St. Paul, relieving Bro. L. E. Kenyon, who is enjoying a sixty-day leave of absence on the Coast Extension.

Bro. T. C. Haywood, who resigned the third trick at Chestnut Street some time ago to go to the Northern Pacific, is again at his old stand.

Bro. McMahon has been appointed agent at Kings Cooley and Bro. F. G. Maloney third trick at River Junction.

The night offices at Indio and Whitman, the day office at Island Track Switch, and third tricks at Red Wing and Wabasha, are on bulletin.

Dispatchers' vacations are now finished, and H. C. Vogel, who has been relieving at Newport, returned to Hastings first trick, which sends Bro. P. J. Reed back to his old love, Blackbird Junction. There is but one telegrapher there now, on account of the new night office on the island, called Indio. This office was opened on August 14th, with Telegrapher Monson at the bat.

H. C. Vogel was stricken with a serious illness while at Newport, and dispatcher Stoneman had to be called back after having started on his vacation.

Hastings will be able to point with pride to her station surroundings after the work started by the company is finished. A shelter roof has been built on the west-bound platform, and a small room built under it for use in stormy weather. The east-bound track has been trown three feet to the east in front of the ticket-office, and the east-bound platform moved over to it and extended south to below the freight office. Both platforms are well lighted at night, and compare favorably with any station on the division.

An extra gang that is raising track through the plant at St. Croix Crossing, is making plenty of work for the telegraphers there. A few weeks ago the Burlington raised their tracks through this plant also.

The boys down along the Burlington are getting all that's coming to them in the way of work trains. The company has put in several steam shovels and trains are hauling gravel from as far south as Savanna. They are welcome to the work trains, however, as we of the C. M. & St. P. have had our fill of them.

We noticed several trains of Oriental merchandise passing over this division recently from the Pacific Coast. This business looks good to us, and the indications are that there will be considerably more of it, as the road has a freight agreement with a line of Japanese steamships.

On the return of Bro. Reed to Blackbird Junction, Mister P. C. Heuer was displaced. Can't say where he went from there.

We had the pleasure a few days ago of shaking hands with Bro. Shepard, of Bridge Switch, who was returning from a trip over the new extension.

Bro. A. F. Sundermeyer, of Houston, Texas, made a few days' visit with his old friend C. R. Latourelle, of St. Croix Crossing, last month. Bro. Sundermeyer has not been in the telegraph service for some three years, but still carries an up-to-date card in Division No. 54 (Northern Pacific). He is now in the fruit business, and his ad appears in THE TELEGRAPHER every month.

Our committee expects to reach Chicago in a short time to apprise the management that the panic is over. Let us all sell a calf and buy a card so they will know that there is a solid voice

behind them. The more solid the membership the easier becomes the position of the committee. Telegraphers are very scarce—there is a shortage on very road in the country. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern are advertising for men in the Twin City dailies and sending transportation to telegraphers as far distant as Virginia and Alabama. I was told by a Northern Pacific dispatcher that they were 160 men short, and that a good man could get about any old thing he wanted. So, at what more favorable time could we ask the company for a good schedule. They are making lots of good money and can hardly plead hard times or financial panic.

We are all pleased at the decision of the U. S. District Court in the Santa Fe case, report of which was made in last month's TELEGRAPHER, and if upheld by the Supreme Court, as we hope it will be, it will result in the abolition of the telegrapher's curse, i. e., the split trick.

Bro. Tackaberry has been enjoying a visit from his parents and brother from Fargo, N. D.

Bro. J. P. Leahy, of Riner, Wyo., Division No. 6, after a pleasant 60-day visit with his brother, W. J., at Merriam Park, returned to the sagebrush country.

Our thanks are due Bro. Latourelle, of St. Croix Crossing for his liberal contribution to this letter.

A day office has been opened at a new station called Indio on west-bound track, recently built through the island, Red Wing to Hastings. P. C. Heuer is staying there among the Indians.

Bro. S. F. Fast, the agent at Minneiska, has returned from an extended trip East. He was relieved while absent by Bro. Fiel second trick man from Kellogg.

Bro. John Olsen has departed for some new location on the C. M. & P. S. in Washington to try his fortune.

Bro. C. W. Workman has resumed work at Lake City after a three weeks' vacation. He visited the Alaska-Yukon Exposition at Seattle, and also filed on the three reservations on his way out. He was relieved by Telegrapher McCauley, who, in turn, was relieved by Bro. W. I. Martin, second trick man from Frontenac.

The robbery at Red Wing and the outcome should be a lesson to our craft. The deed will no doubt follow the criminal through life and he will find it an obstacle in his path, no matter where he goes.

Bro. Leslie Joest, of Rosedale, Miss., on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railway, who is on three weeks' vacation, recently visited his uncle, W. G. Hanson at Lake City, Minn. He reports the brothers strong in his section of the country.

CERT. 1908.

Iowa and Dakota Division—

I have volunteered to give this division a general write-up each month, and I would consider it a favor if all the brothers would write me personally and give me such news as they can get together at their respective stations. We will par-

don them for not giving any news this month, as but few knew of the arrangements.

Bro. Crumm, our local chairman, has given me quite a list of items, and I wish to thank him for his assistance.

Bro. R. M. Chamberlain, who has been working second trick at Postville, has resigned, and we understand he is now in the machine shops at Racine, Wis.

Bro. W. A. Johnson landed the second trick at Postville on bulletin.

Bro. H. B. Mowers, who was working the third trick at Postville, has been appointed agent at Okoboji on bulletin.

Mr. Mike Dunn, who has been working at different places on the I. & D., is now at home at Jackson Junction, helping his father harvest, but expects to come back on the line again soon.

Bro. H. Miller has returned from an extended trip to the coast, taking in the exposition at Seattle and visiting other points of interest in the West. He is again in harness at Postville. Relieved during his absence by Mr. C. H. Schultz.

Bro. P. R. McGovern, who recently joined our ranks, has landed the third trick at Postville on bulletin.

Bro. A. A. Whiteman, working at New Hampton, was seen going east last week, en route to Chicago for a few days' sight seeing.

We understand that Bro. J. J. Corbett, of Rudd, is enjoying a visit from one of his brothers, who resides in the East.

Mr. Jas. Kelley, second trick at Emmetsburg, has gone to Monona for a few weeks, to relieve Bro. P. F. McNeff, who is taking his vacation.

I would like to see some of the telegraphers at Sanborn come into the fold; we usually have at least two-thirds O. R. T. men at every station, but it seems as if Sanborn is blank.

There have been a number of changes made of which I have not been apprised. If every brother would drop me a line of himself and not be so backward, we could get a very nice write-up every month. Give me just a minute or so of your time each month, and assist us in getting a thorough write-up regularly. Let us make this the banner division.

There are a number of the boys on this division who have faithfully made promises to join the O. R. T., but so far there is "nothing doing." I should think these fellows who are reaping what the O. R. T. has given us would show their appreciation.

Any of the brothers wishing to help us get a good write-up will please send their news for the journal to Bro. L. R. Hume, Hartley, Iowa, who will see that it is properly taken care of.

CERT. 9662.

Wisconsin Valley Division—

Bro. Lamarche, of Minocqua, is visiting his parents at Boyd, Wis.; can not say who is relieving him.

Bro. Van Gilder held second trick at Tomahawk while Bro. Ludlam is relieving the agent at Irma.

Bro. Lynn, of Babcock, is holding down Pitts-ville station. Cannot say whether he has it permanently.

Business is coming on the Wisconsin Valley. No bulletins have been reported since last writing. The boys are all stickers.

Mr. Warner, the former side-wire man, is now working a trick in the dispatchers' office, while the dispatchers are taking their vacations.

Get after the nons and try to land them.

A BROTHER.

Vandalia Ry.

East Sub-Division—

Agent Dowling, at Greencastle, is off for four weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. W. A. Vaughan, the first trick telegrapher. Mr. Vaughan relieved by Mr. V. A. Woodward, second trick, and Mr. Woodward by Mr. R. C. Siddons, third trick man from Alameda. Mr. Siddons by Mr. Thad Pickett, from Reesville.

Bro. C. R. Shortridge, first trick at Coatesville, is off for two weeks' vacation to visit his old home; relieved by Mr. J. Stewart, third trick man, and he by Bro. Horneter, from Brazil.

Bro. Shortridge is attending two county fairs and having a royal good time.

Bro. Jos. McCullough, the second trick man at Ben Davis, drew Vevay Park, first trick on bulletin. Fred Francis, an extra man, has been working the second trick at Ben Davis. It is now filled permanently.

Bro. C. J. Benefield first trick man at Reesville, is off for two weeks; relieved by second trick man, Mr. Perkins, and he by Mr. Fred Francis.

We are to hold a meeting at Terre Haute September 15th. It is to be hoped that we have a good attendance.

We "13" Mr. C. H. Johnson, of Reesville, third trick, drew Marksville, first trick, on bulletin. We don't know at this writing who will get Reesville third.

Freight and passenger business is good and the company is spending money freely on improvements and preparing to spend a great deal more.

What about an increase in telegraphers' salaries? Living has never been so high as at present.

Mr. W. A. Vaughan, first trick at Greencastle, acted as agent at Staunton five days, vice B. F. Williams. Mr. Vaughan was relieved at Greencastle by Mr. Siddons and at Staunton by Mr. Brunner, who returned to his old position, not liking his place at St. Jacobs. Mr. Williams went to Tuopolis as agent. Mr. Siddons was relieved at Alameda by Mr. Thad Pickett, a new man from Reesville.

Sorry to say some of the boys still find it necessary to "hay" some while on duty. Cut this out, or you will be sorry.

We hear some of the boys working twelve hours and some awful hams on the wires. Both are a sure sign of a shortage of telegraphers.

Our genial first trick dispatcher, Will Harrold, is off on his annual vacation; "13" he went to old Missouri; relieved by Dispatcher Cotton.

CERT. 278.

West Division—

Bro. H. E. Weaver, second trick "RY," Rose Lake, is working first trick at "F," Effingham, during the absence of Mr. Loer, who is visiting his son in Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. V. F. Baughman, first trick at Formosa, is back at work again, having laid off to get married and is serving two weeks additional for carrying his bride-to-be, before her name was changed. He journeyed to Effingham to dodge the rattle of bells and tin cans, but was welcomed just the same on his return.

Bro. S. R. Sweeney, third trick at Formosa, is taking his vacation in New York State.

Agent G. L. Elliott, of Troy, has been confined to his bed with rheumatism, but at this writing is reported better.

Mr. Hurst, extra telegrapher, is back again from a seven-day vacation for stopping three preferred freight runs in one night, while at work at "KF," Oak Leaf. He is now working third trick at Hagarstown.

Mr. A. P. Munie, third trick at Stubblefield, is back at work again after serving seven days as a reward for causing No. 71 to receive a caution card at Greenville.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, third trick at Greenville, is visiting home folks in Indiana.

Bro. G. H. Challis, third trick at Brownstown, was working third trick at Vandalia last week, but is now back to his old stand at Brownstown.

Bro. M. C. Phillips, third trick at "F," Effingham, took in the races at Terre Haute last week. Clyde is considered good in picking out the winners.

Bro. Edmond Munie, third trick at Pocahtontas, spent a day in St. Louis visiting friends.

Extra Telegrapher G. F. Culbertson, of Vandalia, who has been working third trick at Vevay Park, was dismissed from the service for displaying a white board to No. 13, while the block was occupied by extra 146 west. He is going to get a card now and start anew.

Bro. H. C. Heck, third trick "WF," Effingham, accompanied by Miss Youny, of Dexter, Sundayed with the former's parents at Troy. Understand the young couple were welcomed with a shower of rice and corn, as the crowd were expecting Mr. Baughman and wife, but were disappointed.

Brakeman Walter Mackey, of the west end local, had the misfortune to get knocked off of the side of a box car by a stock chute, while switching at St. Elmo, receiving a bad wound on the head. He is now improving nicely and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Fireman Chas. Cavanaugh, of the west end local, was seriously injured last Saturday night at Willows, while getting off of No. 7. He is now at St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis, and expects to be able to be up in a week or so. We will be glad to see him and Brakeman Walter Mackey back on the west end local again.

Mr. A. G. Godwin, second trick at Formosa, was called upon a few days ago by a very nice-looking man who claimed he was an operator. He did not possess an O. R. T. card, but was welcomed just

the same. Mr. Godwin left the office for a few minutes and on his return found that the friendly caller and his watch had both disappeared. He has had no trace of the thief nor watch at yet.

Bro. J. C. Shea, second trick at Vandalia, spent a few hours with friends at Ramsey last week.

Bro. Tollie Thomas, first trick at Brownstown, called on friends at Vandalia last week, also at "V" office, shaking hands with old acquaintances.

Bro. E. S. Pasly, first trick at "KR," Terre Haute, has returned from his trip through the West. We are glad to have "NA" back with us again.

Bro. H. Tucker, third trick at "RY," Rose Lake, was off a week visiting home folks.

Bro. D. D. Rule, first trick at "SJ," St. Jacob, was off duty a few days on account of the illness of his wife. We are glad to hear that she has recovered.

CERTS. 276, 34.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Business on this division has been very good for some time past. Reports from all over the line indicate that telegraphers are scarce. Especially is this the case of agents able to handle a fair agency. This week I received requests from many different local chairmen. In time we propose to make a sort of an employment bureau out of the G. S. & T. office, where the railroad company can come for good men and where the brothers can get in communication with me and find out just where men are needed. Local Chairman Farlow, of Waterproof, La., says he could use a number of good agents at \$60 and commissions, several even better than that. H. Q. Gwinup, Local Chairman Illinois Division, Reily Lake, Ill., postoffice Fort Gage, Ill., wants half a dozen good telegraphers, and this is the case along the line.

We have been so busy at our railroad office and evenings getting our foot in the right direction that it has been impossible to handle the TELEGRAPHER's items as we should have done. I propose to have a letter in the TELEGRAPHER every issue from now on and tell a few things that may interest you from time to time.

General Chairman Holman has covered almost the entire division since his promotion and has done some very good work. His collections have exceeded his salary, which shows the general chairman on a salary and on the road is a paying proposition. He commenced work on the south end and appointed W. R. Griffith, local chairman for the N. O. N. W. E. & B. and F. & S. He is located at Ferriday, La. His assistant local chairman is J. R. Coulter, El Dorado, Ark. These boys took hold of their territory in fine shape and have cleaned the line up in remarkably short time. I am sure that this territory will from now on be as well lined up as any other.

Bro. J. E. Farlow, local chairman of the Valley Division, has appointed O. K. Mayo, Olla, La., and A. Pace, Galion, La., as assistants. This is the dangerous country, as it has always been very hard to keep the organization in good condition there, but it does one good to look at the "line up" now and find it practically solid.

Bro. W. F. Sawrey being elected city clerk of his home town, found it impossible to longer serve as local chairman on account of being unable to give the necessary time to the work. We hated to lose Bro. Sawrey, but he felt he'd better give it to some good Order man, and Bro. Roy Christel, Pittsburg, Kan., was appointed. He took hold of affairs with much vigor and we believe will make a good local chairman.

Bro. Frank Seal, of the Omaha Division, for many years local chairman of that division, and also a member of the general committee, resigned his office on account of feeling that he had done his duty by giving years to the work. He made a good local chairman and we were at a loss to find a good man to take his place, but convinced Bro. R. C. Fry, Auburn, Neb., he should give us his time again as local chairman, after the rest he had enjoyed. He at last consented and was appointed. T. L. Colborn, Basehor, Kan., is assistant of the K. C. N. W. Division.

We would very much like to have every local chairman appoint some one to look after the items for THE TELEGRAPHER. Let's all get some one, whose duty it will be to get the good work done. On account of the G. S. & T. work requiring every minute of my time and way into the night, I have appointed J. E. Rickenbrode as assistant local chairman of the Southern Kansas Division to look after organization. He is located at Oxford, Kan., as agent.

We were all shocked to hear of the death of Bro. Glenn Cunningham, of Casey, Ill. He was at one time local chairman of the Southern Kansas Division.

Bro. C. C. Denney, Cert. 564, of Healey, Kan., W. L. Hawsey, of Georgetown, La., Cert. 1099, both have died recently, the latter on June 5th. A. J. Phillips, of Hematite, Mo., Cert. 1514, on May 12th; also J. T. Waugh, Valley Park, Mo., Cert. 2234, on July 1st, were among those called away from our division during the past few months. I am sure the friends of the deceased have our heartfelt sympathy.

We have made a great gain for the year, but we are very anxious that each one do some individual work. Send for blanks and we will be glad to assist you in every way possible. We want to clean up the division in as good shape as possible before the committee goes up, which we expect to do at the end of our schedule year. Put your shoulder to the wheel and push all you can for thorough organization.

Write your officials whenever you have anything of interest. Remember we are simply one big family and we should do all we can for the common good.

H. J. MOHLER,
G. S. and T.

Natchez Division—

Our items for July, which were not in that number of the journal, were evidently received too late for publication, which disappointed quite a few of the boys who had recently elected a new correspondent and were looking for a good write-up.

The "American School of Telegraphy" has been moved from Bastrop to El Dorado, where they are doing a thriving business. The old proverb, "A fool is born every minute" was outdone in the vicinity of El Dorado some fifteen or twenty years back. Recent developments tend to show that more than one per minute was born during that period.

If the present scarcity of operators in this country is not occasioned by the hot Southern weather, business must be as good as it was two years ago, when jobs were very plentiful. Bro. Griffith was about two weeks securing relief and I have recently heard of several vacancies.

"Ole Griff" did not supply the promised notes for this month's write-up, and it is likely several changes will be overlooked. Do not know who relieved "RG" for his month's vacation in Tennessee.

Bro. Todd, from Wisner, relieved Bro. Burke at Bastrop, while Burke is enjoying a mid-summer vacation in parts unknown. Understand "BK's" first act to his big show was a "gander lunch" at "DI," with Dickey and the boys down there.

Our superintendent, Mr. Morse, with his family, in his private car 35, is enjoying a much-needed vacation in Colorado. Mr. Kendall, train master of the Valley Division, has charge of Mr. Morse's territory in his absence. Div. Cor. 985.

Hoisington and Horace District—

Bro. F. A. Thompson, owl at Leoti, is working as agent at Scott City, in Bro. Hartman's place. The latter is on sick list.

Bro. E. E. Windsor, agent at McCracken, and wife, departed for Washington a couple of weeks ago to take in the sights of Seattle and Frisco. Their son, Bro. T. H. Windsor, is holding down the owl trick. They contemplate going to Washington, D. C., where Bro. Windsor, Sr., has a position.

Mr. J. S. Siddorn, our former chief, has been assigned third trick, second trick dispatcher L. A. David being appointed chief in place of Mr. Siddorn. L. O. McMeekin, former third trick man, has taken second trick. Mr. Siddorn has been dispatching trains on this division for a number of years, and has been our chief for nearly a year. He is a first-class man.

Bro. Adam Richards, operator at Scott City, has resigned, and gone to Colorado.

We are all very much grieved over the departure of our friend and beloved Bro. D. M. Southwick, who passed away on the 27th of July, 1909, after a short illness of neuralgia of the heart, being only sick a few days. He leaves a wife and three children, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. A token of brotherly love was contributed by the O. R. T. brothers in the form of a wreath of flowers. A lot of nice flowers was also sent in by the brothers at Pueblo, Colo. The writer wishes to thank all those who contributed towards these tokens of regard and brotherly love, and we all extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the family of our beloved brother. Bro. Southwick worked third trick at Hoisington.

Another death which occurred recently was that of Bro. Thompson, agent at Otis, who died suddenly August 28th, from typhoid fever. He had worked up to within a couple of days before his death. He was a comparatively new man, coming from Illinois, and the remains were sent back to his home for interment. Although not very well known here the friends and relatives have our fullest sympathy.

Bro. R. H. Conner, formerly agent at Brownell, has been acting agent at Eads, Colo., in the absence of Bro. Robinson, who has been off on a vacation for the past two weeks, but has just returned, putting Bro. Conner back on third trick at Eads, the third trick man going to North Fowler, to work nights.

Bro. Coughlin, operator at Scott City, who has been off on a vacation for the past three months, traveling through the East, is back again, doing the "owl stunt." He reports having had a good time and we are glad to see him back with us again. G. W. CURTIS,
Div. Cor.

Joplin Division—

Brothers, I have been appointed local chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the resigning of Bro. Sawery. I find the division in good shape, with but a few nons in evidence. I am now working upon these men and hope to have them lined up soon. I wish to ask all brothers who have not paid dues for current term to do so. The duties of local chairman are new to me, but I think that within a short time I will work myself into the harness all right. I wish the brothers would keep me informed as to all changes made so that I can take the matter up and have the vacancies bulletined. I need the assistance of the boys on the north end, as vacancies may occur of which I will not hear. When a new man lights get his certificate and division number and inform me, so I can transfer him. He will receive benefits from Division 31 and should therefore pay his dues to us.

I do not want the boys to forget that I am ready at any and all times to take up their cases where they are not receiving justice. Write me fully and I will endeavor to get a quick and just settlement.

ROY CHRISTEL,
Local Chairman.

Bro. R. J. Malone, at Adrian, is off on a leave of absence; relieved by Mr. D. C. Jones.

Mr. W. O. Long and Mr. Chas. Perry are doing the stunts at Cornell.

The following positions have been up for bid and assignments made: Cornell, days, Bro. H. Hopper. Cornell, nights, Bro. A. T. Blume. Webb City, nights, Mr. Chas. Perry.

I understand a night office has been opened at Adrian, Mo., and suppose I will receive authority to advertise it soon.

Mr. W. F. Brewogel, agent at Cornell, Kan., reports business flourishing around the coal mines. He contemplates a leave of absence soon and will make an extended trip to the South and Southwest.

Recently I had quite a talk with a certain non. He said, "I have helped make the O. R. T." I suppose he has forgotten the fact that he has received every cent of his money back in the way of increase in salary and pay for overtime. It would have been more appropriate if he had made the statement that the O. R. T. had helped make him.

Bro. J. F. Geiger, of Butler, is off on a vacation. Relieved by Mr. J. T. Deene.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Northern Kansas Division—

We have several new telegraphers on the line and I am glad to see so many cards among them. Those who have been put on and have not joined us no doubt will soon do so. Let us show them that it is to their advantage to join the organization of their craft.

We recently enjoyed a visit from Bro. W. M. Holman, General Chairman, and we can all see the good work he has done along the line. Simply look at the applications turned in during the latter part of July—this talks for itself.

We now have Bro. C. A. Merritt at Muscotah, Bro. F. F. O'Bryan is at Goffs, relieving Bro. J. W. Miner, Bro. C. R. Tolliver is on a vacation. There have been several changes at Corning. Bro. F. A. Moore is still there. Telegrapher G. A. Redmond resigned and Telegrapher C. W. Allen took his place, but left after four nights. He resigned and returned home and was relieved by Telegrapher E. J. Hart, from the Northern Pacific. Telegrapher Allen could not find a place to board at Corning.

Bro. Parsons, of Frankfort, is on vacation and is being relieved by Bro. E. L. Gilworth.

At Blue Rapids we now have Bro. A. V. Sandborn, who just joined us.

Bro. A. V. King, of Linn, is on vacation and Bro. J. A. Milburn is holding that place down.

Jamestown now has Bro. S. A. White and Telegrapher W. Peers, who was just put on.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Burr Oak Branch—

Mr. S. H. Farrer, of Randall, is off while Mr. L. Worley is filling his place.

Prosser Branch—

Mr. D. C. Hinds has returned to work.

Division No. 2—

If we get all the applications that have been promised we will have almost a solid line up and that is what we all should be working for. Some of the boys are not getting fair deals the way things are run at present, but this business of split hours and on all night is being looked into and we all hope the matter will soon be adjusted satisfactorily.

COR.

Eastern District—

Plenty of news in this district if the boys would send it in.

Telegraphers are as scarce as twenty-dollar gold pieces.

Telegrapher Cardin, third trick at "CD," Kansas City, has left the service, being relieved by Telegrapher Buhler, who formerly worked in this office, but is now studying to be a physician. This is a very undesirable position, and I have discontinued issuing bulletins for this trick, as I can not get a bid on it.

Bro. I. N. Underwood, the agent at Greenwood, was called to Ohio on account of the serious illness of his brother. He was relieved by Bro. J. J. Gunn.

Bro. Ben L. Hill, agent at Higginsville, with his family is spending thirty days in the mountains in Colorado. Bro. C. E. Buehner is holding down Higginsville during Hill's absence.

Bro. J. C. Needles, the agent at Wooldridge, has not missed a payday for five years and has been trying for three weeks to get relief for a few days, but on account of the scarcity of telegraphers he is unable to get away.

In the July Journal I asked that every member furnish me with a list of the men employed at his station, saying if members or nons, etc., and I received this information from the following brothers: G. S. Kramer, Hermann; G. F. Heinke, Hermann; E. B. Ward, Hermann; J. D. Jones, Kansas City; S. K. Martin, Lupus; F. A. Wilson, Myrick; J. C. Needles, Woolbridge, and S. S. Johnson, Gasconade.

When these brothers, and some of them holding the hardest positions on the district, can spare two minutes' time to mail me this information, I think some of you fellows who have much easier positions should be ashamed of yourselves for not taking at least a little interest in the Order.

I can not understand how you expect the organization to be successful in bettering your conditions if you insist upon lying down and depending upon one man to do all the work of the organization. If you would all jump in and assist with the work you would be surprised how much we could accomplish.

Bro. Clifford, nights at Lamonte, is off on account of sickness and is being relieved by Bro. P. E. Aylesworth.

The writer was off ten days this month taking the Mrs. to Colorado, where she will remain about three months hoping to improve her health. I was relieved by Telegrapher Robinson, who is now relieving Bro. Bair on third trick at Pleasant Hill.

Bro. McBride, the agent at Centerview, is back at work after several weeks' rest, during which time he was relieved by Bro. Phillips a portion of the time, and Bro. Nance a portion.

Now, you fellows, wake up and get busy; take an interest in the organization or some afternoon the undertaker will happen around and, taking you for dead, will have you buried before you wake up.

W. L. W.

St. L. I. M. & S. Ry.

Illinois Division—

I find in going over my records of this division with Bros. Quick and Mohler, that there still remains a few who have not paid their current term dues, notwithstanding they have received two months' pay since notices were sent them by Bro. Mohler. Men, this is not right. You should be more prompt in matters of this kind, as it is to your interest to keep up to date and assist in bettering your own condition, instead of becoming indifferent and allowing the rest of us to do all work. Remember, it requires a great deal of money to maintain an organization like the O. R. T., and should we all do as you are doing, how long would it be before we would be back to the same conditions existing a few years ago, when you were working for \$35.00 and \$40.00 per month, sixteen and eighteen hours per day with no overtime. Therefore I say, show your appreciation for what the O. R. T. has done for you by paying your dues, using your influence in securing new members and otherwise helping to build up the Order.

All the news I have has been picked up through conversation on the wire, and there has been a good deal of shifting among the boys during the past month. I am now provided with an up-to-date seniority list, due to the kindness of our worthy chief, Mr. Barker. Anyone desiring to learn his seniority will be advised by calling on me.

Bro. T. L. Donahue, of Murphysboro, has left the service, being relieved by Bro. Drake, who received the position on bulletin.

Bro. Biggerstaff is off a few days, visiting his parents in Indiana, having been relieved by Bro. Borah. We hope he had a good time while on his vacation.

Bro. W. B. Parker, after spending a few days with his parents in Thackery, Ill., is back with us, and is now located at Gorham second trick, which position he received on bid.

Bro. R. A. Collier, formerly of the Illinois Southern, is now agent at Gorham, relieving Bro. Moake, who is back at "WX," Chester, working nights.

Bro. Pugh, formerly agent at Bush, has left the service on this division to engage in other business, being relieved by Mr. Taylor Atkinson. Have not learned if Mr. Atkinson is a brother or not.

The "chill" season is about over. Now, boys, let's settle down with a determination to give the company better service each day. We should look forward to something more than the quitting hour of the day and payday. When you meet a man who is going to take a trip, or has some freight to ship, talk "Iron Mountain" to him. Your influence will help wonderfully in securing business for the company.

In a communication from our chief, Bro. Barker, he says: "I am for the boys, and will give them the very best I have, but they must settle down and all work together at all times, as one large

family." Could you ask for anything better? I think not. So, let's show him we appreciate his kindness by giving him the best service we possibly can.

I would like to see a better write-up in the journal next month, and will ask that you each send me one news item. If this is done, this division will be pretty well represented. Surely, if I am willing to act as your local chairman without compensation, you should be willing to assist me in the write-up. Call me on the wire any time between 3 p. m. and midnight, or mail news items to me at Fort Gage, Ill., and I assure you they will be sent in for publication. News items should reach me on or before the 25th of the month.

H. Q. GWINUP,
Local Chairman.

Business on the Natchez Division at this season is about double what it was one year ago. If it holds up we will do more this fall than ever before.

Superintendent Morse made a trip over the division in his private car "35," a few days ago, accompanied by his chief clerk, Mr. Mabie, Chief Rogers and a few minor officials.

Bro. Evans, of White, was recently relieved by Bro. Bird, from Archibald. Understand the new man at Archibald is on the outside. Have him under investigation, however, and should have him OK at the proper time. Do not know the reason for Bro. Evans quitting us.

Bro. Brown, from Winnsboro, has accepted the job at Farmerville.

Mangham and White agencies have been bulletined. Do not know who will bid for them.

Bro. West, from Collinston, is relieving Mr. Sumlin, agent at Felsenthal, for a short time.

Non-airs don't stay on our division very long as nons, since our present energetic local chairman assumed office.

We understand that one of our former brothers, E. J. Dugal, has back-slidden to the very limit, and is now professor in a school for hams at Strong.

We regretted very much to hear of the death of Bro. Hawsey at the hospital in St. Louis, July 5th. He was formerly agent at Gilbert, La.

Bro. Coulter, of El Dorado, returned to work June 27th, after a three weeks' vacation. Relieved by the old-timer, Pete Melear.

Nothing will stimulate interest in the Order and the welfare of the division more than a good write-up each month, and if there is a non on the division no one is more anxious to read a write-up of the division on which he works than himself. Our division is as near solid as any on the system, and we can make it solid if everyone will lend assistance to that end. The office of division correspondent is not a very remunerative one, but we know the monthly write-up is appreciated, as the boys are fairly good to send in items occasionally.

Div. Cor.

Business on the White River Division is getting to be heavy, so many empties moving from northern to southern district via White River, and the maintenance of way people are doing a great deal of ballasting and ditching, which is a great improvement.

Bro. S. Reed, of Aurora superintendent's office, was off during the month of July, visiting relatives in Wichita, Kansas, Kansas City, and St. Louis. He was relieved by Bro. Blassingame.

Bro. Blassingame and Bro. W. G. Mackey took a leave of absence during the first ten days of this month, and is being relieved by Bro. Blassingame.

A telegrapher was put on in Aurora ticket office effective July 1st. W. K. Cottrell, of Galena, bid in the position, and Bro. J. P. Klotz, of Branson, bid in Galena. Branson is now on bulletin, and I don't know who will bid it in, but we hope Walter Pharriss will be the lucky man.

Bro. C. H. Butler, of Sylamore, is taking a leave of absence of sixty days, and is being relieved by Bro. G. W. McVey, of Mt. Olive. A new man named Harris has been hired on the division, and is now relieving the agent at Buffalo.

Bro. A. Ausmus has returned from his vacation and has resumed duty as agent at Clever, Mo.

CERT. 2226.

Central Division—

In order not to disappoint the members, I will give a few items. The changes are so numerous that I am unable to keep tab on them.

Telegrapher Barger has been relieved by Mr. Wyle.

Bro. Berry, the agent at Claremore, has resigned. We are sorry to lose him. Mr. Slight, a new-comer, has been checked in.

Telegrapher Morgan, agent at Inola, has departed for parts unknown.

Bro. Hays, of Wagoner, is now working second trick for the C. R. I. & P. and K. C. S. at Howe. Telegrapher Stevenson is now working third trick at Wagoner.

The gravel pit has been opened with Bro. Evans in charge.

Telegrapher Petree, of Ft. Gibson, is working nights at Ft. Smith, while Bro. Walsh is visiting relatives in Memphis.

Telegrapher Crumble is working nights at Ft. Gibson while Petree is at Ft. Smith.

Bro. Rozzell has had his resignation in for two months. It does not look as though men were so plentiful.

Bro. Neel, of Sallisaw, is taking his summer vacation in Illinois, being relieved by Telegrapher Anderson.

Mr. Karl Shaver, third trick dispatcher on east end, is acting chief during the construction work. There is where we have a friend. All he asks is that we meet him half way.

Business has picked up on the Central. There are three regular work trains. We trust the night men will stay awake, as there has been some kick by dispatchers on account of their sleeping on

duty. We must get after the nons; all the new men showing up here of late are nons. As soon as a new man makes his appearance, find out if he is up to date. If not, write me for set of blanks and go to work on him. If he belongs to some other division, give me his division and cert. number, as Division 31 needs the coin. If he does not transfer, he gets all the benefits from us free of charge and another division gets the money.

When a vacancy occurs or you have a grievance let me know, as it is impossible for me to keep track of all the changes.

If any brother can spare the time to contribute a few items, I would thank him to do so, as they are always appreciated. CERT. 438.

St. L. & S. F. Ry.

Western Division—

Bro. Bobbitt, of Latham, expects to take a leave of absence soon and visit points in the East.

Bro. Welty is back at work at Peckham after some time off on account of falling out of a wagon and breaking his arm; relieved by Mr. Edgar.

J. W. Hall, agent at Blackwell, off on vacation and Bro. C. O. Fritz is handling the station. Mr. Edwards is relieving Bro. Fritz. L. C.

Northern Division—

Bro. G. W. Mills, of Pendleton, has been appointed assistant local chairman.

Bro. Fred Cox is relieving Agent Vincent, off on vacation.

Bro. Reichards, who is working third trick at Ash Grove, was recently transferred to this division.

Bro. Roy Coon, formerly phone operator at Prescott, is now working second trick at Edward, after relieving Bro. Sumner at Fulton for a few nights. Bro. Sumner resigned, being relieved at Fulton permanently by Bro. Messick. Bro. Messick relieved Bro. Mills at Pendleton during the high water trouble, Bro. Mills going to Paola, but is now back at his old position.

Telegrapher Foltz, of Pittsburg, is laying off, being relieved by Bro. Lindsey. Bro. Estus is relieving Bro. Lindsey. Bro. Schlicht is working second trick at Rosedale, relieving Sister Waidelich.

Agent Whelan, of Scammon, who is relieving Mr. Lewis, of Cherokee, while the latter is taking a trip West, is being relieved by Bro. Crawford. Bro. Barrall, who was relieving Telegrapher Hunter, of Cherokee, while he was in Springfield hospital, is relieving Bro. Crawford.

Bro. Joe Hunter, of Olathe, is taking a vacation, being relieved by Callahan.

Traffic has been very heavy on Northern Division, causing considerable increase in telegraphing over entire division. Bro. Estus was put on at Ft. Scott extra on account of increased business after the washouts on Kansas City districts for a week or ten days. After he was taken off it was necessary to put a man on again. Blakesley, who has been trying to relieve third trick wire chief at Memphis, filling in temporarily. L. C.

Southwestern Division—

Bro. Mattson, the agent at Luther, is laying off and is going to Chicago to have his eyes treated; relieved by Bro. Hicks, of Scullin.

Bro. E. P. Kennedy, formerly agent at Jones, resigned to take charge of his farm near that place.

Bro. Gaither, agent at Jones, Okla., has resigned and contemplates going to Canada for his health and will probably remain; relieved by Bro. Bean.

P. O. Ward has been installed as agent at Spencer, vice Bro. Bean, transferred.

Our old friend, Bro. Nelms, is again at Supulpa and will remain there for the present. L. C.

Third District—

Brooks Junction has been opened as an agency. C. L. Short is agent and J. H. Brown is doing the night work.

Bro. J. C. Pharris, of Sikeston, is laying off thirty days, being relieved by L. C. Harper, off I. C. Division.

S. B. Crain is working the clerkship at Sikeston during Bro. John La Font's absence. La Font is at the hospital with a broken leg, caused by a truck falling across him while he was loading baggage.

Bro. R. K. Finley, at Kewanee, is off duty a few days on account of sickness.

On account of the watermelon rush this month, business has been too good to give all the happenings, but next month I will try to give all the changes, etc. Boys, send me all news items by the 13th of each month. Lend me your assistance. I have appointed two assistant local chairmen and will notify you as to who they are in next issue of TELEGRAPHER. Let's give good service on old Division 32 and let the Hon. O. J. Grimes, chief dispatcher, see that we appreciate he is such a jolly good fellow and let him smile and wish us well. L. C.

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.**Cleveland Division—**

Former agent, T. A. Sherridan, of Peninsula, departed from this life August 18th, after a lingering illness of several months. He leaves behind seven children, the youngest of which was only about five years of age. His wife had been dead for several years. His children have the sympathy of all.

Bro. E. F. Harris has returned from a tour of the West and is now doing his old stunt at Belt Line Crossing, Bro. Billings going back on third trick; Bro. W. C. Meese is working second trick at Belt Line.

Bro. J. G. Tope is working nights at Cleveland "CS"; Bro. H. J. Marlowe and Bro. C. W. C. Wright are working days on "sidewire."

Telegrapher C. O. Tuttle received second trick at South Park on bid.

Extra Telegrapher Barnes is working second trick at Peninsula until same is put on bulletin.

Bro. W. E. Kilbow, East Akron, on bid, working at Akron, Howard street, while Bro. Marlow is at "CS."

Bro. Murray has gone to Liverpool on bid.

Mr. James received Strongsville on bid.

Bro. C. W. C. Wright, of "CS" office, Cleveland, is off a week visiting friends at Uhrichsville.

Bro. E. M. Holcomb, the second trick man at Belt Line Crossing, pro tem., is working sidewires during Bro. Wright's absence.

Mr. Fidler, who works the third trick at Uhrichsville, is off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Eaton.

Telegrapher Wilson is working at Lorain, third trick, while Telegrapher Fossen Potter is laying off sick. Did not hear who relieved Mr. Wilson at Elyria.

Telegrapher Van Foster is working the second trick at Lorain while Bro. Holcomb is working at Cleveland in the relay room.

Bro. F. P. Darland, at Canton Scales, resigned and has started West with his family. He had an offer of a better position on the Penna. Co.

Bro. F. X. Lengs, of North Industry, has returned to work after spending his vacation in the wild and woolly mountains around Lake Park, West Virginia.

Bro. C. W. Goodrich, the third trick man at Columbia, after having been off for two months on account of sickness, returned and immediately resigned and accepted a position on the Wheeling & Lake Erie at Canton.

Bro. Jackman is working at Columbia third trick until the place is bulletined and bid in.

Bro. F. S. Hoover, the agent at Sandyville, has returned to duty after being off a few weeks on account of sickness.

Bro. J. M. Hood is at East Akron, extra, while the regular man is filling other vacancies, and Bro. H. M. Brown is still captain of the Valley fence gang.

Mr. A. W. Sayers, of Lester, has resigned and is now working in the W. & L. E. roundhouse at Brewster.

Bro. "Dink" Shafer, of "ND" tower, is taking an extended trip through the West, going as far as the coast. He expects to be gone a month. Bro. Cunningham is relieving him during his absence.

Bro. J. C. Hendricks is working for the W. & L. E. at Justus. He formerly worked on this division of the B. & O.

Bro. Helder, of Lester, and Bro. Wilbur George, of Freeport, were off for a few days, recently.

Quite a number of the boys on this division have asked for leave of absence during the month of September.

We have not heard officially who is to take Bro. Darland's place as assistant local chairman, but we understood on the quiet from a pretty reliable source that it would be offered to Bro. Jack Mulhearn, of Akron, Howard street. "Jack" would make good, I believe, and will have quite a number of nons that are good material to work upon. Bro. Darland made good as an organizer and we hope that his successor will do the same.

Bro. A. F. Blank will be called upon to do the duties of division correspondent, and all those who can scare up any items for THE TELEGRAPHER will please send them in future to Bro. Blank at Massillon or to Bro. McCoy at Massillon.

Business is booming on the Baltimore & Ohio now, and we are called upon to help keep things moving, and stay wide awake and hustle. Maybe we can get that new schedule before long if we are found attending strictly to business.

Those eight-hour night men must remember that they are paid for working and not for sleeping, for you are now allowed 16 hours in which to sleep, and every minute you are asleep on duty serves to put you farther and farther away from a raise in salary. So, get busy. Div. Cor.

Columbus and Newark Division—

As there has been no changes lately, news is scarce. Business is picking up considerably on this "pike," which is good news to all. With a three-track system, all new rail, limestone ballast, and about 95 per cent Order men, why should there be any delay to trains.

Telegrapher Allbright is working second trick at Black Lick, while Bro. Runnels is taking a vacation.

Bro. Dildine is again working his regular first trick at "BK" tower after a few weeks' visit with his family in St. Louis, Mo. He also visited the States of Indiana and Illinois. Telegrapher C. R. Conley relieved during his absence.

Bro. Fletch is working second trick at "ND" tower, Newark, while Telegrapher Kimball is visiting in Indiana.

Bro. C. R. Wilson, of Outville, is still on vacation in Camp Perris, O. He is a lieutenant of the O. N. G. Telegrapher Pierson is working his trick.

Bro. Danford has his new dwelling completed and has moved in.

Brothers, I will ask you in this write-up to appoint some other brother as division correspondent. I thank the brothers very much for their assistance in gathering news, and wish my successor the best of success. E. A. D.

West End Cumberland Division—

Business is still picking up on this part of the line, and it begins to look like prosperity has returned sure enough.

Bro. D. H. Morarity and wife, of the Newark division, are at Oakland for the benefit of Mrs. Morarity's health.

Bro. J. R. Murphy was off several days last month, and spent the time in visiting around Pittsburgh.

A pretty fair crowd turned out for the August meeting, but there is no reason why many more could not have been there. Brothers, I wish you would try and turn out for these meetings. Remember, they only come once a month. Don't let the old regulars do it all. Try to remember the third Thursday of each month hereafter, and don't forget your local dues.

We are pleased to note that Bro. Cogan, of Oakland, is back from the hospital and at work again, looking as well as ever.

It is with much sorrow that we have to chronicle the death of Bro. F. O. Brown, assistant agent and telegrapher at Thornton, W. Va. He was sick

but two weeks. Death was due to typhoid fever. He leaves a young widow to mourn his loss, who is a sister of Bro. Haldeman; third trick man at Thornton. Bro. Brown's parents came all the way from their home in Missouri to attend the funeral. The local sent an appropriate wreath with the letters O. R. T. on it.

While Bro. Brown was not with us very long, he was well liked and made many friends who will miss him very much. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to the great beyond our esteemed and worthy brother, F. O. Brown; therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of the West End Cumberland District B. & O. System, Division No. 33, that we tender the bereaved wife and relatives our sincere sympathy in their sorrow, which we share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the relatives of the deceased, a copy be sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and also that a copy be spread on the minutes of this division.

W. C. READY,
C. H. LOVINGSTINE,
D. T. RASCHER,
Committee.

New Castle Division—

Bro. Greene, first trick at Ravenna, is off sick for a few days; relieved by "Professor" Russell from T. F. Tower, who was relieved by Telegrapher Krueger.

Bro. Fearer having left the service, Niles Junction, third trick, was bid in by Mr. C. G. Russell, who worked first trick at Haselton while Bro. Faust was away. Bro. Faust has returned from Hot Springs, but we understand has not made the improvement to be desired and will seek treatment elsewhere. Mr. Russell was relieved at Haselton to take Niles Junction, by Mr. Kern, a new man on the division. Unable to say how he stands, but hope on the right side.

Bro. Flory, third trick at Haselton, began a two weeks' vacation July 24th, but was called back on 26th on account of Telegrapher Johnston reporting sick. He was again relieved August 12th, by Brother King, who will, on Bro. Flory's return, go to Ravenna to relieve Brother Quay on second trick and put Bro. King in Ravenna, for "home week." Bro. King doubtless appreciates the favor.

Bro. Carleton, who has been working extra on east end, has resigned to accept a position with N. P. Ry.

Operator Pfeil, who left the side wire in New Castle to try a position with the Santa Fe, is having great success. He was relieved by Bro. Bedell, from N. C. Junction, who was relieved by Bro. Carleton. Bro. Sarff, third trick at N. C. Junction, who is to take an extended vacation, has been relieved by Bro. Kelsey.

Bro. Bedell is again back on his regular job at N. C. Junction, second trick, and Bro. Trussell is working side wire at New Castle.

Bro. Atkinson, first trick at P. Y. & A. crossing, took a week's vacation and was relieved by Telegrapher Seiring, who also relieved Bro. Maynard at Chardon for a few days.

Brother Carter, agent at Wayland, has been off sick for some time. A Mr. Shaw has been checked in as agent during Bro. Carter's absence.

Bro. G. R. Kistler, who relieved Bro. Alexander as clerk at Cuyahoga Falls, has resigned, being relieved by a Mr. Jump from the Erie, at Warren, whom we understand is not a telegrapher.

East items are rather scarce this month. We thank Bro. Hawk for his assistance.

Bro. E. R. Post is working second trick at Newton Falls and Mr. Steinmetz, the third, while it is being advertised. Understand Bro. Hawk, from Haselton, is the successful applicant for this position, and that Bro. Post landed the second trick at Boughtonville.

Bro. McCannon, of Boughtonville, spent Sunday recently taking in the sights at Cedar Point.

Mr. Milburn, first trick, "OD" tower, Lodi, spent a ten-days' vacation visiting relatives in various Ohio and Pennsylvania towns. He was relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. King relieved Mr. Adams, third trick, Lodi, for one night while he was in New Castle, and from there was sent to Haselton to relieve Bro. Flory for a few days.

Bro. Burch, third trick, Greenwich, is off for a few days on account of death of his father; relieved by Mr. A. H. Richards, who hails from the "Bevy."

Bro. McCannon, third trick, Boughtonville, is taking a trip through the West. He was relieved by Mr. Ferrell, who, after a few nights' service (?) was relieved by Mr. Niland, who comes from the N. & W., and surely ought to be a brother. Telegrapher Mehan worked second trick at this point while it was being advertised.

Mr. A. J. Eggleston, late of the P. Y. & A., is relieving Bro. Elson, of "MR" tower, who is spending his vacation near Lake Erie.

Bro. Gleason, second trick at "MN" tower, was off a few days on account of the sickness of his wife. Mr. Richards did the extra work.

Bro. Meagher, third trick, Nova, has resigned to accept a much better position in Cleveland. We wish him success.

Bro. Breneman, first trick man at Greenwich, finally got his relief, and is now enjoying his vacation with his wife and daughter, on the islands of Lake Erie.

Cedar Point excursion trains will soon be a thing of the past, for the season of 1909, as that famous resort closes in a couple of weeks.

Our write-up is rather small this month, as nothing came in from the Lake branch or from east of Akron.

UNCLE BIFF.

Chicago Division—

Bro. Durke is leading a gay life at Wolf Lake yards since he landed first trick.

Bro. L. M. Hontz, second trick at Kimmell, has asked for a six months' leave of absence and will take a course in electrical engineering at Ada.

Ohio. There is no doubt of Bro. Hontz making good, judging by his splendid record with the B. & O. We wish him success.

Bro. Fred Thornton, second trick at Alida, is taking his vacation.

Any of our members who are still delinquent should square up now. Remember, it is going to take money to get our schedule revised, and each man should see that he has an up-to-date, at once.

Mr. Alwine, third trick, Cromwell, left his student on the job recently and went out of town on the early morning train, No. 11. Mr. Student proceeded to "ball things up" in grand style in a very short time, and had to send a hurry-up call for Bro. Weaver, who came and straightened up the train orders. "Wonder" why the professor did not serve time. Any one else would have been discharged. But, never mind, such scabs will meet their Waterloo in time. Alwine, while running a school at Fostoria and Deshler, lost the job of relief agent. It is needless to say if the higher officials learn of this absence from duty it will put some of the lower officers in a bad light.

Drv. Con.

Baltimore Division—

I have not seen a word from this division for several months. However, I am glad to say she is still in the ring.

There is a scarcity of men on account of sickness and telegraphers being off on vacations.

Bro. J. W. Williams, of Boyds, has been off some time visiting "Seattle." We all wish him a pleasant trip. He will be able to tell us all about it when he returns, for he is a great talker.

Bro. Warfel, of Barneyesville, Md., was off for 10 days recently, visiting relatives in Pennsylvania, and also spent a few days in New York and at Atlantic City. He is now back at the key.

We are all very sorry to hear of the death of Bro. Sam Rohrer, of "QN" tower, Washington, D. C., on Saturday, August 21st. He has been with the B. & O. as telegrapher for many years. His family has our deepest sympathy.

Bro. Martin, of Dickinson, Md., took a 10 days' vacation September 1st, visiting his home in Virginia.

We would like to see all members working second and third tricks, and as many of the first trick men as possible at our regular meeting, 11 a. m., third Friday of September and December, at Washington Junction. These are two very important meetings and we desire that all the members be present. *Do not forget the dates, Friday, September 17th, and Friday, December 17th.*

Business on the line is quite brisk once more; 73 to all.

G. W. C.

Pittsburg Division, P. & W. District—

The regular meeting of this division was held on August 19th. The attendance was mostly from the P. & W. district, the Pike district not being represented at all.

Local Chairman Yeager and Saffard were both present and made some very pointed and interesting remarks on the union label question. It was

shown that this very important matter is not receiving the attention it deserves from the members of organized labor. If union men and their families would insist on having the label on all their purchases and patronize nothing but strictly union establishments, they would by so doing be placing a powerful lever in the hands of union men for the uplifting of the working class in general and organized labor in particular. The labor exploiters and their sympathizers have nothing to fear from a class of men who are so careless of their own interests that they never stop to ascertain whether the concerns they patronize are fair to union labor or not. Remember, that every time you buy an article which does not bear the union label, you are patronizing the scab and the strike-breaker and his employer.

The familiar face of Bro. J. D. Dunbar was again seen, after an absence of nearly a year from our meetings, owing to his having been working second trick.

Bro. M. W. Fitzpatrick, one of the most expert of our amateur baseball players, is still holding down Willow Grove third trick. We understand "Mike" declined several very tempting offers to enter the professional baseball field and while "RO" is a hot job, he still finds time to keep himself in perfect practice on the diamond.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Baker of Wildwood, who has been laid up with fever, is rapidly recovering.

Bro. T. B. Stoops, formerly clerk at Zelienople, has accepted the agency at Allison Park.

Bro. C. W. Brown has again resumed duty, first trick, at Willow Grove, after a vacation spent in the Northwest.

First Trick Dispatcher Harbison, who was injured in a street car accident several weeks ago, has again returned to the train sheet.

Bro. O. M. Johnson, agent at Callery, was painfully injured while playing baseball by being struck on the forearm with a pitched ball.

Bro. Loose, of Ellwood City, is contemplating an extended trip through the East in the near future.

Quite a number of the members of Divisions 33 and 52 were noticed in attendance at the big Debs' meeting in Old City Hall, on the 24th inst. Debs was at his best. "Nuf sed."

CERT 66.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered the home and taken therefrom the infant son of our brother, J. J. Lanning; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Pittsburg District Division, No. 33, extend to Bro. Lanning and family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved brother and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

OLIVER WETZEL,
W. C. SAFFORD,
C. W. BROWN,

Committee.

Monongah Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, has deemed best to remove from our midst the beloved fathers of our worthy brothers, D. I. McCualsky, A. R. Payne, and Worley W. Powell; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the membership of the Monongah District B. & O. R. R. System, Division No. 33, extend to Bros. McCualsky, Payne and Powell and their families our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this division, a copy forwarded to Bros. McCualsky, Payne and Powell, and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. L. LOSEY,
W. P. TURNER,
R. W. BEVANS,
Committee.

C. & E. I. Ry.

Illinois Division—

We have heard no more of the proposed revision of schedule up to time of this writing, but hope there will be something doing in this line before this goes to press. Understand there is to be a meeting held in the near future, probably on this division, to discuss arrangements for the revision. We hope that all brothers will get after the nons in their vicinity before this meeting in order to have a good line-up, which will be necessary to insure a revised schedule which will be satisfactory to all offices. We should have an organizer go over the road as soon as possible. There have been so many changes made in the past few months that it is hard to tell just how we stand.

Telegrapher J. S. Booth, who relieved Bro. E. J. Rice, second trick, Mt. Vernon, a short time ago, has resigned to go into other business. Bro. Rice has also resigned and has gone to his home at Westervelt. Telegrapher C. C. Ham, who has been on extra list, has bid in second trick at Mt. Vernon.

Bro. M. L. Dougherty, agent at Brubaker, has bid in third trick at "SA" tower. It is reported that Telegrapher Clink has bid in the agency at Brubaker.

Bro. G. M. Mitchell, third trick at Ina, is off on vacation, visiting his mother.

An interstate commerce man was at Mt. Vernon some time ago investigating the two twelve-hour tricks the L. & N. have at that place. He found everything satisfactory on our line.

Bro. Hicks, first trick at Mt. Vernon, has bid in second trick at "SX" tower. This leaves first trick at Mt. Vernon open on bulletin. There are quite a number of good positions open yet, and no doubt there will be many changes among the older men on the division.

Have you received any literature about the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor? This is a good movement, worth while investigating. This literature may be had by writing President Perham. A study of the aims of

this department by the different organizations on all roads will be greatly beneficial, tending to bring the different classes of railroad men closer together, resulting in more harmony and better service, both of which are necessary to accomplish good results and create a better impression in the minds of the officials of the company. This will go a long way in securing better working conditions.

Telegrapher Jones, formerly second trick at St. James, has been doing extra work on this division at Salem Yard and Marion on account of the shortage of operators. He was relieved at St. James by Telegrapher Hanes. We understand he is going to be in line very soon.

Bro. W. H. Wyckoff, agent at Sullivan, is off on a vacation, being relieved by regular relief agent, V. Otey.

In the last write-up we stated that Bro. Hicks, of Mt. Vernon, was the only brother on south end who sent in items. We wish to correct this, as Bro. Stout, first trick, Thebes, also sent in items, but they were received too late for the write-up. Thanks just the same, Bro. Stout, be sure and come again, but send them by the 23d.

Bro. Sands, second trick at Findlay Junction, has resigned his position as operator and has gone to braking. He couldn't stand the hard work and is resting up.

Bro. Beauford, first trick at "VE" tower, also resigned as operator to accept a position as brakeman.

Bro. R. F. Barnett, agent at Buncombe, has bid in the first trick at Mode. He was relieved at Buncombe by J. M. Fitch, who bid in the agency at Buncombe.

Bro. K. Dunn, agent at Benton, is off on a vacation "doing" the West; relieved by his cashier, W. P. Wells.

Bro. A. Christman was compelled to give up second trick at Thebes on account of his health and is at present working first trick at Benton. Hope he will have entirely recovered his good health by the time this appears in the journal.

Will ask the brothers sending in items to have them in by the 23d of each month. Am grateful to those sending in every month, but there are one or two each month that are a few days late and am compelled to omit such items.

CERT. 54.

Danville District—

Bro. Knopinski, second trick at Thornton Junction, has resigned and was relieved by Telegrapher Brayton, from the G. T. Mr. Brayton formerly was a brother and says he will be with us again next pay day.

Bro. Holmes, third trick at "HJ" tower, is off for a few days, relieved by Telegrapher Bolla.

Miss Hattendorf, third trick at Sollitt, when asked by a brother if she would like to join our Order and if he might send her the blanks, gave him to understand that when she wanted to join she would ask for them.

Bro. Ault, first trick at E. J. & E. tower, Chicago Heights, is laying off ten days; relieved by

Telegrapher McFadden, who says he can not afford a card.

W. F. Goodwin, agent at Crete, has filled out the necessary papers and will soon have an up-to-date.

It is now Bro. Price, second trick at Sollitt.

Telegrapher Moore, third trick at Momence Junction, resigned and was relieved by Bro. Coyle, second trick.

Mr. Slaybaugh, from "MG" tower, who promises to come across "sometime," relieved Bro. Coyle.

Bro. Hixon, who has been working third trick at St. Anne, and is on his vacation, was relieved by Telegrapher Bolla, who is coming into the field soon.

Bro. Montgomery, second trick at Watseka, made a flying business trip to Terre Haute on August 20th.

Bro. C. H. Terry is now up-to-date.

Bro. Darnell has returned from his three weeks' vacation and is now busy asking for box cars at Pence, Ind.

Bro. Selson says the hours at "MB," Rossville, were too long for him, so he took to the tall grass.

Telegrapher Muirhead, of Fairmount Junction, has filled out the necessary papers and promises to be with us this month.

One non at Bronson, and a big one, too.

Bro. Thompson, extra man, is holding down third trick at "BX" tower now, relieving Bro. Lanquist, who landed third at Hillsdale on bulletin.

F. C. Romans, formerly of Gessie, is at Royal as agent now.

Bro. Kaneen, second at "BX" tower, has been planning a trip to Seattle, but on account of business picking up and new offices being opened, the chief says no man to relieve him.

Bro. Mickle, agent at Alvin, has been visiting in Chicago and Danville lately.

Bro. P. K. Jeffries, first trick at St. Anne; relieved by Bro. W. B. Frank.

Bro. O. A. Hixon, third trick, is on his vacation; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Bolla. Bro. P. S. Lottenville still doing the second stunt.

Business seems to be picking up rapidly through St. Anne and the brothers at all the interlocking plants are very busy, and nothing easy about it from all appearances.

Understand Bro. Songer and some of the boys are going out West soon to be cowboys.

If you hit the ball with the dispatchers you are it, but if you don't it would be best to move out, as it seems they can not find any excuse for one not doing so.

Lots of grain and coal moving now, causing new offices to be opened as fast as they can get the men to fill them.

All the nons who have not yet filled out the papers had better do so, as there would be a very foolish-looking bunch if a reduction was made where there were no union men.

The local chairman is very busy now and doing lots of good work. Several that have not paid up for the last card should get up to date. We need you and want you to get right again, so we may show a solid front.

Terre Haute District—

Bro. See is working second trick at Hillsdale, relieving Bro. Bahls while he fills second at "DH" tower.

Bro. Goudy, second at "DH" tower, has resigned and goes to the Mo. Pac. We are losing a good brother and the boys on the Mo. Pac. will be the gainers.

Bro. R. A. Church, second at Hillsdale, took a two weeks' vacation, but was called back to work after being off duty five days on account of men being so scarce and so many of the boys wanting to lay off.

Bro. Rice, third at Jackson, returned to work the 11th. Bro. Thompson, who has been working extra in Bro. Rice's place, has relieved Bro. A. W. Lanquist, at "BX" tower, Bro. Languist taking first trick at Hillsdale.

One of the students from Starr Crossing is doing a stunt at Gessie.

Vaugh, another one of the students from Starr Crossing, is holding third at Block.

Bro. Andrews is on second at O. C. Junction.

Bro. Lee, "DH" tower third trick, resigned.

Brazil District—

Bro. R. E. Cowger, first trick "GR," Burnett, is off on a vacation. Bro. Day, regular second trick, is working first during Bro. Cowger's absence; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Thorp.

Bro. Luckett has bid in third trick at Burnett.

Bro. Gentry, of Wadena, is off for a few days; relieved by relief agent, R. T. Haggerty.

Bro. Dockery, second trick at Swanton, has resigned to take a position at Hammond, Ind. He was relieved by Bro. Clayton. Bro. Frank, third trick, has been transferred to St. Anne; relieved by Telegrapher Broshears.

Sorry to see the boys leaving who are up-to-date.

Tains had to be detoured via the Vandalia via O. C. Junction and Rosedale, one day this week on account of Bridge 173, south of Coalbluff, burning out.

Bro. F. G. Lucas, second trick at Coal Bluff, has resigned to take a position on the Big Four; relieved by extra telegrapher, Bro. F. L. Andrews.

C. B. Dillman, agent at Morocco, is off on vacation, being relieved by relief agent, C. E. Mitten.

Bro. Z. E. Manly, first trick at Coal Bluff, made a flying trip to Green Castle lately.

Telegrapher P. S. Reynolds, second at Brazil Shops, resumed work last week after having enjoyed thirty days' vacation.

Seems there is going to be "something doing" on the "Hack" line from the way they are unloading the ties on this division.

Get up-to-date and stay up-to-date.

Div. Com.

Pere Marquette Ry.*Chicago Division—*

The agent at McDonald, J. Rea, has just sent in his papers. Now, if some of those backsliders down that way would pay up, we would have nearly a solid lineup, and we need it. The com-

pany is standing the committee off right now, and keeping them in Detroit, and the general superintendent has instructed the trainmasters to call on the agents and telegraphers and ask them what they want. If everybody will keep a stiff upper lip, there is no doubt we can get the raise, as the company has had its troubles getting and keeping telegraphers and agents. There are at least half a dozen vacancies at the present time, and no one has been able to get a vacation. We have no relief telegraphers on this division now, as Bro. Hendricks is holding down the Ottawa Beach agency this summer, and Relief Agent Townsend is now tariff inspector.

Bro. P. H. Walsh, of Stevensville, died at his home at Watervliet after being ill for several weeks. He had been working for this road a good many years, and was well known all over the Chicago and Petoskey Divisions.

Agent Rea, who has been at McDonald for 12 years, has bid in the agency at Stevensville.

Bro. Jackson, telegrapher and clerk at Bangor, has bid in the agency at McDonald. Bro. Jackson's job is now advertised.

O. F. Vollmer, agent at Bravo, has bid in the agency at Wallin.

Telegrapher Yost, of Fennville, is taking a vacation, and also something else, as his passes read "and wife."

Bro. Miller, first trick at Waverly, has bid in the agency at Whitehall.

Agent Becker, of Whitehall, has bid in the Berrien Springs agency. CEST. 376.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.*New River District—*

Our regular monthly meeting convened jointly with those of the Alleghany and Greenbrier Districts in the Big Four Building at Hinton, W. Va., on August 19th. We conclude, from the good attendance, that Bro. Dennings' comprehensive article in the July number of THE TELEGRAPHER did much good. If any of you failed to read it you have missed a rare treat. I only wish you had as well qualified a correspondent at this time. It is only just to do what our hands find to do, and an injustice to impose upon any one, because of his superior ability; therefore, I am determined to do the best I can, and hope that what I write may be interesting and of some benefit.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 p. m. by our worthy brother, J. J. Holt, assisted by our highly-esteemed chairman of the River District. Bro. Holt is an excellent officer, and ready at all times to maintain the dignity of the Order. Sometimes the boys become enthused over some personal matter which they wish to discuss with other members during the hours of assembly, instead of paying attention to the important matters under consideration, much to the discomfort of others and to the detriment of our interests. Such inattention, and any other cases of disorder, Bro. Holt never fails to correct by rapping for order. This is a commendable trait in a presiding officer, and should meet with the hearty approval of all.

who desire to subserve the best interests of the Order. Each member should give the best of attention during convention hours, as matters of the utmost importance are continually up for consideration.

After the meeting was regularly opened for the transaction of business, Bro. Holt called our honorable general chairman, Bro. Hicks, to the chair, who presided over the meeting until we adjourned.

Our meeting calls to mind what I once saw on a show poster which read "something doing every minute." That was certainly the case with us. There was something doing every minute from 9:30 p. m. until 2:30 a. m., and that something was very important.

After the transaction of routine business we initiated two candidates and passed favorably upon eight others whose names were presented by Bro. Holt.

The two new members accepted at this meeting were Bros. E. P. Beasley and E. V. Bleau. The former is agent at Meadow Creek, W. Va., and a capital fellow. He has served the C. & O. Ry. for thirteen years as exclusive agent, but owing to the restrictions excluding this class of men up to a few years ago, he was not eligible to membership. We are glad that this restriction has been abolished, and we can now take in good, loyal fellows like him. He was taken through every degree of the initiation, and stood the ordeal bravely, the ceremony being so impressive, however, that he almost forgot his name when being obligated.

Bro. Bleau was unable to attend the meeting on account of having to work third trick at "XN" cabin, and was therefore initiated by proxy. He is an estimable young man of moral habits, known personally to the writer for four or five years, and I therefore venture the assertion that he will make a good, loyal member.

It is a matter for congratulation to know that we are getting such a fine class of men, and it bespeaks well for the future of our organization. When the initiation ceremony was over, and a short recess had been taken, we again took up the business of the day. The reading of communications showed our division to be in excellent condition, with at least half the membership holding up-to-date semi-annual cards, and very few nons outside the fold. We now have nearly \$2,000 in the treasury, and all indebtedness paid. With half the membership yet to pay dues for the current term, this amount will be increased considerably. This does not look so gloomy as it did in the early history of our division, when the membership was less than fifty per cent, and the general committee was forced to negotiate a loan to enable it to meet the management.

The growth of this division not only bespeaks well for the membership, but it is also a living monument to the efficient officers who have sacrificed their own personal interests to place it upon the firm foundation where we find it today. May their names ever be remembered for the dili-

gent and efficient service they have rendered to those of their craft.

While eulogizing those who have served us so faithfully in the past, let us not forget our present officers, for they undoubtedly deserve our attention. Many of them are veterans, but all have served with distinction in their respective districts. Brothers and sisters, we have a general committee whom we can be justly proud of. Time, space and a personal acquaintance prohibits mentioning all, but suffice to say that those of whom no mention is made are equally worthy of commendation.

I shall mention first our big general chairman, Bro. Hicks. I say big because Bro. Hicks is a big man every way you take him. He weighs something like 240 pounds, yet his avoirdupois is the smallest attribute of his being. We have in this big man a fearless leader; an untiring worker; conscientious in his deliberations and efficient from years of experience. I think I can safely assert this to be the opinion of all present at the meeting, for at the close of Bro. Hicks' address he received a glorious ovation.

It is but just to mention Bro. Hicks' tribute to our faithful and ever-zealous general secretary and treasurer, J. W. Kiser, which, to quote as near as possible, was as follows: "Bro. Kiser, I believe, is the incumbent of an office that no other man could fill quite as well. He is simply the right man in the right place." That voices our appreciation of this diligent worker. He always does more than his duty, and we often wonder how he can manage to accomplish so much, remembering, as we do, the great volume of business which he attends to for this division along with his duties to the railway company. This brother gave us the treat of our lives by writing up a comprehensive history of C. & O. System Division No. 40, which was read by Bro. Denning at this meeting. It was simply grand, and made us old-timers feel very like what I imagine an old veteran soldier feels like when he listens to some good story tellers' reminiscence of the war. I regret very much that some of you were so unfortunate as not to be there. Bro. Denning offered a resolution of thanks to Bro. Kiser for this consideration, which was unanimously passed upon by the assembly.

Bro. Hicks also paid quite a tribute to Bros. Holt and Denning, denominating them men of the highest honor and integrity, efficient and willing workers. And I want to say that, in my opinion, he has not misjudged our honored chairman of the Alleghany, Greenbrier and New River Districts.

Now, brothers and sisters, our general committee, some of whom I have briefly characterized, are contemplating meeting with the general management September 20th, or as near that date as possible, to negotiate an agreement to supersede the one now in effect. As I have said above, our division is in splendid working condition, but to accomplish that which we rightfully should, it should be in better. Every member who is not paid up for the current term should remit his dues at once to Bro. Kiser, Wyandotte, W. Va., and

every member should constitute himself, or herself, a committee of one to line up every available non who is eligible for membership.

There are three things extremely essential to our success. A just cause, an efficient general committee, and a solid and loyal membership. The first two we certainly have, but in the third we are much like other large bodies of individuals: here we meet the meddler, the ingrate, the scorner, the hypocrite, the envious, the cynic. These men are such because they know not how to discern the difference between good and evil. But you who know the good which our organization has accomplished should not give over to the views of such men, but rather convert them to our nobility of purpose.

As a parting salutation, allow me to suggest that we put forward every effort to do our duty, indifferent to all other considerations, whether they be material things or unreasoning and ignorant people. So long as we are doing our duty, let us heed not warmth nor cold; drowsiness nor wakefulness; life nor impending death; nay, even in the very act of death, which is indeed only one of the acts of life, it suffices to do well what then remains to be done.

Let us press forward to the future with love and harmony, united in purpose, with no strife in our hearts for our fellow man. To be at strife one with another is contrary to our nature; and to be angry with one another, to despise one another, is to be at strife with one another.

Fashion thyself to the circumstances of thy lot. The men whom fate hath made our comrades here, love; and love them in sincerity and in truth.

H. E. MELTON,
Assistant Chairman.

Erie Ry.

Mahoning Division—

The joint meeting of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions held at Warren, Saturday night August 21st, was well attended by members from both divisions. Our general chairman, Bro. W. H. Husted, of Richwood, Ohio, was present, and gave a very entertaining talk on the organization, its benefits, and what could be accomplished toward thorough organization by individual effort.

Remember the meeting nights. They come on the third Saturday night of each and every month, at Warren U. C. T. Hall, at the corner of Market street and Park avenue. Your scribe was able to gather following news items:

Ward Weiss is working third trick at Mantua.

M. G. Donaldson, of Mahoning, has gone to Seattle; relieved by Telegrapher G. H. Basket.

"MA" tower has been reopened as a twelve hour trick, and bid in by W. V. Saltsman, second trick man at "CB" tower.

Telegraphers at "OB," Youngstown, are again working nine hours.

R. B. Barret is back to work at Grange Lake, after his vacation.

W. H. Owens, first trick at DeForest tower, was off a couple of days. This moved H. R. Cutlip to first trick and F. E. Brooks to second. The third trick was worked by an extra man, C. A. Conant, who has again left the Erie.

Div. Con.

Cincinnati Division—

By the way, the professors at Slicks have another student; he is a rich farmer's boy.

Mr. J. L. Richardson is having his troubles with a motor car he bought from Mr. Gee. He walks about half the time.

C. E. Bombarger turned out a student by the name of Francis. He claims to be able to receive forty words per minute, but failed to make good on the Erie or Big Four, and has accepted a position in a restaurant at Bucyrus.

C. W. Fox was called to Detroit the first of the month on account of the serious illness of his wife's brother. Stalter, from Slicks, worked second trick at "Q." Bender worked first. The extra man was sent to work third at Slicks during his absence.

J. L. Richardson, the first trick man at Slicks, is off duty on account of the death of his mother-in-law. Stone is working first, Stalter second, extra man from North Lewisburg working third.

Wyoming Division—

"HX," "RU," and "HJ" towers have been closed until further notice.

J. W. McGinnis is now working second trick at "MO."

Bro. J. W. Boon has been appointed division correspondent. All brothers are requested to send him any news that may be of interest to the boys. Address him at Wimmers, Pa.

Second trick at "XJ" has been advertised as per rule 5. This is the first in a long time; keep the good thing going.

It has been rumored that Bro. Maver took his lady love over the division recently to see the picturesque scenery.

The West coal is again going over the D. & H. and Jeff Divisions. Nothing doing on the Wyoming Division.

The summer passenger train will be taken off September 11, 1909.

We understand that Geo. Knickerbocker, who is working the second trick at "CM," is wearing an O. R. T. button. We wish to inform the brothers that George has not an up-to-date card. "No card, no favors."

We have quite a number of nons on the line. Something is wrong. Let's get these fellows started right.

Just look what our organization has done for us and then ask yourself the question sincerely, "Do you always expect to share the benefits such as you are now enjoying and not become a part of the whole?" Just think of it! We now work three and four hours less each day and get the same pay practically, get five days off each month, and then a lot of us don't want to help out. If I could not carry my end I would get down and

out. If the O. R. T. is not a benefit to us, who does it benefit? Now, are we not willing to co-operate? Get in line.

We know fellows who wear a button just to hold you off for bracing them on the subject. Let's ignore the button for a while and take nothing but the original card for proof. It tends to show a lack of manhood. There is no fence on which you can sit. You are a non or an up-to-date man. Let's be men and show our Order that we appreciate what has been done for us. Hereafter all vacancies will be advertised, giving us all a chance for same and an equal show.

We want every member on this division to assist Bro. Boon each month by advising him of what goes on and by so doing we can have a few lines in our journal and let people know that we are doing our best.

Everyone tells us that the phone system on the main line is no good. Boys, there is nothing like the old sounder for doing business, so don't be afraid of the phones. Con.

Susquehanna Division—

We will not be able to make a very good showing in *THE TELEGRAPHER* this month, owing to the fact that we have not received items from the Tioga Division, or from the west end of the Susquehanna Division. There doesn't seem to be anything of very great importance doing on any part of the division. We should have a write-up each month of all that is of interest on both divisions. We would appreciate it if the brothers all over the divisions would send us items of interest and get them in by the 17th of each month. Send them to Bro. M. G. Beach, R. F. D. No. 2, Elmira, N. Y., or Bro. E. J. Hesser, 364 Wallace Place, Elmira N. Y. We have to depend on the brothers along the line to furnish us notes in order to make any showing at all, and if we do not get any notes we cannot do much in the line of a write-up.

The Elmira & Waverly trolley line is progressing nicely, the work being pushed, now that they have gotten the right of way through to Elmira.

Bro. Thompson, at Wellsburg, says it looks good to him to see the trolley cars running by his tower. It will afford Bro. Thompson an opportunity to attend prayer meetings and O. R. T. meetings in Elmira. Bro. Hill, at Chemung, will also be glad to see this line completed, for then he can attend O. R. T. meetings held in Elmira and bring Bros. Johnson, Welch and Derrig along with him.

At the meeting held in Bingen, July 22d, we discussed the Ladies' Auxiliary. The brothers seemed to be in favor of organizing a lodge on this division, and we will do so in the very near future. All the ladies concerned with whom the writer has been able to talk in regard to the auxiliary are very enthusiastic. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T. is a fine thing. They can be and will be a great benefit to us, and we can also be a

great help to them. It requires but seven members to get a charter. It is not expensive, as it costs but ten cents per month for dues.

The next meeting will be held in Elmira the latter part of the month, and will take place on Sunday morning in order to give our Tioga Division brothers and second and third trick men a chance to attend. The notice of this meeting will bear a request for all brothers to bring their wives, sisters or mothers with them. After our meeting we will invite the ladies in, talk over the auxiliary and arrange to get a charter. We hope that each brother will bring either his wife, sister or mother. They will enjoy the trip. We will have on hand samples of all union labels to show the ladies so that in future they will not buy scab goods with O. R. T. money. A great many ladies do not have the opportunity that we men do of learning what the union label means to us. Bring them along and let's get acquainted with our sisters. Div. Coa.

New York Division—

The reduction of the force in "JC," Jersey City office, caused considerable knocking.

Bro. Gaherin, who had first trick on wire 29, is working last on wire 24. Mr. Hartly knocked Bro. Gaherin.

Bro. Slavin is working over in "YA," New York.

Bro. Scott is working last trick on wire 29.

Bro. Corbett is working second on wire 24.

Bro. Holbohn hasn't decided where he will go yet. Bro. Holbohn is working in "JC" extra at present.

Bro. Remsen, first trick at Paterson, was absent a few days last month on account of sickness.

Bro. Westervelt was absent several days last month on a fishing trip, and was relieved by Bro. C. G. Patterson.

Bro. Green, second trick man at "WC," Wardwick, took two weeks' vacation last month. Bro. Green was relieved by Bro. Readdy.

Bros. Whittier and Utter, first and second trick men at "SF," Suffern, have a leverman now, from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Bro. Horion, first trick man at "SJ," took his family and went on a two days' vacation last month, down to Coney Island.

Bro. McGinnin was off duty last month on account of sickness, Mr. Utter relieving him.

Bro. Fitzpatrick, second trick man at "XK," was absent two days last month on account of the death of his uncle.

Looking over the schedule of 1903 and the schedule of today, the other day, I noticed every job between Jersey City and Port Jervis had been raised from there to five dollars. Then again we have the eight-hour day and our division pass. If our committees should ask for the members only, perhaps some of the nons would begin to think it was time to come across.

KIRK.

Alleghany Division—

I am sorry to note that there are a number of members on this division who have not paid dues. Brother, this is not right. You have had the protection of the Order and you should be loyal to it, although there may be something you do not like. The O. R. T. has accomplished several good things for us. The fact that we are working eight and nine hour tricks ought to be enough to convince any fair-minded person that it is his duty to stand by the Order? How would you like to go back to twelve hours? I think there would be an awful "howl." Let us wake up and see if we cannot induce the nons to join our ranks. We must be up and doing at once. Get after them and bring them in. The company has hatched out several nons; look after them. If the company can work them we can take them in to the O. R. T. If you have one working with you or next door to you, get him. If we would make a greater effort to secure members, we would have a much better lineup. It is your duty to get them. Brothers, the old hen don't break the egg that hatches; it's the chick pecking from the inside. There's your cue, it's up to you.

Telegrapher Martin is holding down the first trick at Sumner, which gives him a chance to do considerable work on the farm.

Telegrapher Hannon, third trick at "HR" tower, in place of Mr. Cooney.

Bro. Freamy, the third trick man at "CR" tower, is off a few days, taking in the sights at Bradford during "Old Home Week." He was relieved by Telegrapher Lycett.

Bro. Shaw has bid in the agency at Belvidere, and has been checked in.

We are glad to note that business has been improving rapidly in the last few weeks, and we are in hopes it will still improve. We have several extra telegraphers on the line, and you can seldom find one idle.

CERT. 262.

Canadian Northern Ry.*Battleford, Vermilion and Edmonton Sections—*

Well, boys, it's hard work to get a respectable looking write-up ready when none of you send me notes.

As usual, a few changes have taken place since last report.

Bro. Bethune has been transferred from Warman days to Humboldt.

Bro. McCulloch from Invermay nights to Warman nights.

Bro. Schwalm, agent at Invermay, has returned from a visit with friends in Ontario.

Bro. J. R. Hinsberger, late of Vermilion, has taken a position as cashier at Humboldt. Our old friend Jake went East last spring and got married. What do you know about that?

Bro. Davidson, of Borden, met with a severe accident a couple of weeks ago. He was out exercising and incidentally showing the young bloods of Borden how to play football when he had the misfortune to break his leg. "13" Jack is getting

along well and will soon be back in the traces again. Here's hoping that such is the case.

Mr. McCully is doing the relieving stunt at Borden.

Bro. Chard, of Fort Saskatchewan, is on vacation at present; relieved by relief agent, Bro. Prevost.

Our local chairman, Bro. Matthews, has just returned from committee work at Winnipeg, where he was most successful in getting a number of small grievances straightened out.

There is a new man at Warman days, a Mr. Rivard. He says he will come in "when he gets the funds."

Your correspondent has just returned from an extended visit with friends in Ohio and Ontario, and that's one of the reasons for this short write-up.

Bro. McLaren, of Muenster, bid in the agency at Maidstone, and Muenster station has been bulletined.

The position of night telegrapher at Edmonton has also been advertised.

Bro. Lane, of Veregin, is now "baching" it, on account of his better half having gone for a visit with friends in Ontario.

Bro. Frank Carey has just returned from a six weeks' sojourn in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime provinces, and is back in the harness at "DK" handling 31's and 19's.

Why are the dispatchers so happy since our local chairman returned from Winnipeg?

CERT. 237.

Fifth District—

Congratulations are in order for our local chairman, Bro. R. B. Law, who has taken unto himself a wife, and we all wish them both a prosperous and happy voyage together on the sea of matrimony.

Bro. Blair is back from his vacation looking as fresh as a daisy. Telegrapher McCannon, who relieved him, has taken charge of Condie Station, while Bro. Law is on his honeymoon.

Bro. S. M. Young, of Davidson, has been checked in as agent at Zealondia, replacing Bro. Edgley.

HOW'S THE 'PHONE, SHERRY?

Oh, he's looking and he's longing,

For the time to come along

When the brass he'll be a-pounding

Instead of that 'phone gong.

Relieving agent, Bro. Meraw, is back at his old stand, Davidson, for awhile.

Bro. Learmouth has got an' extension of his leave on account of his not being sufficiently recovered to resume duty, meanwhile Bro. Scott grinds his teeth and hangs on, determined to do or die.

Bro. J. C. Barber has gone to Rosthern as day operator and Bro. J. Strong, Jr., of that place, has been checked in as agent at Girvin.

Bro. Perkins, of Lumsden, is taking a trip for the benefit of his health, which we trust will have the desired effect. He is being relieved by Telegrapher J. Mullins, day telegrapher from Davidson.

Telegrapher Jacques, night man at Prince Albert, has been replaced by Tidmarsh, a new man. Both he and Telegrapher Mullin have promised to join us as soon as they get the necessary dough.

Taking advantage of the Sunday service from Craik during Winnipeg Exhibition, Bros. Fowler, Strong, Meraw, Young and Oates attended the monthly meeting of the O. R. T. held by the C. P. R. boys of the Central Division, Fifth District, which was held at the Flanagan House, Saskatoon, July 17th. Our C. P. R. brothers made us feel quite at home, and gave us a generous invitation to amalgamate with them, which should be possible if rumor proves correct, that a Sunday passenger service is to be put on this division in the near future.

We can now call our respected dispatcher, J. W. Crane, brother. Here's the glad hand, "Jim." Shake, "old man."

Lineman McIntosh has not been able to make good his promise on account of being under the doctor's care for awhile. He will be with us next pay day.

Everyone on this district seems to be doing his level best to give satisfaction, which shows the true spirit of our Order. Let's keep up the good work, boys.

Credit is due our superintendent, Mr. Foley, for the steps he took when it was pointed out to him that vacancies were not being bulletined on this district. Not many days elapsed before there were no less than six stations bulletined. May the good work continue.

We notice Bro. J. Strong back to work at Hanley after a pleasant sojourn in the land of Stars and Stripes. Bro. Scott, who was relieving there, is relieving at Duck Lake for awhile on account of Bro. Learmonth on sick list.

Bro. Stephens has succeeded Bro. Black at Nutana on account of seniority, and Bro. Black is now doing the honors at Disley.

Bro. Meraw is at present relieving at Chamberlain, Bro. Blair having secured a much-needed leave of absence.

In next write-up we hope to have the pleasure of calling brothers our worthy dispatcher, J. W. Crane and our genial lineman, J. B. McIntosh, both having promised to be with us next pay day. Nons on this district are rapidly being swallowed up, and we hope that the time is not far distant when we will be solid O. R. T.

A much-needed aid is being taken on behalf of our Bro. Piersdorff, who, am sorry to say, is still laid up with inflammatory rheumatism and is not likely to be in shape for work for a few weeks.

Work has been commenced on the new depot at Saskatoon and it is hoped that it will be in readiness for occupation by December. It will be one of the most up-to-date stations in the West.

Com.

Second District—

Bro. J. T. McDougall, of St. Jean, has been kept busy filling orders for fruit now that the harvest has commenced.

Bro. A. H. Forde, of Morris, is relieving Bro. Willis for a few days while he (Willis) is on committee work.

Bro. F. J. Gilbert, of Rosebank, is relieving Bro. Howard at Somersat. We understand that Bro. Howard intends joining the benedicts while away. Bro. Gilbert was relieved at Rosebank by Mr. Graham.

Bro. Harron, lately transferred to Ninette, finds it much more congenial than at Sperling. Sperling agency was filled by Mr. Thompson.

Bro. Clark, of Greenway, is off on vacation; relieved by the assistant from Harting.

Bro. Sterling, of Elgin, is off on vacation; relieved by Mr. Smirle.

Now, boys, be on hand each meeting to give "GM." By so doing things will run much more smoothly and be appreciated by all. Also now that harvest has commenced be on deck to give your yard and "CS" reports, so that the handling of 1909 crop specifically will be benefited.

The good reports from those who attended the convention at Atlanta should convince all the non-members that delay will mean defeat to them eventually. This division, if kept strong by each member getting after the very few remaining nons, will be able to get more of the good things which are beneficial and necessary to each one's welfare.

Bro. Young, of "GS," is receiving many compliments on the artistic appearance and neatness of his station. His flowers are doing fine. Take a hint, boys.

Many of the boys are desirous of spending a few of these pleasant days away from the cares of the station, but relief comes slowly.

This district has been neglected lately by no news appearing in the journal from month to month. Send all the news items you have to Bro. Quick and he will attend to inserting promptly.

"ENTHUSIAST."

Central of Georgia Ry.

Savannah Division—

Bro. H. B. Myers, of Ocomulgee Bridge, first trick, has resumed work after a pleasant visit to the Northwest. Bro. Middlebrooks, of Hillsboro, was relieving him.

Mr. R. L. Winburn, of Ocomulgee Bridge, second trick, is now off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Middlebrooks.

Bro. N. C. Arnett has returned to his old love, M. & A. Junction, third trick, after a pleasant vacation spent among friends and relatives in old Virginia. Mr. F. T. Holloday did the relief act until he made a pay day, then he departed to the tall timber. Mr. J. B. Jarrett filled in the few days intervening.

Sister B. Holland, of Dover, is on vacation visiting relatives in North Carolina; relieved by Bro. H. E. Holland, of Gordon.

Mr. J. B. Jarrett worked second trick at Gordon during Bro. Holland's absence.

Bro. Carrol, of Wadley, was rolled by "ME" Burke, who is an older man in the service. Mr. Burke was relieved at Millen by Mr. Schumper.

on account of being unable to give satisfaction at that point.

Bro. Carrol is relieving Bro. J. H. Hodges, third trick at Tennille for one week while Bro. Hodges takes a fishing trip on the Oconee.

Bro. C. G. Rogers, of Midville, made a short visit to his relatives at Adrian during this month.

Bro. Middlesbrooks, of Ocomulgee Bridge, is contemplating a visit to the Springs as soon as Mr. Winburn relieves him.

Bro. P. T. Reddick, of Gordon, made a business trip to Macon during the month.

Bro. B. J. Moore, of Midville, is confined to his bed. We hope it is nothing serious.

Bro. E. S. Youmans, of Nunez, is slinging lightning again until a relief man can be found. We understand Bro. W. H. Williams, of Egypt, takes the Nunez agency, relieving Mr. Brown.

Bro. R. B. Griffin relieved Bro. E. M. Strickland at Pooler several days during the month.

Bro. Bradderck, of Pooler, is relieving Bro. Moore, at Midville, during the latter's sickness.

Bro. R. B. Griffin relieved Mr. McLendon at Rocky Ford a few days during the month.

Bro. N. A. Williams has taken charge of Tybee Depot agency at Savannah, which he bid in some-time ago, but didn't care to take charge until after the summer season was over. Bartow is on bulletin.

Bro. S. N. Wood goes to Pulaski agency, vice Bro. A. T. N. Herrington, who leaves the service to study law.

We are indeed glad to welcome Bro. J. H. Hamilton, of Statesboro, back among our ranks. Bro. Hamilton is now agent for the S. A. & N. Ry. at Statesboro, and says he felt lonesome out of the Order.

Several of the boys at "GO" msg. office at Savannah, have been taking their vacations; relieved by Bro. Boone.

We need some organizing among those third trick men. Millen and Wadley are both manned exclusively by nons, who are feasting on the eight-hour trick, raise in pay, and still say they are not able to join. Heretofore when jobs paid \$40 and \$45 on a twelve-hour trick they were manned by O. R. T. men, but since the jobs have been raised and shorter hours are in vogue it seems the nons are not able to join. They will holler louder than anybody else when the committee goes back to Savannah. The only time we ever hear from Mr. Non is when he is cutting his own throat. If he is getting \$50 and the information blanks ask "how much do you think you should receive?" he invariably states very plainly \$75. It looks like they would try and help keep up the expense when they are deriving so much benefit from our exertions.

In future, when any of you brothers are relieved, kindly drop your local chairman a postal card, stating who relieves you, etc., to enable him to give a good write-up every month. The assistance of Bro. Boyd enabled me to give practically every change during this month. If some of the others would assist me as Bro. Boyd has done we could always have a good write-up. CERT. 3.

Chattanooga Division—

Another month gone and still some of us have neglected to send Bro. Travis \$4 for dues for the current period. I wonder what we are waiting for? Why can't we learn that the sooner we pay up the easier it is, besides having the satisfaction of knowing we are up-to-date at all times.

Mr. St. Clair has returned to his copy job at Cedartown and Bro. Bolton is working extra at Rossville until it can be filled permanently.

Bro. Powell of Lysterly, who was off a few days on vacation, has returned to work.

Bro. Witcher, of Raymond, is off for awhile.

B. A. Powell after working extra at Lysterly, went from there to Raymond.

Bro. Conyers, of Newnan, took thirty days off visiting Tybee, Atlanta and Chattanooga, and was relieved by Mr. Smith.

Bro. Low, of Bremen, took in the Tybee excursion on August 23d.

Bro. Carmichael, of Senoia, is trying to get off, but so far has not been able to get relief.

CERT. 265.

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

Salida to Minturn—

Bro. Chambers bid in the second trick at Tennessee Pass.

Bro. Soderberg landed third trick at Salida; relieved by a Mr. Greenberg.

Bro. Martin has second trick at Pando during the construction work on new double track.

There is a telegrapher at the construction camp He carries a card.

The third trick telegrapher at Malta still takes his breakfast at the regular hour, in spite of all opposition. His card is invisible.

Bro. Hickey seems to be married to second trick at Granite.

Bro. Fulton, of Leadville, is off a few days attending court; relieved by a new man whose name we failed to learn.

Have you procured that new card? If not, Bro. Homan will get it for you. It's \$4.50.

We are very sorry to report that Bro. Soderberg's wife is very sick at this writing.

Bro. Crosno is back to first trick at Minturn, after a few weeks' vacation. "Q."

Ann Arbor Ry.

Not much news this month.

There seems to be a scarcity of telegraphers in this part of the country now. A good many of the men have been trying to get away on vacations, but are unable to get relief.

There are two vacancies at Cadillac yard office, first and second tricks. Bro. Taylor, from Mt. Pleasant, has gone there to fill in for a few days.

The third trick at Durand freight office is vacant. We understand that Bro. J. B. Ide has in a bid for this job.

Bros. West, McCullum and Gumm, of "AX" office, are taking their vacations in turn, being

relieved by Mr. Ed Heisy, from Hallet. Bro. Ide is filling in at Mallett.

Bro. Lanham, of Vernon, was off a couple of days; relieved by Mr. Breckon, of McBain.

Mr. Breckon went from Vernon to Oak Grove to relieve the agent at that point for a couple of weeks.

Shortage of men at Dundee, the agent and other men are doubling until a man can be found for this roast.

The dispatchers are taking their vacations, being relieved by Mr. Johnson, an extra dispatcher.

We understand that the management has decided to put on two men on the third trick in dispatcher's office. This will make regular work for Mr. Johnson.

Bro. Klink, telegrapher in dispatcher's office, is enjoying his vacation; relieved by Bro. Mattis, of Lakeland. Can't say who is relieving Bro. Mattis.

Business is picking up and I think we ought to hustle and get every one in line, so that with the increase in business we can get a little better schedule. Let us all get after the nons, and get solid, then we can talk business with the management. Let me have a little help from each of you this coming month so that I can get a good write-up for the journal. Don't wait for the other fellow to do it. You do something. Give me the news at Vernon, and I will attend to getting it in.
G.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Sacramento Division—

Owing to the lack of time and failure to get some notes I expected, this write-up will not be quite as long as usual.

Business continues good, fruit shipments are still very heavy, and, up to date, have broken all previous records, the company having had to put on several extra freight crews over the mountain in order to handle the business.

Many of our brothers have their applications in for leave of absence, but owing to the fact that so many of the boys are off at present, all extra men are working, leaving no available men to relieve them.

Our local chairman, Bro. J. E. Blackford, who is a hustler, took a short run over a part of the division on business, and managed to get two applications while he was resting. Thus the nons are becoming fewer and fewer, and with a little personal work from each brother we can soon have all the desirable material on this division in the ranks.

The following are the successful applicants on Bulletin No. 50:

L. H. Banvard and O. T. Stackpoole, telegraphers in dispatchers' office, Sacramento; Bro. G. B. Hobbs, agent Roseville; Bro. E. F. Stewart, second telegrapher Loomis; Mr. H. C. Gray, second telegrapher Penryn; Bro. C. C. Davison, third at Auburn; Bro. G. A. Rhubesky, second at Caporn; Bro. E. Duffy, agent Dutch Flat; Bro. C. A. Bailey, third at Towle; Mr. H. Van Vleet, second at Midas; Bro. L. L. Locey, second at

Cisco; Bro. A. V. Kellar, first at Spruce; Bro. R. W. Scruby, third at Summit; Bro. M. P. Arenz, agent at Truckee; Bro. J. J. Woodbury, second at Verdi; Bro. G. W. Whybark, agent at Arbuckle; Bro. B. G. Coons, clerk and telegrapher at Oroville, and Mr. J. H. Whited, agent at Placerville.

Bro. F. M. Roy, third telegrapher at Reno, who has been sick for the past five months at the Company Hospital, Sacramento, we are pleased to say, is feeling much better and is on the road to recovery. We trust he will soon be able to resume work.

Bro. C. K. Reed, of the Grand, is working third at Tehama, during the absence of Bro. Roth, who is in the East, and Bro. G. L. Cryder is working second during the illness of Sister Sellick, who is expected to be able to return to work soon.

Bro. W. B. Lewis is acting as agent at Durham while Sister M. F. Joy is taking a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. R. H. Loban is working second at Marysville while Bro. Simen is working extra in dispatchers' office at Sacramento. Bro. A. T. Johnson, extra, is relieving Bro. L. B. Deen, third at Marysville, who has taken a trip to Mississippi to visit friends and relatives.

Bro. C. A. Nelson, who has been working extra at Towle, for several months, has resigned and taken a trip to Seattle. Suppose Charley will find a job in the North after he has visited the Exposition.

A new man by the name of Thompson is holding the agency at Yolo until filled by bulletin. Bro. G. W. Whybark, the former agent, has taken his assigned position as agent at Arbuckle.

Bro. H. D. Ernst is relieving Bro. M. C. Gorton as agent at Wheatland. Bro. Gorton is laying off for a while. Bro. Ernst held the agency at Lincoln until the assigned man, Bro. H. E. Hyde, took charge on the first.

Bro. E. L. Sharp, first on "OW" wire, dispatchers' office at Sacramento, has taken an extended trip East, as far as New York. He expects to visit all points of interest en route, and it is rumored he may have a partner on his return.

Bro. A. V. Kellar and wife returned from Los Angeles, where he attended the Elks' convention. He reports having a grand time. He took his assigned position on last bulletin, first at Spruce.

Bro. J. F. Neideffer has been working as first trick dispatcher on the west end Mountain District for a couple of weeks, the regular man taking his vacation. Telegrapher Booth, a new man relieved Neideffer.

Bro. L. L. Brewer, who has been holding agency at Roseville until the regular man, Bro. Hobbs, took charge, worked a few days for Bro. Hackett at yard office, at Roseville, and is now working third at passenger office at Roseville.

Bro. M. P. Arenz, agent at Truckee, has been appointed car distributor at superintendent's office. Mr. French is relieving him.

Bro. L. Slissmon, agent Oroville, is on a short vacation to San Francisco.

Bro. E. J. Smith, first at Auburn, is laying off on account of sickness. We trust he will soon be able to resume.

Bro. R. S. Cadjew, first at Blue Canon, has resigned and gone to San Francisco to go into business. We wish him all kinds of success in his new venture. Bro. J. J. Woodbury is relieving him.

Mr. W. Frazer, a new man on this district, is working extra at Marysville.

Sister Middlemiss returned to her position at Applegate after spending a few weeks in San Francisco. Bro. C. C. Davison, who was relieving her, then took his assignment as third at Auburn.

Div. Coa.

Tucson Division—

At this writing five applications for membership in the O. R. T. have been received. These are from telegraphers who have been members before and know the benefits derived from a membership. "Once a member, always a member," is the motto of everyone I know. One may meet with temporary reverses that cause delinquency, but sooner or later his application is again being acted upon.

The average of membership on the S. P. is always around 98, so no one worries about one or two on a division that do not belong.

Recent assignments to regular positions are as follows:

Agency Wellton, U. S. Ragland; agency Mohawk, J. Moores; Aztec, L. Stice; Sentinel third, C. U. Altig; Sentinel second, L. H. Pritchett; Red Rock second, V. G. Ham; Tucson fourth, C. F. Tanner; Cochise agency, E. L. Witte; Cochise days, J. A. Hibbs; Wilna nights, T. N. McCandless; Deming second, E. J. Tilley.

This leaves all three tricks at Lordsburg up for bid, as well as the agency at Simon, Huachuca, Sibyl, and several other desirable positions.

Bro. W. N. Cone is doing the extra work at Sibyl until assigned.

Bro. W. A. Floyd is filling in at Simon for a month.

Bro. F. E. Black, agent at Pamtano, is reported as being a proud grandpap.

Bro. C. F. Baughman is on first at Lordsburg a month.

A broker's office closed in Tucson and Tommy McMath is with us again.

The night telegrapher's position at Yuma depot is up for bid. This is a hot job, not only because of coupon tickets, but the weather as well.

The El Paso papers state that the National lines of Mexico intend to displace all American labor with native talent. If this be true, we may expect a lot of old-timers to visit us soon from the other side. While the telegraphers in Mexico are almost all train dispatchers, there are hundreds of train men there who no doubt will again seek employment in the U. S.

Loc. Coa.

Shasta Division—

Everybody is laying off on account of the hot weather. "No rest for the wicked." There are so many new men on the division of late, it is

Bro. Nichols, of Redding, third trick, who is off on a vacation near Oakland, is being relieved by Relief Telegrapher F. E. Wright.

Bro. Kyte is at Sims temporarily.

Bro. G. A. Flynn ("Beany") is working as second trick telegrapher at Red Bluff, relieving Bro. Bundy. A new man on the division is relieving Sister Bundy.

Bro. Heffernan is working as a trick dispatcher at Dunsmuir.

Bro. Peek is relieving at Pitt.

Bro. R. C. Weyer, from Tucson Division is relieving Bro. F. A. Reiser, agent at Montague. Bro. Meyers is working second trick, Telegrapher Oren is working as second trick man (second trick opened temporarily), and Bro. West is still on deck doing the owl stunt.

Bro. Pearson is back at his old stand, first trick at Ashland. Mrs. Pearson, who will go to work soon, is being relieved by Bro. Gough.

Second trick at Redding and the agency at Pitt are on bulletin.

Div. Coa.

Oregon District—

Organizer D. W. Koppikus has just completed a trip over this division, and reports nine applications. While this was not as good a showing as he expected to make, yet we believe that much good will come from his efforts among the nons. Now, while the ball is started, if each brother will go after that non he is working with, there is no doubt but many more applications could be secured. Bro. Koppikus advises that with very few exceptions, "poverty" is the only excuse offered, and most of these men are receiving ten to twelve dollars per month increase, which was secured for them through the O. R. T. While we have a very good percentage on this division, yet there are a few nons left, and with a little effort on the part of each member we will have them all in, in a very short time. Let's get busy. Speak to that non you are working with, and don't let up until he has filled out the papers and made good. If you need any assistance or application blanks do not hesitate to call on our local chairman, Bro. T. M. Boyd, who will gladly furnish the necessary papers and any assistance needed.

Bro. J. M. Isham was successful in securing the agency at Grants Pass, and was checked in there some time ago.

P. W. Lemer has bid in second trick at Gledale. This leaves the agency at Myrtle Creek open for bids, A. S. Markee holding it until bids close.

Bro. H. F. McDonald, second trick at Riddle, is off on leave of absence, taking in the A. Y. P. at Seattle; relieved by a new man named Bates.

Bro. J. R. Kelly, third trick at Oakland, is off on vacation, relieved by a new man, W. S. Fisk, who promises to make good soon.

Bro. C. E. Deakins, agent at Yoncalla, is off on vacation, and is now doing relief work at St. Joseph before returning. He is relieved by D. J. Sullivan.

S. M. Wilcox, agent at Drain, is spending a few weeks at the Seattle Fair; relieved by F. W. Cantrell, from third trick, who is relieved by Bro. P. A. Mansfield, from the San Joaquin Division. Geo. Rice was the successful bidder for the second trick.

Bro. L. S. Taylor was the successful bidder for the agency at Cottage Grove, relieving Bro. C. R. Nokes who has gone to take his assigned position, as agent at West Scio. Bro. E. H. Scholes, recently from the Northern Pacific, is doing the second trick extra.

Bro. Twaddle, regular second trick at Oregon City, is doing extra relief work at Roseburg, relieving E. A. Lander. S. M. Crimp has accepted the position of car distributor.

Bro. Morse, of Oregon City, has resigned and left for Frisco.

Bros. Livengood, of Independence, and Livengood of McMinnville, were recently confined to their beds with measles, but understand they are again at work.

Have not learned the name of the new man at Corvallis.

Understand Bro. Spencer, who recently resigned first trick at Medford, is now holding down a desert job in New Mexico. Success to him.

Several of the nons say dues are too high, but they don't think the Sunday overtime and raise in salary too high; others say they don't like the bunch. One of them claimed to be making \$150 per, and when asked to join, pleaded poverty. They continue to accept milk from the O. R. T. cow but refuse to help pay for the hay. Will the milk always be forthcoming if we would all treat her in this manner? Wake up, my friend, and get your shoulder to the wheel and help better your own condition.

Below is a list of those who recently sent in their applications:

W. H. Speer, R. D. Jennings, Junction City; H. E. Kennedy, E. E. Bates, Salem; I. C. Cary, LaFayette; B. J. Simpson, Glendale; B. N. Twaddle, Oregon City, and P. G. Vickers, Hillsboro.

Have been unable to furnish any write-up for the last two months on account of the members not helping me out. Hope they can furnish me some items for next issue.

Several mistakes were made in our last bulletin, jobs being bulletined that were not vacant, and vacant jobs not bulletined, which no doubt will be corrected in the near future. Owing to the company declining to bulletin the position of telegrapher in the dispatchers' office at Portland, the matter is now in the hands of our general chairman for adjustment.

WANTED—Applications for membership in S. P. Division No. 53, O. R. T. Any member knowing the whereabouts of a prospective member, please "hold him for orders" and notify Bro. T. M. Boyd, local chairman, Oakland, Oregon.

A certain fat conductor on this division is in the habit of coming into the offices and using the wires. It is needless to say that he does not belong to the B. R. T. or O. R. C. Such men should be kept out of the offices, as you are held responsible. Div. Cor.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Pasco Division—

Bro. A. J. Johnson, second trick at Toppenish, was accidentally shot in the leg and was relieved for about a week by Mr. Shepherd. Mr. Shepherd is a new man on this end.

Bro. Stevens, second trick at Pomona, spent a vacation in the East and returned with a life partner. We all join in wishing him a long and happy life.

Telegrapher Donlon, second at Yakima City, has quit the N. P. and returned East; relieved by C. V. Trimble, a new man.

Bro. Henry, third at North Yakima, was on the sick list for about a week; relieved by Mr. Noble, a new man.

Bro. Cottle was relieved at Mabton and sent to Waitsburg as agent and later went to Glade.

Telegrapher Simenton, second at Mabton, took a vacation and came back double; did not think that hot climate over that way worked in that manner.

Telegrapher Miller relieved Bro. Josephson, third at Satus.

Bro. McAllister, first at Toppenish, has been promoted to trick dispatcher, Bro. Heflin taking first and Bro. Hollingsworth third trick.

Bro. A. J. Kelley has been transferred from second at Eltopia, to second at Kennewick.

Chief Dispatcher, Mr. E. A. Crooks, is off on leave of absence; relieved by Dispatcher J. W. Blanton.

Sister Cummings, at Umtanun, is trying hard to get a two months' vacation.

We understand that Telegrapher Wickwire, at Pomona, filled out the papers last month.

Dispatcher's division cut at Toppenish again and can now get cards without delay.

Bro. Putnam has been promoted to trick dispatcher, and it is rumored that Bro. Davis, at Parco, has also been promoted to trick dispatcher.

Bro. Reidel was into Spokane the other day registering for some of the Indian land. A good many of the brothers have registered on the reservations and hope to become farmers instead of hams.

Bro. Bunge has been transferred from Keystone to Coker. SKINNEY.

Pacific Division, First District—

Bro. G. P. Mounce, of Thorp, is laying off; relieved by Bro. L. C. Wyse, from Nelson's.

Mr. J. A. Butchcoe, of Bristol, is on lay-off; relieved by Mr. M. P. Beveridge. Bro. A. Schweinforth, from third at Bristol, to third at Palmer Junction. His place taken by Bro. Handerson, who was in turn relieved by Mr. J. O. O'Connell.

Bro. L. W. Powell, of Cle Elum, on sixty days' leave of absence on account of sickness. Bro. V. O. Brunner working first. Bro. L. W. Reiley, an up-to-date man from the wireless service, is working second in place of Bro. Sales, who is on lay-off. Man named D. M. Davis on third; don't know how he stands.

Bro. F. V. Tapley, of Upham, resigned; place filled temporarily by A. F. Cox, later by Bro. C. W. Coburn, from Palmer Junction.

Through an error in last write-up I spoke of H. E. Hudson at Martin as "Mr." This should have read "Bro." In this connection note concluding paragraph of this write-up.

Bro. G. F. Priest, third trick at Borup, has resigned, effective 20th of August, and in company with Bro. Coburn, from Upham, will go to work for the So. Pac. in Southern California. We wish them luck.

Bro. H. A. McKiddy, of Lemolo, has gotten up a very ingenious arrangement for the delivery of train hoops without the danger of standing in the pulpit. It is not only safer, but surer than hand delivery. It is also better than the device for the same purpose erected by the company on the Pasco Division. We expect to see it adopted by all the boys, as it is not hard to make, and Bro. McK. is glad to explain details to all interested. Postoffice address, Eagle Gorge.

At Palmer Junction, A. F. Cox is working third trick, vice Bro. Coburn transferred.

Sister Nellie G. Wiley, of Ravensdale, is on a sixty days' lay-off. Bro. R. A. Hamilton on first, Bro. A. J. Kimball on second, Bro. W. J. Kelly on third.

Mr. G. T. Ballard, the first trick man at Kent, has resigned. Bro. R. W. Brownson is relieving J. L. Finley, the agent at Kent, who is on vacation. Mr. W. A. Dingleline and two unknowns working the three tricks at the telegraph table.

Bro. Seblist, of Prescott, is back from vacation. We are sorry to report that Bro. Boruff is in the hospital. He came near having typhoid fever, but managed to stave it off. Mr. R. Welch relieving.

At "WR," Tacoma, Bro. E. M. Fuller, from Napavine, is breaking in for the bulletined vacancy.

To guard against errors and help along generally, I would suggest that newcomers on this district go to the by-no-means-prohibitive trouble and expense of dropping postals to Bros. I. N. Holmes, 1015 Tenth street, Olympia, Wash., R. W. Baker, Box 453, Ellensburg, Wash., and Kingsmill Commander, Box 113, Auburn, Wash., advising division and certificate number and road from. They thus put themselves in touch at once with the division secretary, the local chairman and the district correspondent. This would take but a few moments of time and would be a great help to the individuals who have had conferred upon them the somewhat dismal honor of the above-mentioned offices. If this practice were followed, members would not find themselves mentioned as non-members. As it is, they have no one but themselves to blame for it. The First District is

carefully canvassed by wire each month for news, and an earnest endeavor made to get all items correct, yet frequently when old-timers are asked in regard to a newcomer in their offices, "Has he a card?" the answer is, "I don't know." This is the limit, an' then some! If you will not take the trouble to ascertain this vital fact when you are working with a man every day, and still further, if the man himself will not take interest and pride enough in his union to wear his button and show his card, he has no kick coming if he finds himself featured in the journal as a non. It would certainly be a joyful day if newcomers here found it as they do on the Canadian Pacific, where it is the man without the little button who is conspicuous, and not the man with one. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that the majority of the buttons seen up there are not the celluloid ones that are sent to all new members, but the enameled ones which one has to buy. The feeling is general that, in view of all the benefits that have been won through the Order, the wearing of the cheap button is rather an indication that the wearer is built on penurious lines, or, to use the vernacular, is what is commonly known as a "cheap skate," or a "tin-horn sport." It is the opinion of the writer that beneficial results will follow if this paragraph is cut out and posted up where all telegraphers can not fail to see it. Those who feel so inclined will then always know to whom to write if they wish to be known as Order men. Unionism means working together. Let's do it!

K. C.

Pacific Division, Second District—

Bro. W. A. Larkin, third at Woodland, bid in second at Sopenah.

Bro. John Hartl is relieving Mr. Freeman on first trick at Centralia.

Bro. L. H. Keyes, first trick at Roy, is taking a rest after relieving the agent there temporarily.

Bro. T. G. Runyan, second trick at Ridgefield, is back at work after a visit to his people in Iowa.

Bro. L. C. Thornton is holding down first at Winlock.

Bro. W. L. Schofield, from first trick at Kalama, has been appointed agent at Moclips. Wold is doing the stunt on first at Kalama, Robinson second and Ford third, the two latter new to me. Can not say if any of the three have the dope or not.

Bro. Morris, the first trick man at Kelso, is taking a rest; relieved by Bro. John Hicks.

Bro. W. A. Dickinson, first at Castle Rock, is off spending his money. Bro. A. P. MacInnis is relieving him.

Bro. C. C. Starnes has been appointed agent at Littell.

Bro. H. D. Patterson, from second at Sumner, bid in second at Woodland, and landed it.

Bro. G. C. Shinn is back at Felida after a sixty days' lay-off.

Bro. Lemoine, the agent at Doty, is taking a short rest.

DIST. CO.

Relay Division—

Bro. R. C. Nisonger resigned to accept a position with the C. M. & St. P. Ry. in their Tacoma office, being relieved by Mr. O. Larson, a new man in the service and a member of the C. T. U. A.

One new man put on, W. A. McLean, an old-timer, but without the old-timer's standby, a card.

Mr. H. G. Briggs, night chief, is away on two months' leave of absence, being relieved by John Morria, late night chief, he in turn being relieved by C. E. Christy.

Two additional men at Spokane, G. W. Davidson and Robert Sundén; understand they have no cards.

It is reported that Mr. J. Dupbernell has tendered his resignation to take effect August 1. He intends entering the employ of the Remington people as traveling salesman.

Two extra men put on at Helena, Bro. F. Dailey and Mr. J. G. Halloran, of the C. T. U. A.

A. H. Hunter and wife spent a few days seeing the sights at the Seattle Fair, but were compelled to cut their visit short owing to Mrs. Hunter being taken suddenly ill. Hunter says it made him ill also when he paid his hotel bill.

Dickinson: One new man since last month, Bro. P. Sullivan, of the C. T. U. A. He has his application ready for an O. R. T. card also.

Bro. Ferriter went to the Fair and came back broke. He has started a petition to have the nine-hour law repealed so he can get in a little overtime and catch up again.

Bro. Snyder is on the coast spending his money. He has more cash than the average telegrapher and figures that it will last him two months. During his absence Bro. Ferriter officiates as night chief and Bro. Adams as late night chief.

St. Paul: Four new men at St. Paul—Messrs. Woodley, from Mandan; Brown and Powers, new men, and Lentch, from the dining car department.

Bro. Killeen is taking a much-needed vacation.

Div. Cor.

Montana Division—

R. B. Spangler, first at Muir, is off a few days on a trip to Missoula and Spokane; relieved by Frank Harlan, a new man on the road.

O. S. Hoover was relieved at Bozeman by McIntyre. Later McIntyre was transferred to Livingston message office, being relieved at Bozeman by a new man named Prickette. Hoover was sent to the yard at Billings.

Miss Smith, at Chestnut, is on the sick list, and was relieved by E. J. Switzer from the "Q." Switzer was later relieved by Harlan from Muir.

H. B. Chambers is the new man at Greycliff.

W. D. Parks was taken out of the service at Reed Point; relieved by L. A. Gates. Gates was later relieved by McKenzie.

H. H. Hall, at Hoppers, was taken out the service and relieved by L. A. Gates, from Reed Point. Perkins at Townsend was relieved by D. J. Rood from the Pennsylvania lines.

J. E. Miksch, at Manhattan, is taking in the Fair at Seattle; relieved by M. J. Connell from the Pennsylvania lines.

C. S. Bly and W. W. Lamb, of the Livingston message office, have left the service. L. A. Nott, from Pee Dee, N. C., and Perry from G. N. Junction, are the new faces in Livingston.

A. J. Dahl, has been transferred from Merrill to Laurel passenger depot.

Bauc.

Dakota and Fargo Divisions—

Bro. Reichard at Crystal Springs, has resigned; relieved by Mr. Johnson.

Bro. Parr at Windsor has resigned; relieved by Bro. Andre. Bro. Andre comes from the Wisconsin Central.

Mr. Guinn, formerly first trick telegrapher in "J" office, Jamestown, has accepted the position of car distributor. Bros. Christensen and Yostie are now working first trick, and Messrs. Livingston and Woods second and third. The two latter are new men on the division.

Bro. Ebert has been transferred to first at Dawson; Bro. Andre from Dawson to Burleigh, second.

Bro. Hopkins was relieved at Steele by a new man on the division.

Prospects of a rushing fall's business is in "high wind" and let us all endeavor to do our best in helping the dispatchers to get trains over the road, answer calls promptly and advise him when any train has a hot box or any other minor accident that is liable to cause delay. Above all things, brothers, cut out the sleeping on duty; get your rest in the fifteen hours you are off duty and do not sleep when your time belongs to the company.

Those brothers who are working with nons in the same office please send me their names, so we can get them in line.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Pasco Division—

Mr. E. R. Cottle, who has been doing the second trick mystery at Tyler for the past two weeks, relieves the regular agent at Eltopia, who is on leave of absence.

Bro. I. E. Hunt is relieving the agent at Lamar for six weeks.

Bro. R. F. Evans, the regular agent at Tyler, is at present enjoying such luxuries as the desert affords; relieved by Bro. P. C. Paulson, formerly cashier at Lind.

Sister R. M. More, of Tyler, relieved Bro. C. C. Henton at Kline for a few days, resuming her regular trick at Tyler at the expiration of that time. She was relieved by Mr. S. D. Douglas, of Ritzville.

Mr. D. H. Shenk, of Eltopia, takes third trick at Tyler, relieving Sister R. M. More, who has been transferred to second trick.

Bro. Johnson, who came from Connell to work second trick at Sprague, has succeeded to first trick. Bro. Lippold, from third, goes to second. Slocumb, who came across the continent from North Carolina, is holding Sprague third trick.

Mr. C. A. Hoyer, a former C. T. U. A. man, is doing the all night stunt at Concord.

Bro. Gore has been transferred from Eltopia second trick to Marshall first trick.

Our local chairman, Dubois, has bid in the first trick at Toppenish, leaving the first at Cheney, where he has been located for a long time.

Bro. D. C. Putnam has gone to the dispatcher's office at Pasco. He is making good on the third trick Ritzville to Spokane.

Sister More, who has been working third trick at Tyler, has been given the second trick there.

Bro. Henton, of Kline, was off a couple of days this month; relieved by Sister More, of Tyler.

A number of the boys have registered at the land drawing. There will be a lot of vacancies on the Pasco Division if all of us get claims.

Bro. Reidel, of first trick at Fishtrap, has resigned, Bro. McCormick taking first, Bro. H. Ainsworth, second and a new man, Bro. Sharp, has third.

Brothers, don't you think our division is big and strong enough for a good write-up each month? I think most of us turn to the Nor. Pac. notes first and hunt for something that hasn't been there for some time, the Pasco Division notes. There is too much doing here for one man to take care of, but if each one of us sent in our items and helped out our correspondent, ours would be one of the best write-ups in our fine old journal. Let's all help a little.

Bro. Bunge has the trick at Coker.

Bro. Evans, agent at Tyler, is taking a three weeks' vacation.

Bro. Hadsel has first at Cheney now.

The third trick telegrapher on the Spokane-Ritzville end are sorry to lose their old dispatcher, Moran. "EJ" has been given the first trick on west end. CENT. 1630.

Southern Ry.

Knoxville Division—

I want to call the attention of some of the telegraphers to the reckless manner in which they take care of the company's interest and this applies mostly to the extra telegraphers. We have some extra telegraphers who have about worn out the patience of the dispatcher and chief dispatcher. When they get instructions to go to a place to work they don't always go, and this puts the dispatcher "up against it" and it has been the case once or twice recently that when the extra man did go to work at a certain office he left before he was advised, and as the regular man failed to get back, left the job unprotected and consequently made it hard on the chief to get the place filled to save violating the law. Now, such business as this is by no means making good reflections on these men. The chief dispatcher has been patient and the dispatchers have also helped several out in such cases, but it can not be expected that they will continue to do so, and if these men want to work they certainly should make an improvement in their service.

When you get a message to go to a place to work answer it so that the dispatcher or chief dispatcher will know what to depend upon, and

when you say you will go, don't fail to go so, and after you get there you should remain until you are relieved and allowed to leave by a message from the chief dispatcher. If you will do this you will find that it makes it better for all concerned, and the company will be willing to grant you little favors that they will not grant so long as you give such poor service, for the simple fact that you cannot be depended upon.

We have some good dispatchers, and especially do I know this to be the fact on the west end. These dispatchers have gone beyond their jurisdiction at times to grant favors to certain telegraphers, and these men fell down on them, which makes it hard on the dispatcher, and as long as you do this can you expect the dispatchers to grant these favors? No, you cannot, and they will not do so, and you can blame no one but yourself. We have some good men on the division who are giving good service and trying to do the right thing, and what a careless, indifferent telegrapher does oftentimes makes it hard on these good men.

I know of one man in particular who went so far as to impose upon the good nature of our second trick dispatcher, and because of his goodness fell down on him. Now, just so long as we have men that will do these things, just so long we can expect to see some one run off, and justly.

Our first trick dispatcher, Mr. Formwalt, is getting to be about the best we have on the west end. He has been A1 to everybody, and this is one of the dispatchers that has been getting up against some hard propositions by his endeavors to help extra telegraphers out, and as a result they fell down on him.

In Messrs. Formwalt, Hahn and Johnson we have three good dispatchers, and as long as we "hit the ball," as Shorty Goodwin used to say, when he was chief, these dispatchers will help us any way they can, especially Mr. "JO." But fall down on him and you will get it in the neck.

With the regular men there has been wonderful improvement and the superintendent has said that if we all work together and do our duty we can have as good division as any on the system, or on any railroad. While we have a superintendent who believes in cutting, yet you can rest assured that we have his co-operation in other ways, and he will always help us out whenever consistent.

It has been reported that there has been violation of the hours-of-service law at several stations. The law is plain. Furthermore, you have plain instructions from the superintendent as to this, and should it come to a showdown, it would likely result in trouble and fines for the company as well as the loss of your position, and we do not want to involve the company in anything of this kind, and I feel sure that no one wants to lose his position over this. I would warn all concerned in this matter and suggest that the instructions from the superintendent be complied with.

The Southern Railway Company does not want you to violate this law and their ruling on this is explicit, and you should be governed accordingly.

I hope the extra men who have been in the habit of making so much trouble for the dispatchers will get down to business and try to make an improvement.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Knoxville Division—

Prospects seem bright at this time, and we believe ere long the Southern System will be classed among the very best organized roads in this country. Wonderful progress has been made on this railway within the last six years. You are working for a railroad that has not adopted the policy of fighting the O. R. T., and this could not be better proven than by the fact that the general manager of the Southern Railway has granted your general chairman leave of absence for a year with the privilege of an extension of time if necessary, and furnishing him with transportation to travel over the system and look after the interests of your organization.

You should remember that now you have a general chairman who is relieved from duty and will devote his time to your interests and it should be your aim to keep your dues paid up and help to complete thorough organization and get busy in other ways to help things along.

Five years ago you had no agreement with the Southern Railway. Two years ago you had a general chairman, but he had to work just like you do, and consequently could not devote his time to the organization nor give it the proper attention. Today you have an agreement that increased your salary, gave you the privilege of bulletin, trials in unjust dismissal cases, and many other concessions that you did not have some years ago and a general chairman on a salary to look after your interests. How can some men stand up and say, "Oh, well, the O. R. T. has done nothing for me. Some day when dreams come true I'll join." Yes, some day when the union man's dream comes true you will not be included in the agreement secured by the organization and the union men. But will be left alone to fight your battles and take the medicine as it is dosed out to you by some antagonistic or prejudiced chief dispatcher. But it may be too late then. When you lose your position on your old home road and have to go out into the world hunting work and run up against a union man or union road, as you surely will if you leave the Southern, you will find quite a difference. When you go out to hunt work elsewhere and get the cold shoulder, when the cruelty, as you might call it, from the union man comes withering home to your heart, when you find how hard it is to find true sympathy, how few to befriend you, how few that will help you in time of trouble and misfortune and no position, it is then you will see and realize what it means to be a non.

Yes, you will say the O. R. T. man did not treat you right. But really, you will have no one but yourself to blame. Did you take anything from your pocket to help better conditions? Did you not oftentimes knock the O. R. T. and its members and say there was no good in it, and yet

everything you could get out of the agreement you would grab like a hungry wolf would grab a sheep. Then there will be no one to blame but your blind self. It is not the principle of the union man to be cruel to anyone, union or non-union. But they have a motto, "No card, no favors," and they practice it some places. You have not seen it done on the Southern, but go elsewhere without a card in your pocket looking for work or anything in the way of favors and see what you get.

You should have seen sufficient good in being a member of the O. R. T. long ago to have an up-to-date card, and listen to me—you will make a mistake unless you get in the army of the majority.

Div. Coa.

Winston-Salem Division—

Since the election of our worthy Bro. Alexander as general chairman, it seems as if we have been born again. He has been retired from railroad duties on a salary sufficient to keep him on the road all the time looking after the good of the organization, and a very noticeable improvement has already been made. All that Bro. Alexander needs to bring Division No. 59 to the front is the united support of the local chairmen and he will deliver the goods.

We have made wise selections in the election of our officers and have some excellent material left over. Bro. Duncan is a very brilliant man, and his long experience as a committeeman made it necessary to retain him on the general committee.

A great many of the boys leave everything to the local chairman and think he should keep up with each and every occurrence along the line. This is not the case at all, as I am not located so as to know what is going on on the northern branches.

If a member will advise me of anything being done not in accordance with the contract I will do all I can to have it properly adjusted.

Nons are growing scarcer as the days go by, and if we continue to line them up within the next few days as we have in the past they will soon become extinct.

Bros. Petree, of Walnut Cove, and Stewart, of Ore Hill, have been appointed as my assistants. Anyone desiring blanks will be furnished them by either of these brothers. I am very desirous to land the last non on this division and have them seek refuge in the old O. R. T. ark, which will safely carry them over the tempestuous seas of Discrimination, Long Hours and Poor Pay. Come, step on board and help your co-workers to push forward, bearing the wreath and sounder.

W. R. LITTLE,

Local Chairman.

Atlanta Division (South End)—

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Flovilla, Ga., Sunday, August 22d. The regular meeting hour is 9:30, or on arrival of north and south bound trains, but on account of some of the brothers close by having to work in the forenoon

the meeting was postponed until 3:30 p. m. We enjoyed a pleasant ride to Indian Springs, took our "lady friends" to see the Big Poplar (claimed to be the largest tree in Georgia), and enjoyed some fine music at the Wigwam, after which all went to Oak Grove, where we enjoyed a good, old-fashioned "dinner on the ground."

After taking a good sulphur bath, we "hams" left the ladies at the springs and went back to Flovilla to hold the meeting in the afternoon. There was a very good attendance, although not as many were present as was expected. Some very important subjects were brought before us, and we hope to see everything on the Atlanta Division on the "boom" in the near future. Brothers, we realize the fact that some of you can't attend these meetings without getting relief, but we want you to ask for relief a week ahead of time, and if you can't be relieved, then ask to close your office long enough to attend the meeting. We feel sure your chief will do this for you if you will do "biz" for him.

If you can't get relief do not violate the nine-hour law in order to come, as that would make the company liable as well as yourselves, even if the other telegrapher worked just a little while to allow you to attend, and no trains were due at your station during the time you were absent. It's a violation of the nine-hour law just the same as if you work more than nine hours in twenty-four.

Remember, regular meetings will be held at Flovilla the fourth Sunday in each month in future, and the meeting will be called to order immediately on arrival of trains Nos. 7 and 16. We regret very much, and was somewhat surprised at not having two of our brothers at Flovilla attend the meeting on the 22d, but trust they will realize the importance of a good meeting, and put in their appearance next time so that we will have a large crowd and a good meeting.

Bro. I. H. McVicker, agent at Ellenwood, has just returned from a pleasant trip to Chattanooga and a fishing frolic to Flint River. Bro. J. A. Pennington relieved him.

Bro. J. E. Guyton broke his wrist some time ago, but has so far improved that he has been able to resume duty.

Telegrapher J. O. Bland, second trick at McDonough, is off on vacation.

Bro. L. L. Pitts, second at Locust Grove, has just returned from a pleasant trip to Washington, and reports having had a very nice time. Telegrapher H. G. Knott relieved him.

We regret very much to learn that our former brother, C. E. Pitts, agent at Locust Grove, has been relieved. Bro. L. L. Pitts, his brother, has been installed as agent.

Agent J. A. Middlebrooks, of Jenkinsburg, is off on a month's vacation to Bordon Springs, Ala., Telegrapher Smathers relieving him.

We are glad to hear Bro. Currie, second at Jackson, again. He has been off about five weeks on account of his brother's sickness. Telegrapher C. M. McGee relieved him.

L. F. Brannan, first trick at Lumber City, has been transferred to North Rome. I feel sure he will soon have his "up-to-date," for the boys at Rome will be sure to get him interested in the good meetings they are having up there.

Our correspondent, Bro. W. O. Needham, and family, also Miss McVicker, of Ellenwood, are off on a pleasure trip to St. Simons Island and Jacksonville, Fla. Bro. Pennington is relieving him. We have about twenty-five extra telegraphers over here now, and they are all at work.

Some of the boys south of Macon are said to be falling delinquent in their dues, because (they say) we boys on the north end are not interested in that part of the division whatever, and don't ever try to do anything for them. Brothers, you are badly mistaken. We are far more interested in you than you are in yourselves. It will be our pleasure to assist you 'n any way we can, but to long as you sit with your hands and feet tied just that long will you remain in your present condition. Get up and make a start and you will be surprised to see how much good you can do for yourselves and how much help you will get. As to the meetings on the Macon end, just any old time you can get a few of the boys together notify the local chairman and he will be glad to be with you and all the rest that can possibly get off.

Bro. Mallet, from Hazelhurst, was one of our attendants at Flovilla on the 22d. Come again, brother, we are glad to have you with us.

By request of our correspondent, in his absence I have sent in this write-up, and am glad of this opportunity to say a few words to the brothers of the Atlanta Division.

Soon after the last meeting of the general committee in Asheville, N. C., July 15th, I was appointed local chairman of the Atlanta Division to fill the unexpired term of Bro. F. M. Kenney, who was relieved at Jackson some time in May on account of some trouble with the mail. I desire to thank the members of the Atlanta Division and our worthy general chairman for the honor conferred. I feel the responsibility resting upon me, and assure you that I shall keep the interests of the Atlanta Division ever in mind. Let me urge upon each and every member the necessity of earnest action and co-operation in the matter of soliciting others for membership. The result of individual effort will be astonishing and well worthy the slight efforts put forth.

Yours for a good, solid line,

H. L. ALLEN,
Local Chairman.

Coster Division, Midland Branch—

Business is improving on this pike, everything moving nicely, and the few nons left will soon have to come into the fold or go away back and sit down.

W. L. Hickey, our former chief dispatcher, has been put back as train master. C. F. Bittle now fills that position and we are glad to say he is a good chief.

Mr. Johnson, of "JC," first trick, is now working as third trick dispatcher, and we all like him.

He is a good boy and we hope the boys will give him good service.

C. B. Gray, our worthy brother and local chairman, has resumed his regular position at "CN"; relieved by Mr. McBee. We are all glad to see Mr. McBee back with us again. We haven't learned as yet if he is up to date, but hope he is.

L. D. Baldwin, agent at Tiprell, G. Y. M., is off on a fourteen days' vacation; relieved by H. D. Redmond, telegrapher at Tiprell.

Our division has been undergoing several changes for the past few weeks, which we hope is all for the better.

We would be glad if the boys would wake up on the line, and give us some news, so all concerned would know how things are going. Who is next to show up on the Midland Branch? Don't wait for some one else now, get busy.

D. R.

Atlanta Division, North End—

We would like to see more of your faces at Rome every fourth Sunday. All of you come next time and let's have a good meeting. The chief dispatcher will furnish you transportation if you will write for it.

Would like to see you all land some of these nons. Get after that one at the station next to you.

Our committee will go to Washington pretty soon, so get busy.

I would like to have some of the members send me some news.

Bro. Garner landed the bunch of three at "Z" office. Hurrah for "GK."

Mr. G. D. Hanna, first trick dispatcher, spent a few days at Varnell fishing recently.

The Ku-Klux paid Mr. W. M. McDonald, at Dalton, a friendly visit recently about two "GM."

Bro. H. A. Henderson, third at Cohutta, was off a week recently on account of his mother's death. He has our sympathy; relieved by Telegrapher W. C. Cain.

Bro. J. I. Hardin, second at Oostanaula, was wedded to Miss Peeples, from Vaughn, Ga., July 30, 1909; relieved by Telegrapher Ellia.

Bro. O. G. Davis is back from the wild and woolly West, at his old place, third Oostanaula.

Bro. J. H. Massingill, third at Plainsville, was off two weeks; relieved by Telegrapher Pullen, from Silver Creek.

Bro. E. C. Needham, second at Waring, visited his brother, W. O. Needham, at Ellenwood, recently; relieved by J. L. Parks.

Bro. W. K. Galamore, second at Shannon, was off ten days.

Telegrapher Pat O'Brien, third at Rome, is off sick.

Telegrapher W. J. Bandy, at Howardsville, was off recently; relieved by E. C. Credele, from Norfolk, Va.

Bro. W. E. Dellinger, agent at North Rome, will be off a month or more. Going out West.

Bro. P. O. Parker, agent at Cohutta, spent Sunday at his home recently in Hiram, Ga.

Bro. J. F. Ayers is back to work again at Rose-land, third trick.

We can now call Mr. Shelton, Mr. Kennon and Mr. Mayfield, in the dispatcher's office, brothers.

Now let us all pull together and turn out at the meetings. "Love thy enemies as thyself."

Assr. Div. Com.

St. Louis Division, East End—

Bro. Hoffman, formerly of Johnsburg, is relieving Bro. B. B. Melton at "H," Taswell, for thirty days.

Bro. L. H. Miller is back from a vacation spent in Colorado.

Telegrapher Atkins, who has just finished in one of the offices on this pike, is relieving Mr. Stroud, first trick at "MI," Milltown, for a few days.

Bro. O. J. Bische was off August 1st to attend his grandfather's funeral, but had to return to work the same day, as his relief man left on No. 10, same date. He was relieved by Bro. E. B. Ditto.

The chief dispatcher seems to be short on telegraphers, as I note the boys are all having a terrible time getting vacations.

Bro. H. Helmbock, of Rockport, has been off thirty days, relieving Mr. L. E. Murry as traveling auditor, Rockport being filled by Bro. M. J. Kemp, assisted by Bro. E. B. Ditto.

Bro. M. C. Day, of Troy, was off a few days; relieved by Bro. E. B. Ditto.

Bro. L. E. Crandall, of Chrisney, spent Sunday, August 8th, with his parents at Corydon Junction.

Boys, do you know that it is high time we were getting lined up, for we are the worst organized division on the Southern. Let's not have it said that the St. Louis-Louisville lines are in the worst shape any longer. I suppose you are aware that when our schedule is revised it will cover the whole Southern Ry. and we will not be working under two separate contracts as we are at present. To tell the truth we haven't much of a contract at present, and it seems as though most of the boys do not care whether their condition is bettered. We are today in a deplorable condition as regards organization. Can't you help make it better, and will you not try? I am satisfied that with a little effort on the part of the members we can soon have one of the best organized roads in the South, and, besides, have as good a schedule as our competitor, the I. C. Brothers and nons, the thing for us to do is this: When we get thoroughly organized and get a revised contract, instead of lying down like we have been doing we should get busy and endeavor to secure a better contract at the next and each succeeding revision.

No doubt you have heard that there were some questions raised as to a committee representing men who were not members of the organization, so if you want representation you had better get in line. Application blanks can be secured from the local chairman, so do not wait for an organizer to come over here; let's show that we can line up without the aid of an organizer. CRET. 365.

Knoxville Division, West End—

Bro. J. C. Stanberry, formerly second trick man at Charleston, has resigned his position with the company and has accepted a position as manager of the Cumberland Telephone Co., at Cleveland, Tenn., which is a much better position and places him in line for promotion. Under present conditions there is not much inducement for good men to remain at the key and quite a number are securing positions outside of telegraphing. Bro. Stanberry says he will still swing to the card, as he may need it some day. We predict for him success.

Bro. Cobble, formerly of Greenville, Tenn., relieved Bro. Stanberry at Charleston.

Bro. Wetmore, third at Riceville, has secured leave of absence for several months on account of failing health and gone to Mexico. We hope that he will return much improved.

Telegrapher H. E. McClelland is relieving Bro. Wetmore and says pay day will see him with an up-to-date card.

Bro. Fullen, at Athens, first trick, has returned from a trip to Norfolk, Washington and other cities in the East.

The joint Chattanooga meeting was a success, there being present ninety-four members. If you want to know what is going on you should attend the meetings.

Quite a number of the old men are coming in the ranks now. Watch out for 2,000 strong by November 1st.

We understand that Telegrapher Campbell has gone into the ham factory business. It looks like a man would rather learn almost any other profession than telegraphy at this time, and we predict that if the young man who is receiving instructions under him succeeds he will feel like kicking himself for having learned the business. In after years while sitting out in some lonely two by four dog house with nothing but darkness, hoot owls and the scream of the panther to greet him, and that for starvation wages every day and Sunday, too, he will wonder why he ever learned telegraphy.

The records of the Knoxville Division show that for the past few years every man who has taught a student has been rewarded by the student stepping into the "professor's" position before it was over with, and who is to blame? The man who taught the business, of course. Experience is a dear teacher sometimes, but it takes it to wake some people up. They refuse to be told by those who have been up against it and understand the game.

Telegrapher Witt, from the antagonistic L. & N., has been assigned to the agent-telegrapher's position at Tyner, succeeding Mr. Shelton.

It is said that Mr. Witt has made the bold statement that he expects to walk in the tracks of Prof. Shelton, so far as teaching students and opposing O. R. Tism is concerned. We think that Mr. Witt has been very lucky to stay with the Southern Ry. as long as he has and believe he will make a mistake to put into execution his threat. However, we don't believe there will be many

competent men turned out. We would rather see Mr. Witt get down to business and do the right thing, but if he will not listen to advice just let him have all the rope he wants and he will soon hang himself.

I want to impress upon you the importance of good service. Put forth your best efforts. Some of the men are giving rotten service, but it is said that the majority of these men are non-members. Our members are learning that it pays to give service that surpasses that given by the non and that to be a union man should be a recommendation.

Bro. Cord, our local chairman, desires that a meeting be held at Charleston, Tenn., some time in September. He says that there are men between Chattanooga and Knoxville who want this meeting at Charleston, so they can attend, and I think it would be a good move. Bro. Cord advises that if this meeting is gotten up at Charleston he will have the ladies treat the brothers to a feast after the meeting, and will take up the matter with the superintendent, and try to have 36 stop for those who wish to leave and get back home about midnight. This will be a good move, and if you receive notices of this meeting you must be sure and attend it. Bro. Cord will secure accommodations at the hotel for all those who do not wish to leave on 36 at 11:30 p. m.

It might be a good idea to have a series of these meetings along the division, as some of our men can not attend the meetings in Morristown and Knoxville. We will start this one at Charleston and see how it works.

Everything is moving nicely and prospects are bright for better times, and especially is your organization booming. H. C.

Louisville Division—

Big changes. New general chairman and general committee are the result of the meeting of chairmen of Southern Railway Division No. 59, which was held in Asheville, July 15th. The meeting was attended by sixteen local chairmen, including Bro. Watson and Bro. Crandall, of the Louisville-St. Louis Divisions. Vice-President Dermody, of the O. R. T., was also present and rendered some very valuable assistance in the way of suggestions.

The meeting was a success throughout. The telegraphers on the system are so enthusiastic over the bright future that everybody has taken up the work of organizing and the nons on the Southern Railway will soon be a thing of the past. Our G. S. & T., Bro. Doyle, says he received fourteen applications July 30th. Boys, all of you sit up and take notice; that is going after them properly. We can not expect better results than that.

The greatest benefit derived from the meeting for the St. Louis-Louisville lines was their annexation to the system, and from now on, when the system makes a move, we move also. If the committee goes before the railway officials and secures schedules, better conditions or anything else, the St. Louis-Louisville lines will get the benefit, the committee will be working for our

good as well as for the good of others, and it will not matter whether we have a representative present or not. We want every man to bear this in mind whether O. R. T. or non, it is undoubtedly the greatest day we have had.

There is absolutely nothing that can keep us down now. The Charlotte Division is arranging for a meeting at Cornelia on the 8th of August, and they are expecting to sweep every non from the face of the system, which if things continue as they have been lately will not be hard to do. We wish them every success, for their success means our success. We have not much of an opportunity for a meeting over here, but if every one will take hold we will make a big showing.

Bro. Alexander, our general chairman, recently received a leave of absence of one year or longer if he so desires, with transportation over the whole of the Southern Railway system, for the purpose of organizing its lines solid to the man. Bro. Alexander will start on the work of organizing at once, and expects to be on St. Louis-Louisville lines in the near future. I am sure there is not a man on our division who wants this man, who has been so nobly recognized by our railroad officials, to find him without an up-to-date card. If there is any who have not the necessary, he is going to make it his business to see that man individually and point out to him the necessity of his helping us along.

Our membership over here has, no doubt, become somewhat discouraged by past failures, but now that everything is in harmony, we have the assurance that ours will soon be one of the largest organized roads in the country. Why not? The Southern operates something like 8,000 miles of track, and employs approximately 22,000 telegraphers and agent-telegraphers. This makes us one of the largest railway systems in the United States, and business is reasonably good at present.

Our dispatchers certainly have all they can attend to just now. They work two separate wires now, the resistance being too great with present battery from west end to make a success of No. 8 and 20 when spliced together. However, an effort is being made and they hope to get more battery from Huntingburg when the wire should work through satisfactorily.

There is a rumor that our block wire will soon be a thing of the past, as they intend making a division message wire of it.

There was talk of opening an exclusive night office at Talmage, it being necessary to relieve Agent Bradley, of Harrodsburg, of his telegraphic duties to comply with the law, but this was eliminated by doing away with the cashier at that point and putting on the three men, the first of whom performs the cashier's duties in addition to telegraphing.

A great many seem to think all they have to do is to wait and "see what is going to be done." The depression of 1907 tied us down considerably, it is true, but now that we are back on our feet it is necessary that we have the assistance of each and every man to make the desired showing.

Now, every one of you nons get up to date, and do it now. Remember we are watching you, and are working for your benefit as much as our own. If you do not intend to "telegraph long" or "can't afford it" then you don't need the job you have; look wise now, the roll call comes soon.

Drv. Con.

Danville Division—

I have not seen anything in the journal for some time from the Danville Division, therefore I will endeavor to write a few lines, as I am getting very anxious to see a write-up from this division.

I have been promoted to second trick, which keeps me away from meetings, so I have lost sight of what is going on. I think it necessary that we appoint a good man for correspondence work, with an assistant, in order that we may have a good write-up in the journal each month, thereby keeping us informed, and we will thereby become more acquainted, and more interested in the work.

I understand we are almost solid. There are only a few telegraphers working on the Danville Division who are not in the ranks, and this is on account of their not being old enough to be admitted. They are anxious to come in just as soon as they are eligible to membership, but, my dear brothers, you know that to simply join the Order is not all. We must get together, work together, and I beg of you to go to the meetings. Take interest in the work and assist our local chairman in making the Danville Division what it should be. It is up to us, and what we make it is just what it will be—no more and no less. Don't join and then take a back seat, and expect our local chairman or somebody else to do the rest. Go to the meetings and he will tell you something about what you need to do. There is no reason why we can not have a good attendance at our meetings, which are held at Greensboro every fourth Saturday night. I have always been glad to be at meetings, and I believe if the boys will get started they will not stop going.

Bro. J. F. Skinnell has returned from Chelsea, Mass., where he spent several days with his brother, who has been critically ill with cerebro-spinal meningitis. He left him much improved, with bright prospects for his speedy recovery.

Bro. J. G. Baderhem, who has been off on a vacation, has just returned from New York. He reports that he had a good time, and he is now visiting his mother at Mount Airy, N. C.

Bro. H. J. Tralinger has been transferred from second to first trick at Thomasville.

Bro. A. F. Perkins is relieving Bro. C. E. Edgerton at Lexington. a few days.

I understand from some of the officials that a number of the boys are not attending to business—sleeping on duty, not reporting trains or answering calls promptly, letting trains in block without setting block properly, and some using bad language on the wire. You understand that such is a violation of the rules, and that no excuse could be given for this kind of work. We have

to work but eight hours per day, and such actions as the above certainly look bad. In order to accomplish anything we must give good service, get down to business and show the officials of the road that it pays to have union, eight-hour men.

Elect a good correspondent at your next meeting. F. S.

Birmingham Division—

On account of the resignation of our correspondent from the service of the company, our division has failed to be represented in the last few issues of the journal. This leaves the impression that the Birmingham Division has not the interest of the organization at heart, which is the wrong impression to be conveyed to the members elsewhere. Then again, what impression would this have on the nons who see nothing from this division?

On June 28th the division met at 1910½ Third Ave., Birmingham, and was honored with the presence of Fourth Vice-President J. J. Dermody. Bro. Dermody made a very interesting talk, which all members should have heard. Those who failed to attend missed some very important instructions and news that was of vital importance to their interests. While there was a goodly number present from the various roads running into Birmingham, the representation was not what it should have been. As the chief dispatcher, Mr. H. G. Farrar, has kindly consented each month to furnish transportation to all who make request, it is no trouble to attend the meetings. Put your request in early, and let more of you try to be present the first Saturday after the 20th of each month at 1910½ Third Ave., Birmingham, at one o'clock p. m.

In the last few months the men seem to take little interest in their division meetings or in reporting their troubles on the road. Now, brothers, you need not expect one man to know about everything that is going on out on the line. And you need not expect to know what is being done for you unless you attend the division meetings.

Pay your dues and keep in touch with the men who are working for your interest, and you will always feel better by having done so. No doubt there are a goodly number of the brothers who feel discouraged while if they should attend the meetings and find out what is being done and what has been done for them, they would see things in quite a different light, and enter into the work with renewed energy and continue the fight with a will for right and justice against wrong and oppression.

On July 15th the writer was called to Asheville, N. C., to assist in electing a general chairman. Considerable business of much importance for the welfare of Division No. 59 was transacted, placing the division on what the general committee believes to be a more solid foundation. We elected as general chairman Bro. H. G. Alexander, of Drexel, N. C., a man who has been tried and tested, whose integrity, uprightness and feeling for justice cannot

be questioned. We feel that none can say their grievances were not properly handled, after being entrusted to his care.

There have been but few changes of late. These were at Heflin, Coalburg, Edwardsville and Carroll, by the resignation of Bros. G. S. Griffin, W. H. Cunningham, and the discharge of Telegrapher Thompson, of Carroll, for working in violation of the federal law. This should be an example to all of us, as instructions from time to time from the vice-president and general manager down to the chief dispatcher have repeatedly been issued and posted in the various bulletin books with copy to all employees concerned stating that they would not be permitted to be, or remain on duty for more than nine hours out of a total of each twenty-four at stations continuously operated day and night. The employees have been furnished with copies of this ruling, and the opinion of the interstate commerce commission, and supplements, as they are issued by the commission, will also be furnished.

It is, indeed, very gratifying to note that every managing official of every interstate railroad in the United States has been advised by the commission that the hours of service of agent-telegraphers and telegraphers must be continuous—no split tricks.

Now, brothers, if you expect anything to be done for you by your general committee, you must give them to understand that they have your undivided support. To prove this, you must start at home and keep your offices free from nons and students.

When your committee is negotiating with the management for more money, better rules and regulations, should the trainmasters or superintendents go over the divisions and question you as to whether you are a member of the organization and as to what your feelings would be in case of a lockout or strike do not hesitate to show him where you stand. Present him with your up-to-date card and tell him at the time that you will support the actions of your general committee.

Nothing has ever been accomplished that is great and good without the individual support of every man. While it is true there are few who are always ready to reverse that portion of the scripture which says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It has been told to the writer of this that there are members who are not pleased with their representative from the Birmingham Division. If such be the case, there is a way provided in the constitution to remedy this. And again if you have these troubles bring them to the division room. Then and there make them known and the writer will guarantee that you will not go away unsatisfied.

Now, in conclusion, let every man make an effort to pay his dues and secure every non-member on the division—giving us a solid division by the first of the year, and I would almost guarantee that we would see the results in less time than it takes to tell it.

All news of interest to the division should be reported to Bro. E. E. Swafford or A. L. Oden, Aniston, Ala. So that in the future we may have a write-up each month from the division.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

CARD OF THANKS.

To Members of Division No. 59—

I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the members of Division No. 59 for the beautiful floral offering, and for sympathy extended during my recent great bereavement.

Fraternally yours,

J. G. KELLO, Cert. 2123.

Queen & Crescent Ry. (North).

A. G. S. Division—

What about the new card? Are you in line? If not, why not? I will not take up space in trying to tell you how important it is that we retain our membership, for we all know how important it is for us to keep an up-to-date card.

The following applications received from telegraphers on the A. G. S. recently: Dr. R. S. Henry, Chattanooga, Tenn., an old-time telegrapher, at present a dentist with office in the James Building. We are glad to have Bro. Henry join our ranks once more. He is the kind of man that we need, and is willing to do anything to help our cause along, though he is not pounding brass. He is now spending his vacation in the mountains of Virginia, and we hope he will be with us at our next meeting.

There have been quite a number of changes on the A. G. S. lately, but owing to the fact that I have not received a word from any of the boys on the line I am unable to give an account of them.

Our local chairman has had a question up with one of our brothers relative to a position being bulletined and awarded to a telegrapher who was not entitled to it. If you have bid on a job within the last sixty or ninety days and think you were entitled to the job, take the matter up with our local chairman, and I am sure he will have it straightened out. The local chairman does not know who bids on these positions, unless you let it be known. I would suggest that in the future when making bids a copy be sent to our local chairman for his information.

Don't make your bid, say nothing about it, and then, if you don't get what you think you should have, go to grumbling about the O. R. T. not doing what it should, for if you do your part the O. R. T. will do what is right. All you have to do is to let your troubles be known to Bro. B. D. Stone, and he will let you know in short order what there is to it.

Several of the members have been anxious that more meetings be held on the line. Two meetings have been held within the last ninety days—one at Birmingham and the other at Chattanooga—and all the members as well as non-members were notified in plenty of time, so that necessary arrangements could be made to get off. I was very much

disappointed in the boys not turning out as they should and I hope that all who possibly can will attend the next meeting, which will be held at Chattanooga within the next sixty days. It is very important that we attend these meetings, and if you come once you will be sure to come again.

We are trying to organize a joint local at Chattanooga for members of the following roads which reach Chattanooga: Southern Ry., Knoxville Div., Atlanta Div., Memphis Div., C. N. O. & T. P. Ry., C. of Ga. and A. G. S. We hope to have the brothers in good spirits within the next thirty or sixty days, and then hold a big meeting. These meetings will bring us into close touch with each other, and I feel that we will have great success in organizing our joint local. Every member or these divisions will be notified in plenty of time by his local chairman, and I trust this gathering will be liberally attended.

A meeting was held at Chattanooga, on July 22d, and the following officers were appointed: Bro. B. D. Stone, chief telegrapher; O. A. Harper, secretary and treasurer; W. T. Roush, first vice-chief telegrapher; C. Griffin, second vice-chief telegrapher; J. R. Lewis, marshal; C. P. McCluen, sentry; and R. S. Henry past chief telegrapher. There were several important questions brought before the house and discussed freely, the most important of which was in relation to the "Sick Benefit Club," which was left to a committee appointed by Bro. Stone, consisting of Bros. L. C. Griffin, W. T. Roush and O. A. Harper. They talked over the "Sick Benefit Club" question and decided that it was best not to try to organize at present, as it would take at least one hundred members to support it, and if later on we decide to organize, we can take hold of the matter and do things up in short order.

Bros. J. J. Dermody, fourth vice-president, and A. B. Willison were present, and gave us very interesting talks. CS Division and Knoxville Division turned out well. Let us hope that we will have a larger attendance at our next meeting. Very sorry Bro. Cord, the local chairman of the Knoxville Division, who is located at Charleston, could not be with us on account of illness in his home.

For your information I wish to advise that Bro. J. W. Anderson, of Oakdale, Tenn., has been appointed general secretary and treasurer, vice Bro. Gardner, who resigned. I wish to thank Bro. Gardner through the journal for his services and the interest he has taken in the organization.

A very sad affair occurred on the C. N. O. & T. P. Chattanooga Division, a few days since. Bro. J. E. Ingleman was assassinated by some unknown person while on duty.

I have asked in every communication for some news from the boys on the line, but so far have not received a thing from anyone. I will appreciate any news that the boys will give me.

Div. Con.

Chattanooga Division—

Bro. M. Williams has returned to work at Oakdale after a two weeks' vacation, relieving Bro. E. P. Allen, who went to "FR" tower to work a few days on second trick.

Bro. J. E. Krickbaum, who was on sick list a few days, has returned to duty.

Bro. H. O. Rogers is again at work on third trick at "GF" tower.

Agent F. G. Dennis at Junction City, who has been off duty for some time on account of an accident in which he had a few ribs broken, is able to resume duty.

Bro. Price, from Cave Springs, bid in the first trick at "FR" tower made vacant by the resignation of Bro. J. C. Vallandigham, who goes to Science Hill to do extra work, while Bros. Willison and Dungan look after our interests.

Bro. W. S. Leach bid in the third trick at Kings Mountain made vacant by the assassination of Bro. J. E. Ingleman, who was killed by some unknown person on the night of August 12th.

Understand Bro. Oliver goes to Sale Creek to relieve Bro. Leach.

From all information we are able to obtain, it seems that the non is up against it when he lands around Nemo. There seems to be a voice in the air saying, "No card, no feed, no bed." Oh, that we only had a few more Nemos.

Bro. K. C. Gardner has resigned as general secretary and treasurer, and has been succeeded by Bro. J. W. Anderson, of Oakdale. Bro. Gardner was a good man in the right place, and we were sorry to see him go, but glad to see Bro. Anderson land the plum.

Let us all help him out by paying dues on time, so he will not have so much trouble in getting up his reports.

We understand that surveying is being done, preparatory to beginning the extension of double track from Science Hill to Pulaski. We suppose that it will be "movin' day" with Bros. Willison and Dungan as soon as this work is completed.

Extra men are scarce at present, several of the brothers are wanting off, but "Judge" Ellis says he has no relief for them.

Will some brother or brothers between Oakdale and Chattanooga kindly drop me a note each month so I can have something to say in the journal about you? I am unable to hear anything from that district. Div. Con.

THAT PINEAPPLE SPECIAL.

There were twenty cars of apples,
Pines, they call 'em where they grow,
Going through to Cincinnati,
By the famous C. N. O.

R. C. R. had given orders,
That no delay there should be,
And to pick as swift a "hoghead,"
As was on the Q. & C.

Soon they notified the train crew,
And they hurried from their homes,
Picked a man they knew would wheel 'em;
It was the well-known Dad Combs.

Wheelock told old Dad and Daniel,
If the time they did not make,
It would be the last fruit special
O'er the Q. & C. they'd take.

Now, these younger "hogheads"
Had been telling all around,
That if Dad got the fruit special
He would sure as fate fall down.

Daddy crawled upon his engine,
Looking meek as any child,
But the scent of those pineapples,
Soon had Daddy mighty wild.

Then he opened up the throttle,
And the wheels began to turn,
And in less than twenty minutes
He was going through Rathburn.

All was silent in the caboose
Each one offering up a prayer,
And the flagman tightly holding
Danny Thomas by the hair.

Dayton said, "There's something coming,"
Rockwood said, "They're on my block,"
While the chief and J. G. Clements
Both were having nervous shocks;

For they knew the way Dad traveled,
Should that engine leave the rail,
That there was no person living
Who could tell the head from tail.

Up in Danville sat old Farmer,
Who had taken off his coat,
And was getting Dad's OS's
Faster than they could be wrote.

Up through Emory Gap Dad rambled,
And into Oakdale he went,
While the people down in Dayton
Still inhaled pineapple scent.

If old Dad had been working
For that "slop-freight" L. & N.,
Every train load of pineapples
To that road would go from then.

But they could not do the business,
Couldn't make the time, you see;
Now all these pineapple specials,
Go up North by the Q. & C.

Mr. Caldwell now has ordered,
And his orders they are ours,
That from Citico to Oakdale,
Pineapple trains need just three hours.

Daddy's getting old and feeble,
Hair almost as white as snow,
But when he gets on an engine,
Sure that Mogul's going to go.

Boys, there is on old, old maxim,
Which against we often bump,
That you can not tell by looking
Just how far a toad can jump.

And when these "hogheads" predicted,
Dad would fail without a doubt,
That they did not know exactly,
What they were talking about.

ANONYMOUS.

Queen & Crescent (South).

V. S. & P. Division—

The writer, although a youthful member, having read THE TELEGRAPHER from time to time, cannot recall seeing any items from the V. S. & P. Division. This is probably due to the fact that our road was a bit further south than the other two roads of the Q. & C. system (south) namely: the A. & V. and the N. O. & N. E. So, to follow the old adage, "Tis better late than never," the appended feeble effort is tendered with a hope that a regular correspondence may be started, thereby keeping our division abreast of the times, as well as keeping our co-workers in closer touch and sympathy with us.

The Order has no doubt established itself on a substantial basis on this road, and is in position to forge to the front and identify ourselves with the interests of the Order.

There have been many, many benefits derived in various ways since the active establishment of our claims. One of the most far-reaching was from the nine-hour law, the results of which has placed the working-hour scale at practically all the stations on such satisfactory basis that the most skeptical could not complain. The salaries, too, have grown to an increase of about ten per cent within the last three years, and much gratitude is felt to all concerned to know that no reductions were made during the past year or so of dull business; and it is hoped and believed that with the approaching good times we may hope to maintain our present schedule with the prospect of even better days ahead.

There has always seemed to be a greater feeling of mutual good-will between employer and employee on this system than most of roads. This is doubtless a most pleasing feature, and one which is readily noticeable and spoken of by even casual observers. It is gratifying to note that this feeling still exists, not having been disturbed by the organizing of our Order, so gradual and gentle has been the establishment of the same. There are probably grounds for revising the present schedule on this line, but in view of the crisis from which the roads are just emerging, I believe that it will be the practical sentiment with all the boys that such revision be held in abeyance until a normal condition of affairs again becomes an actual experience.

In concluding, will say that it is the intention that we shall from this on furnish each month

or as often as practical, an item from this neck of the woods, and it is therefore asked that the members on the V. S. & P. Division furnish your correspondent with data in the way of any changes in the forces, personals, in fact anything in the way of news that would be acceptable by our official organ. CRR. 139.

Great Northern Ry.

Marcus Division—

Bro. J. E. Johnson is back on third trick at Marcus. Mr. Bennett, who was relieving him, went to Spokane.

Bro. O. O. Trummell, of Valley, is taking in the sights at Seattle. Bro. E. S. Durkee is relieving him.

Have you noticed the change since Bro. Mayhood was out here? Before he came it was Mr. So and So was doing this. Now it is most of the time Bro. So and So is visiting. This is certainly encouraging, but there is still some missionary work to be done. There is one station that has three nons in it and several one-man stations that need reforming.

Understand that Bro. Votaw, of Laurier, is taking a vacation. Bro. Ketchum, of Waneta, is relieving him.

We have about five members who have not responded to personal requests for information sent them by the local chairman. It seems queer that these brothers do not help the committee out by giving their chairman all the assistance they can. They certainly should know that we all ought to work together and that a local chairman can not do very much unless he can get answers to his communications.

There is one helper on the line who is starting out wrong. One of our brothers was endeavoring to line him up and he said he didn't think it necessary to join, as he would derive the benefits anyway. Here is a good place for the "no card, no favors" plan to be worked. Whenever this man asks for information ask him for the number of his card. His name will be furnished to all who inquire for it.

The members of the local Board of Adjustment have all been notified of their appointments and an effort will be made to get organized soon. A meeting at Marcus would be a fine thing for some evening, and is being talked of. You might write the local chairman at Valley your ideas.

In checking over the general secretary's report I find quite a number listed as paid to June 30, 1909. I am surprised at this, as I surely thought all members of Marcus Division would keep up-to-date. I hope that ere this you have sent the necessary amount to Bro. Abbott to pay up to December 31, 1909. It is impossible to maintain an organization without money and it will cost quite a sum to keep a committee before the management for three weeks or a month. As this is the only way that any concessions can be obtained you can see where we get off at, when we fail to come through. Try to be more prompt next January.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Marcus Division—

We have received no news from the north or west ends as yet. Suppose they are all dead up there.

Mr. J. O. Cline returned from his month's vacation the 1st of July.

Bro. Cook, who was relieving Mr. Cline at Springdale, is now located at Keremeos, vice J. Chinn, resigned.

Bro. E. S. Durkee is working relief at Marcus during the absence of Bro. J. Davis.

Quite a number of the boys have been registered on the reservation lands. If they all draw good farms there will be openings for quite a bunch of telegraphers. Don't everybody come through until you hear from me again.

Bro. J. E. Johnson is back on the second trick at Marcus.

There is a new man at Salmo. He is from the C. P. R. CENT. 1013.

Cascade Division—

Bro. Bourke, who was formerly second trick man at Wellington, has resigned to accept a position on the Northern Pacific near Snohomish, where his folks reside.

Bro. Ackers, of Cascade Tunnel, went to Spokane to register for some of that new land Uncle Sam is handing out.

Bros. Pake, Swizer and Shoemaker are holding Scenic down.

Bro. Davidson will go to Spokane to register for land.

Mr. J. E. Hill is now agent at Marysville.

Bro. T. C. Buckingham has been transferred from the agency at Chiwaukum to Meadowdale; relieved by J. G. Vickers, from second trick at Index.

Mrs. T. C. Buckingham has resigned as telegrapher at Chiwaukum on account of Bro. Buckingham having been transferred.

Mrs. Buckingham was relieved at Chiwaukum by Mrs. J. C. Vickers, wife of Bro. Vickers, the new agent at that point.

Bro. W. V. Avery, late of the Northern Pacific, who has been doing relief work on this division lately, is now located second trick at Merritt. Bro. Mann is relieving Bro. Wetzel, first trick at that place.

Bro. F. C. Wetzel, the first trick man at Merritt for the last two years, is now working second trick at Pac. Ave.

C. T. U. A. Bro. B. H. Smith, late of the C. P. R., is now located third trick at Merritt, relieving Bro. Bromley, who we understand has left the service.

Bro. Shoemaker, of Scenic, has been away on a short vacation; relieved by Bro. B. H. Smith, of the C. T. U. A.

Bro. R. Jones has been transferred from Burlington to Index in place of Bro. Vickers.

Mr. V. English has left the service after spending some time as telegrapher at Index, being relieved by Mr. Ross M. Donohoe, a recent arrival from the East.

Bro. R. E. Moore, of Richmond Beach, went to Spokane to register for a claim, being relieved by Bro. E. R. Collins, from the Frisco System at Pacific, Mo. Later Bro. Collins went to Wellington, second trick regular, relieving Bro. J. E. Reed, who was transferred to Gold Bar. Bro. Reed has been a constant member of the Order for twenty-five years; that is a record to be proud of.

Mr. R. G. Salisbury, recently of Berne, has left the service, being relieved by Mr. C. G. Wallace, an old-time knight of the key. Mr. Wallace has been a constant member of the Order for years and is delinquent now only through a long spell of sickness. He will again become a member as soon as he can possibly do so.

Bro. N. A. Pearson, agent at Skykomish, has returned to work after a short vacation.

Bro. J. E. Avery, recently from the Northern Pacific, and a brother of Bro. Avery, of Merritt, is located at Bellingham after doing some relief work at Interbay and Mukilteo.

Bear in mind that Bro. H. L. Mann, of Merritt, is always prepared to send out application papers upon request and to forward you regular receipt for remittances for membership by return mail. These receipts answer the purpose of your card until its arrival.

It gives us much grief to learn of the illness of Bro. Filitreault, an old knight of the key and for years a member of the Order, who at present holds membership in the Grand Division. At this writing he is confined in the Providence Hospital at Seattle, having a broken limb and other injuries. We are informed that he will soon be able to be around again. The misfortune has been a hard blow to Bro. Filitreault, as he has a family and had been out of employment for some time prior to the accident. Local chairman Mann has sent out a circular among the telegraphers of this division giving them an opportunity to render what assistance they feel able for our unfortunate brother.

While we are sorry to ask for aid it is perfectly right and proper that we should do so, and it is equally just that those who are able should do what they can in a small way to assist one of our own. We may be in the same circumstances any day, as the life of a railroad telegrapher is very uncertain.

Mr. Putty, of the W. U. at Seattle, has been working a few days at Blaine; can not say where he went to.

Address all correspondence to H. F. Reagan, Box 77, Richmond Beach, Wash., who will appreciate anything in the line of news, requests for blanks or information regarding the Order. CON.

Soo City Division—

It is certainly encouraging to see a few lines from the Sioux City Division, which shows that there is some interest yet.

I agree with "A Member" in the August number, that we are certainly in need of a waking up on this line and think the plan of holding a meeting at Sioux City in the near future a good one.

as there are certainly a number of subjects that need to be talked over, and this it seems will be our only chance of ever getting together and arriving at any definite conclusion. Conditions under which we are working are far from what they should be, and they will never be any better until we demand fair wages and a change along several lines. Think of a man handling train orders and a hundred other things for \$40 per month. The "Dago" on the section gets that, and besides this he is given fair treatment. Otherwise he quits the job, but we work along, take whatever is given us, say nothing and do nothing, apparently blind to every thing that relates to our personal interest. I do not blame the company nor any of the officials. They are working for their interests and we should look after ours. There is the overtime question that we should look after. I know of an instance where overtime was sent in, including several calls made in order to move trains and only about 15 per cent was allowed. We are certainly a bunch of "easy marks." We have to accept reductions for the simple reason that we don't get together and stop them. Are you going to sit still for the next four years and do nothing, when a great wave of prosperity is rolling over the great Northwest; roads crying for help and organized workmen of other callings enjoying living wages? They are able to save something for a rainy day and we are not making enough to live on. Are you going to continue giving the best part of your lives for salaries that will hardly keep you out of the poor house to a corporation that will kick you out when old age comes on for younger blood?

All the "agents' meetings" in the world will never add one cent to your salaries. They won't cut out switch lighting, depot scrubbing or mail carrying. These subjects, as you well know, are not discussed at any of these agents' meetings. Such meetings would be all right if they were not all one-sided affairs. It is all right to try and learn to be better agents if it meant better conditions and living wages, but it don't mean anything of the kind. It simply means making a better servant of you for the benefit of the officials so they can get more work out of you. If you don't believe this just mention some of the things I have mentioned at one of these meetings and see what kind of a reception you will get. It's cheaper for the company to give us "a little outing" than to pay "schedule wages;" cheaper to have "agents' meetings" than pay overtime; cheaper to "give us a berth in a tourist sleeper" than to pay the Dagos to attend switch lights, scrub depots and carry the mail.

Is there a member on this division who believes differently, let us hear from him in the October number of the journal.

In the meantime let us have a rousing O. R. T. meeting. We have had enough of the other kind to last us for awhile at least. Now let us begin to work for our own interests as well as our employers. Are you with me?

ANOTHER MEMBER.

Sioux City Division—

Day Telegrapher Vasy, at Marshall, who used to hold a card, has resigned to take an agency on the C. R. I. & P. We wish him good luck.

Telegrapher Carlson, present night man at Marshall, will take the day trick. We can't call him brother yet. At present he's broke, been buying a mill. We hope for the best. At present there is no one in sight for the night job.

Telegrapher Miller, an old member, working nights at Pipestone, was sent to "Q," Steuben St., but quit there and went back to Pipestone. It is doubtful if he will be re-employed on this division again.

Ralph Munson, a new man at the business, is working at Pipestone. He will be a brother as soon as he has worked the required length of time.

Day Telegrapher Wakefield, at Pipestone, is a non and one of these wise kind. Says "he don't see what good the Order ever done him." Some day he may want the Order to give him a hand.

Mike Barrett, who has been down sick for some months, went to work at Lorne for a week, and was relieved by the helper, Mr. Anderson, from Granite Falls. Barrett has relieved Mr. Ardolf, of Holland, who takes a month's vacation.

There are no changes in operators on the Yankton line. Bro. Knudsen, at Lennox, is back from a month's vacation. Think he mixed some fishing in while away. Harry Carl done the heavy at Lennox during Knud's absence. Knud's a good live member, and we don't want to lose him.

Bro. Cox, Maurice, resigned at that point and jumped to the Montana Division. Understand he got a good station. We wish him success, though we are sorry to lose him.

Mr. Padden, nights at Sioux Center, landed the agency at Maurice, is nicely settled, happy and contented. We hope he will hit the ball in the near future.

Agent Scholz, of Raymond, is off for a month; relieved by Relief Agent Gleason.

We were misinformed in our former news item in regard to Agent Wilson. He is still at his old stand at Dalton.

Bro. Turner, at Perkins, is curbing the trust. Order your eggs and chickens from him. Quality and quantity guaranteed.

Boys, from the way things look on this pike, I believe we few are scattered among a lot of dead ones. We spend our good money to get the nons a raise and still they can't see anything in organization. Let misfortune happen one of them, pass the hat and you will see that the O. R. T. members will drop in the biggest chunk. You non, come out of it and join the Order that has given you the good things you have today, and then you won't need to back up and take your pay check.

The 'phones are not a howling success. The C. & N. W. out of Soo City made 9 wire jobs out of the 'phones. When there was any business, the 'phones could not fill the bill. One dispatcher said: "When there is nothing doing the 'phones are 'art.'" At such times a letter will also do the

"biz" as well. So, boys, things look good. All roads are sorely in need of wire men and none to be had. Therefore, let us be charitable and if possible get some more good things for the "mootcher" non.

Butte Division—

Mr. E. B. Smith, of Rinnock, contemplates visiting the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle in the near future.

Bro. B. C. McGowan is still working as agent at Broadview.

Bro. E. C. Skinner has resumed duty as agent at Cushman after a vacation spent in Seattle and the East.

Bro. W. L. Bassett, formerly on second trick at Belt, has resigned and gone to the Northern Pacific.

H. W. Boulter, agent at Judith Gap, was off a few days last month to register on the Montana land drawing. He was relieved by Bro. E. C. Skinner, of Cushman, who in turn was relieved by Bro. A. F. Bassett.

At Judith Gap W. X. Krasinsky holds first trick; J. A. Hoyser is second and Bro. Pat Hannan third.

Agent Cary gets the agency at Belt, owing to the illness of Bro. M. M. Englander.

Bro. Farmer, of Belt, gets the agency at Arming-ton.

Bro. W. L. Epperson, of Stockett, is visiting in St. Paul.

Tunnel No. 1, on the Sixth District, burned out a few days ago, and at present trains Nos. 43 and 44 are being detoured over the N. P. to Billings. This trouble will delay the steam shovel work that was planned for the Sixth District.

The brothers of this division are again reminded to be more prompt in sending in notes for our monthly write-up, also to send in their dues promptly and help out the division in every way they can. Although the "fones" are putting us up against it pretty strong, matters will adjust themselves in a short time. So far it has proven a dismal failure. We must act slowly and use our best judgment, striving hard to line up the nons and strengthen the weak places. I am confident that in the near future we will be able to get in a committee and accomplish some good.

E. C. S.

B. & O. S. W. Ry.

Block District—

Everything is about the same on the block district.

Chief Dispatcher M. A. McCarthy is away on his vacation, Dispatchers Brown and Todd having taken theirs earlier in the season. Bro. Penn Stanhope is doing the extra dispatching.

Mrs. C. A. Pollock, first trick telegrapher at Brighton, has been taking her vacation spasmodically, a day or two at a time.

Telegrapher Vicroy, third trick man at "B," has been off for about two weeks. C. H. Blevins, an old-timer, is back again, working for "Mac."

Bro. Huber at "CA" recently took a week's vacation. Understand he went out on a farm where they don't keep any cows. The stock yards note has been working on his nerves. Bros. McLanes and J. A. Miller are sticking close.

Bro. L. W. Miller at "RH," took a ten-day vacation, visiting relatives in the country. Bro. Dundon is working third trick at "RH" while Bro. Stanhope is at the dispatchers' office.

A. S. Boileau, first trick man at "RH," and erstwhile financier, had a cradle shipped out to his home a few days ago.

Bro. McDaniels, second trick man at "CK," forgot to close the windows at his house one night a few weeks ago and a stork flew in and left a big baby girl. It tickles him to be called "papa."

Bro. Murphy, third trick man at "CK," is to leave in a few days with his father for Philadelphia to take in the sights.

Bro. F. Droege, formerly second trick man at "NA," resigned last month. The job was bulletined, and Bro. E. P. Dundon was the oldest of the two bidders. Bro. Droege's friends hated to see him leave. Bro. Christopher, regular third trick man, worked on second trick for about a month. It reduced his waist measure from 49 to 43 inches. Bro. Howard is still plugging away on first trick. It's about time for him to head for the East again.

F. C. Fisher is working extra on second trick at "NA," while Percival is at "RH" tower.

Bro. Johnny Hair is still holding down the second nine-hour trick at "BH."

Bro. Kelly, at "GK," seems to have his troubles fighting the mosquitoes and keeping the plant working after dark.

Bro. Snyder is at "G" office for a few days.

Bro. C. F. Ogier, agent at "G," dreamed the other night they took the water tank out. When he awoke next morning he found the tub only had enough water in it to fill one tank, and had to pump before breakfast.

Telegrapher Symmons, third trick man at "G," has disappeared, leaving a distracted wife. Nothing heard of him since he left three weeks ago.

Bro. Wires, day man and only man at "U" office, who was off several days on account of his wife being very ill, is back at work again. Walter Ogier, one of our promising youngsters, relieved Bro. Wires.

CALAMITY HAP,
Dist. Cor.

Ohio Division—

Just a few lines to those who are holding membership but seem to be inactive. Did you ever realize what would be the result to our army or navy if it were not for the efficiency of the privates in the service. No matter how efficient and active the officers of any organization if they do not have the loyal support of each and every private or member the result of every move of the officers in charge would amount to nothing.

Now, brother, be up and doing. What can you do? Get that non who is working with you or who is working at the next station from you to join

the organization. Talk O. R. T. to him every day, and show him the benefit of solid organization. If at the next station write him and send him your journal, marking the most important items. Order a set of application blanks from your local chairman and each payday place them before the prospective applicant when he can not have the excuse that he is short. Your local chairman will be glad to furnish application blanks and give you any assistance and information he possibly can; we have a loyal corps of officers, consisting of a local chairman for each division, and our general secretary and treasurer, located at 215 West Union St., Athens, Ohio, all ready to give their time and attention to the best interests of the organization.

Do something for the cause that has done so much for you. Are you satisfied with the present conditions? No! Well, then, assist in making the organization stronger that we may improve our schedule by getting better working conditions and more pay.

To the telegraphers who are not members of the O. R. T., why is it that you can not help support the organization that has benefited you so much in the last ten years? Not only help support the organization, but, by becoming members, help secure greater benefits, which can only be accomplished by the membership and the support of every telegrapher employed in railroad service.

Do you realize that you are doing yourself, your family and your neighbor an injustice by staying out of the organization?

Some days since, in talking to a non-member who formerly belonged to the Order, he gave as his reason for dropping out that he disliked a member who was formerly an officer. Now, this is very poor logic, as we can not make right the wrongs and mistakes of the past. Besides, two wrongs do not make one right; the mistakes that were made yesterday can only be remedied by endeavoring to make none tomorrow.

Do not let personal prejudice against some one member keep you from doing your duty. Join the O. R. T. and try to make it better and stronger. Don't be a dead one, but after you come in, put on the armor plate and resolve to do something in return for what has been done for you. Attend the meetings and show that brotherly love so much in evidence in all our fraternal organizations.

Don't say you haven't the money. Just take a part of the increase secured in the 1907 schedule and invest it in an up-to-date card and see how much better you will feel for so doing. And now, in conclusion, we urge every one to do his work well, answer calls promptly, aid the dispatcher to move the trains, and make your reports neat and with promptness. Be courteous to the public and secure all the business for the B. & O. S. W. you possibly can.

Now, a few words to the assistant correspondents. Owing to the fact that our grand secretary and treasurer at the last session of the grand division at Atlanta, Ga., advised putting a limit on matter for the fraternal pages of the journal

(see page 36 of the proceedings of the Grand Division), it is hereby requested that items from each division be made as short as possible, say ten or twelve from each division. Make each item short, and confine them as much as possible to the mention of brothers only. Mail them to the division correspondent not later than the 20th of each month, so they can be put in shape and mailed by division correspondent on the 25th of the month. Any brother having an item of interest and wishing same published is requested to mail same to division correspondent, who will see that it is listed.

Let us all unite in making the write-up from Division 74 interesting and instructive.

Bro. J. C. Clinton, of Mineral Days, bid in the third trick at "X" Greenfield.

Bro. C. D. Morrison has returned to Mt. Sterling, nights, from "X" Greenfield.

H. J. Holland, the regular night telegrapher at Highland, is off on vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Littlejohn, of Hamden Junction.

Our worthy secretary and treasurer, Bro. Fry Burger, first trick man at Athens, Ohio, has resumed work after a delightful vacation of two weeks. He and his wife spent the time in the East visiting Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York.

Bro. Brooks, of Byers Junction, has returned from his vacation spent at some lake in Minnesota fishing.

Bro. Romine, first trick man at Midland City, is off two weeks on vacation visiting relatives at Coolville and Parkersburg, W. Va.

Bro. Irwin, who is working third trick at Midland City, was off a few weeks running a traction engine for his father, but on account of so much rain he has returned to work.

Bro. Ray Irvin has purchased a fine automobile.

Bro. Keefe, the second trick man at Wilmington, is off on a vacation, spending the time visiting through the West, including the State of Washington.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. C. A. Plumley, is spending his vacation in Atlantic City.

Bro. C. V. Hester, the agent at Mineral, went to Marietta on the excursion Sunday, August 8th.

Bro. W. R. Baker, agent at Coalville, was off one day to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law. Relieved by Telegrapher Figelstahler.

Bro. E. J. Shannon, agent and first trick telegrapher at Marshfield, is off on a vacation of ten days; relieved by Bro. J. P. Emish, who was relieved in turn by Telegrapher E. E. Ray, of Ray, Ohio.

Bro. J. A. Malone, who is working second trick at Athens, went to Parkersburg Sunday, August 8, on the excursion; relieved by Bro. C. W. Coleman.

R. K. Hall bid in Mineral, days, vice Bro. J. C. Clinton, transferred.

Bro. M. J. Charleton, agent, and Bro. W. G. Brill, telegrapher, at Stewart, have resumed work after spending two weeks at Seattle visiting the Exposition. Both report having had a fine time.

Bro. J. W. Herwick, the third trick man at "OB" Parkersburg, has accepted a position with the Standard Oil Co. at Marietta. Bro. N. J. Curtis is working third trick in his stead.

We are sorry to announce the untimely death of Mr. Paul Collins, extra telegrapher on Midland district, at his home in Wilmington, Ohio, of typhoid fever, August 6th. Mr. Collins had only been working a few months and had expressed a willingness to join the O. R. T. as soon as eligible, and we desire to express our deepest sympathy to his wife and little child.

Div. Coa.

Indiana Division—

It seemed like old times to hear the boys getting "GN" on this district last Sunday. This is something we have not had for almost a year and I want to say it was surely appreciated. I notice the nons appreciate this Sunday liberty as well as the brothers. Knowing how this freedom was secured, is it not strange that they do not "come across" and get up-to-date cards?

Bro. A. F. Huntington, the night telegrapher at Commiskey, has been granted a leave of absence for four months, effective August 1st. After attending the Ripley county fair at Osgood, he will visit his brother, R. O. Huntington, formerly a member of Division 74, now employed on the C. R. I. & P. in Kansas. Bro. Huntington was relieved by Extra Telegrapher R. W. Busic, of Washington, Ind. Bro. J. M. Huffington, the second trick man at Blocher, is now holding down the agency at Holten while his father, Z. V. Huffington, is taking a vacation. Bro. Huffington was relieved by Extra Telegrapher W. E. Kenyon, of Shoals, Ind.

Bro. D. M. Gree, second trick at Watson, was off a few days last month attending the Jennings County Fair at North Vernon and visiting relatives near Lovett; relieved by Telegrapher Jno. McConon, of Watson.

CERT. 23.

C. & N. W. Ry.

Ashland Division—

Our general committee met in Chicago July 12, and after spending several days in the preparation of a revised schedule, presented it to the management, who asked for a postponement of sixty days on account of being busy with the machinists' general committee and the hot weather. Negotiations will be resumed about the middle of September. We have no doubt but what the committee will be able to gain some good concessions.

Cedar and Kimball have been opened up with two tricks each; also two men put on at Lac du Flambeau, Bro. M. J. Johnson being assigned one of the positions.

Bro. Semmelbach has taken the agency at Gogebec on bulletin, and Bro. Meredith has taken the cashier and operator's job at Bessemer.

Bro. P. W. Brehmer got Kimberly days on bulletin.

Bro. F. Hunt went to Monico on second trick and Bro. Lethustrom to Pelican days on bulletin.

Bro. J. W. Lacy was married on August 25th and is on a honeymoon trip to Denver. Bro. Ras-

mussen is taking his place on third trick at Vaukauna. There are rumors that Bro. A. J. Bigford will follow suit next month.

The idea of giving a picnic at Antigo has been given up on account of the time between trains being too short to make anything of this kind worth while, and also on account of not enough enthusiasm being shown for it by the members.

CERT. 23.

Dakota Division—

Two new applications this month.

No card, no favors, is the rule from now on.

Bro. F. Smith, who has been relieving at Bruce, is now working at Cavour second, while Bro. Diepolder is acting as agent at Broadland.

Bro. N. C. Nelson, of Balaton, is taking a few weeks off, being relieved by W. A. Schreiter, of Huron office.

Bro. E. A. Rundquist has been on the sick list for some time. Bro. Gordinier, of Arco, was sent to relieve him at Monroe.

Bro. T. C. Connely is now working in the freight office at Brookings, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Sedgwick.

Bro. Nohlgren spent Sunday with relatives in Canova, being relieved at Estelline by John Robinson, of Estelline.

Bro. Joe Miller and Telegrapher Rumball exchanged places, Miller taking Brookings third and Rumball going to Tyler third.

Bro. Zollar, of Northville, has been spending part of his vacation at Seneca.

I understand that Bro. Price, of Lebanon, is "some ball player."

Bro. H. O. Swift is off for a few weeks, taking in the sights in Minneapolis. John Robinson, of Estelline, is relieving him.

Bro. M. B. Pay, of Volga, is camping out on a lake near Volga, trying to escape the hot weather. Mr. Churchill, of the Milwaukee Division, is relieving him.

Bro. L. Kendall, of Brookings, second, is taking a lengthy vacation and inspecting the tall buildings of New York. Washington was not passed up by Len, but I have not heard of Taft making any demonstration on Len's account. Bro. Sullivan relieves him.

Bro. R. S. Stewart, of Arlington, second, returned to work after a trip East. Hobart, who was relieving him, was sent to Burchard when that station was opened. Stewart was later sent to Manchester to relieve Bro. Whaley, Bro. Ollie Harris going to Arlington.

Bro. Anderson, of the Madison division, stopped off in De Smet to visit his brother-in-law, Bro. Christopherson, a few days, and later finishing his trip to the Black Hills. During his stay in De Smet, Bros. H. Y. Stimson and Christopherson attempted to show him a good time on Lake Henry in the form of a fishing trip. The party was successful in securing a large number of the finny tribe, but the occasion was slightly marred by the rocking of the boat.

Business is picking up on the Gettysburg branch and a heavy passenger business is ex-

pected during the Cheyenne land opening, about October 1st. A second wire is also needed on this branch, especially during the fall, as Gettysburg is getting to be a heavy commercial office.

Bro. Harry McDearmon, of Faulkton, is out with a "Help Wanted" sign, looking for a helper or agent's assistant at forty per. The harvest fields are securing most of the labor at this time of the year and a raise of five dollars over the regular scale is no inducement.

An innovation in the maintaining of equipment was made this summer when work trains were sent over the division, repairing damaged cars and other equipment. The train carried about seven repairers and the division was covered in a comparatively short time. The plan is undoubtedly a good one from every point of view.

Bro. Paulsen was released from committee work on account of reducing the number to five, and those nearest to Chicago were retained. The management asked for sixty days to consider the matter, and September 10th was set as the final date. No trouble is expected and a satisfactory schedule will undoubtedly be the result.

On Bro. Paulsen's return, Bro. Finnerty took a few days' vacation and visited at various points on the division.

Bro. Carl, of Clark, was called to his claim on account of the illness of his wife. W. H. Kohler, who was relieved for his vacation, was pressed into service until John's return.

Bro. J. A. Dawson, of Salem, is being relieved by W. L. Bougher, lately with the U. P. at Cheyenne, and a former Dakota division boy. Bro. Dawson is looking for a location for a business proposition outside of railroad work.

Bro. Clyde Albright, of Carthage, has been allowed a helper, which will relieve him of the outside work. Carthage needed a helper, and there are others that need a helper just as bad.

Ladies' Auxiliary of the O. R. T. is being pushed as rapidly as possible and election is being held for officers for this system, which holds charter No. 2. Each member of the O. R. T. should induce his wife, sister or mother to join this movement, as it will be a great benefit to the Order in explaining matters which are not easily understood. The dues are very light and barely cover the expenses of the Auxiliary.

H. A. STIMSON, Cor.,
De Smet, S. D.

Northern Wisconsin Division—

Nothing has appeared in the journal for some time, no doubt, owing to the fact that our correspondent was lucky in drawing a homestead at the opening of the reservation. Bro. Cook will soon emigrate to the wilds of Idaho and start farming on his homestead.

A few important changes have taken place in the past week.

H. J. Zoelle, agent at Neenoh, has been promoted to the agency at Madison.

Mr. F. M. Newton, who was agent at Grand Rapids, succeeds Mr. Zoelle. Mr. Newton was succeeded by Mr. Baring, who was formerly at

Ripon. It is understood that Mr. Sare, of Madison, goes to Ripon.

Local Chairman Hackbitt spent a few days on the division previous to the convening of the committee in Chicago, rounding up some of the non-members, and reports that some of the old crusts still wish to remain on the outside and receive the benefits but do not wish to strengthen the organization by becoming members.

De Pere has been made a three-trick station. Telegrapher Restold received the third trick.

Bro. Burr relieved Bro. Zuehlke while the latter was acting as agent in Bro. Hackbitt's place, during the session of the committee in Chicago.

Bro. E. F. Jaehnke was recently compelled to lay off for a week on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Burr.

Bro. H. J. Stuth, who launched into the lumber business at Little Chute, reports he is doing well, a fact that will please the boys on the North End.

Bro. Hackbert advises that application blanks for the Ladies' Auxiliary can be obtained by writing Mrs. P. H. Hackbert, Appleton. Initiation fee, 50 cents; dues, 10 cents per month. Wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of members in good standing are eligible, and every one should fill out blanks at once and help make this organization a success. The cards issued are similar to those of the O. R. T., and each lady should have one.

Our committee will convene again during the early part of September for the purpose of discussing the proposed wage scale and working conditions. Every member should see that he is paid up to date, and let every member make an effort to get one new member before that time.

The committee reports that the usual good feeling exists between the managing officials and the committee, and a schedule satisfactory to all concerned will be agreed upon. Let the membership do their share by giving the company first-class service, and in so doing we will show an appreciation of the concessions granted.

The men at the non-telegraph stations have received a \$5.00 increase in salary. Very fine. Let the good work go on.

The first meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary was held at the home of Local Chairman and Mrs. P. L. Hackbert, Appleton, Wis., June 18th. Officers will be elected at the next meeting, which will be held during September. About fifteen were present and a great deal of enthusiasm was displayed and success is assured. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hackbert, and after explaining the work of the organization, a general discussion followed. A system division will be formed on the C. & N. W., as the charter has been received. The election of officers is now being held, and it is expected that the C. & N. W. will be second to none by January 1st.

Cor.

Pierre, Rapid City & Northwestern—

Bro. O. C. Hunter has been under the weather for a few days, but on account of the shortage of men he was obliged to remain at his post.

Chief Dispatcher Frank Rauch and Miss Beatrice Ware, of Belle Fourche, were recently married

at the bride's home. Miss Ware was formerly a Pierre girl. After their honeymoon they will take up housekeeping in Pierre. The boys wish them good luck.

Bro. Dennis held down the Ft. Pierre job while Agent Farrel worked the third trick in the dispatcher's office during the chief's absence.

Bro. Edwards, of Capa, has been suffering with neuralgia.

Bro. Aldrich, of Nowlin, is taking a vacation, and from reports, he will need a station with living rooms when he returns.

Bro. Ed Noc is back at Philips as telegrapher.

A rushing business is expected on this pike this fall. About one thousand cars of range stock is expected to be moved.

Our new superintendent, Mr. Doyle, was over the division recently on a tour of inspection. He is a pleasant gentleman to meet and will undoubtedly have the support of those under him.

Just now men are scarce on this line and a number of the boys have been unsuccessful in their attempts to secure vacations.

Looks as though the P. R. C. is to be recognized on that new schedule. Trainmaster Rauch was over the division with blanks for information to be used in the negotiations.

H. A. STIMSON, Cor.,
De Smet, S. D.

Galena Division—

Bro. Hoffman is sporting an auto.

Everybody is paying up. Don't be one of the last to come across.

Bro. Agnew, of Galt, is busy, with the gravel pit running full blast.

Bro. Buss, of Wachusa, is kept busy on account of the building of the cut-off.

"NY" tower is out of service and a lot of changes are going on at Nelson. Bro. Dean is agent at that place.

Bro. Gleason is in Pennsylvania on business.

Bro. Larson and Bro. Murphy, of the Freeport branch, were at the August meeting.

Bro. Boose, of Akron, made the trip to Dixon for the meeting but failed to arrive in time.

Bro. Robinson, of Fulton, was sick and unable to get to the meeting.

Bro. Sheller reports everybody paying local dues very promptly. Are you paid up?

Bro. McElroy has been appointed yardmaster at West Chicago, vice T. L. Slaton, who went to Peoria as Yardmaster.

Some changes are contemplated at Clinton on account of the new bridge and Fulton cut-off.

Bro. Rigby, of Dundee, was off duty a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Borland.

W. H. Fee, the agent at Huntley, recently took a couple of weeks off; relieved by his helper, Mr. Fyfe.

Ground has been broken for a new freight depot at East Elgin. When completed, Bros. Casey and Starks will have the passenger depot all to themselves.

A temporary office was opened at "SK" Lake Shore pit, while gravel trains were hauling dirt

and gravel in that locality. We did not learn who held it down.

A washout near Algonquin on the 14th delayed trains and kept F. Rhine brothers busy. Heavy rains.

Bro. J. D. Voltz, Jr., has been promoted from Elgin to dispatcher's office at Savanna, on the C., M. & St. P. Bro. Voltz was formerly a Galena Division telegrapher. CERT. 154.

Madison Division—

Bro. C. N. Schleck, first trick at Madison, and Bro. J. J. Schleck, third trick at tower "PD," spent a few days with their brother, Bro. M. H. Schleck, agent at Wonewoc. From there they went to St. Paul and Minneapolis and took in the sights. John returned from there to resume work after several weeks' vacation, and Carl started on a trip that will take in the exposition at Seattle, Wash., Portland, Ore., San Francisco and Los Angeles. Returning he will take in Denver, Ogden, Omaha and Chicago. A very interesting and instructive journey, and a well-earned vacation.

Bro. W. F. Holden, who had been on the second trick at Madison for several months, is working first trick during Carl's absence, and Bro. J. S. Lewis is holding down the second trick.

Bro. Adolph Anderson and wife have just returned from a trip in the West. They spent several days at Deadwood, Leadville, Hot Springs and Rapid City, S. D., taking in the beautiful scenery of the Black Hills. They stopped off at De Smet, S. D., and visited with Bro. Walter Christopherson and family. Walter is working second trick there, and Adolph says that the climate must agree with him, as he has been obliged to get larger-sized trousers every time he purchased a new pair. This was Adolph's first trip West. He is stuck on the country and may try his luck out there in the near future. He also visited with his relatives at Wyeville, Wis. Mr. R. E. Wildt relieved him on second trick at Monona yard, "M."

Bro. C. Hansen and family took in the Dells at Kilbourn, and also went through the new power plant at that place, which is said to be the third largest of its kind in the U. S. It is certainly an immense affair, and is a good example of what man can do in the way of putting harness on what was almost a total waste and make it pull all the electric cars of Milwaukee and its interurban system. The power is transmitted through six heavy copper cables strung on steel towers which look like windmill towers. These towers are built short distances apart, along and parallel with the C. M. & St. P. Ry., and attract lots of attention from the passengers.

Bro. Hansen also took in Chicago, where he had the pleasure of meeting Bro. J. A. Newman, our first vice-president, and also Bro. Troy, our general chairman, just as he was leaving for home after his committee work.

He also called at the Wisconsin Division dispatchers' office to see Mr. L. M. Davis, who had

lately been promoted chief dispatcher, vice Mr. August Syverson, who was promoted to trainmaster on the Iowa Division. Both are former Madison Division boys. It was "Augie" in the days when the double track was put in between Madison and Evansville, at least that is what the young ladies of Brooklyn called him, and L. M. D. held forth at Beloit freight office days. He was offered the agency at Oregon, but did not fancy it, so sought new fields and we are glad that both made good, as all Madison Division boys do when they strike out; and why shouldn't they, with the excellent training that one gets here.

Bro. Ed Welch, third trick at Monona yard, relieved Bro. J. J. Schleck, third trick at tower "PD" for a week and then took charge of the first trick, vice Bro. J. A. Barnes, who, with his family, has gone to Rapid City, S. D., to visit relatives. They will also take in the Black Hills and other points of interest while on their vacation.

Mr. R. E. Wildt, from Dane, relieved Bro. Hensen and Welch at Monona yard "M" for a while, then went to Waunakee and took charge of the third trick, which is a phone job. This trick was held down by Bro. Thos. V. Hurst, who resigned and went West to the harvest fields.

Bro. G. H. Doering, who worked third trick at Mendota for several weeks, worked a few nights at Waunakee and then went to Leyden to work one of the tricks there. P. C. Wolf is now the man in charge of Mendota third trick and hails from Lodi. His brother, Bro. F. C. Wolf, is on one of the phone tricks at Wonewoc.

Mr. J. B. Casey, a Southerner from Mississippi and a graduate from the "ham factory" at Janesville, a thing he is ashamed to tell, worked several days at Leyden, Waunakee, and a week relieving Bro. Welch at Monona yard "M," and then went to tower "DO" to relieve J. H. Hahn, an ex-member from Union Center. Mr. Casey says of all the swindles he ever heard of, the one at Janesville, Wis., has them all skinned, which the students realize after they are there a few days. But the "factory" has their money, so they have to grin and do the best they can under the circumstances.

Bro. A. L. Clark is working second and Bro. James Everett third trick at Oregon. The second trick is on bulletin, and Bro. Duprey, the regular third trick man is at West Allis extra. Bro. C. H. Bennett, the regular man at West Allis, who is on a six months' leave of absence, appears to be prospering at farming near Lancaster. Last time your correspondent saw him he was taking a car of stock to Union Stock Yards, Chicago, and hogs and cattle are money these days. We are all glad to see him doing well.

Bro. J. E. Dolbier, agent at Roscoe, is off on a vacation. He went to Onalaska to introduce his youngest daughter to her grandparents. Bro. A. G. Elsmar is shouldering the responsibilities as agent at Roscoe, meanwhile.

Bro. F. H. Main, agent at Benton, is off on a vacation. He is relieved by Bro. Cottingham.

Bro. S. W. Stephens, agent Cuba City, has resumed work after his trip to South Dakota, where we understand he added another farm to his real estate holdings. Nothing like Mother Earth for safe investments.

At Ipswich the company is drilling a well to put in a larger pump. Bro. Lang will then have no excuse for not having plenty of water in the tank. This brother is anxiously awaiting his vacation relief, when he will take his "auto" and make the trip to Minnesota he has been planning for a year.

Besides this new well at Ipswich, a 12-inch well has been drilled at Montfort, 277 feet deep and a 12-inch also at Barneveld, but water was struck at this point before going as deep as at Montfort. A new standard-size tank has been built at Dodgeville about thirty feet from the old one and new six-inch pipe put in from the pump instead of two-inch. A tank will probably be erected again near Benton in place of the one formerly filled from a spring on the side of hill nearby. All this goes to show that the company is looking for an increase of business on the west end, and intends to be prepared for it.

The mines are again working full force, with an average of about sixty cars a week, weighed at Ipswich. Some pretty good lead mines have been struck on the west end, according to newspaper reports.

Mr. Earl Phinney, who works one of the phone tricks at Fellows, was off for a few days, and Mr. A. F. Newman relieved him.

Mr. J. Mueller is the new phone man at Leyden.

Mr. Reilly, the phone man at Brooklyn, was taken sick and went home. Mr. F. E. Maine, a new man, relieved him.

Mr. Ted Thompson, agent at Magnolia, is acting agent at Helenville during Bro. Westphal's absence.

Bro. A. G. Kreklow, who has been holding down third trick at Afton, is now in charge of Beloit second trick, and Mr. A. F. Newman is working the third trick at Afton while it is on bulletin.

Mr. E. S. Case, who has been freight agent at Madison for a couple of years, has been transferred to Ripon on the N. Wis. Division. Mr. Case leaves a host of friends, as he was well liked by the men that worked under him, as well as those he came in touch with in a business way, glad to welcome him to this division, and wish him success. With due respect for Mr. Zoelle, and old-timer, and they make some of our best members.

Mr. F. J. Zoelle, our new agent at Madison, comes to us from Neenah and Menasha. We are glad to welcome him to this division, and wish him success. With due respect for Mr. Zoelle, and there is no doubt of his capability, but we can not help feeling a little slighted to think that it was necessary for the freight department to go outside the many old and competent Madison Division agents to fill a Madison Division office. These positions, if given to agents who, by their efficiency have proved themselves deserving, would

be an inducement for us to fit ourselves for such positions in order to round out our career in railroading with honor, even if there was no more compensation.

Mr. Glen A. Cole, of the dispatchers' force, has been critically ill with typhoid, but we are glad to learn is convalescing.

Mr. V. R. Harding, of the O. S. & D. office, is also on the sick list.

Bro. W. G. Gerke, a former Madison Division telegrapher now with the D. S. S. & A. at Ewen, Mich., is on a vacation visiting his mother and friends at Madison.

Mr. M. M. Hendrickson, the second trick man at Dane, was at Elroy working second trick for several days on account of Bro. S. C. Potter's illness. Mr. W. Whitman, formerly car clerk at So. Baraboo yard, relieved Hendrickson at Dane, and when Hendrickson resumed work he went to Monona yard "M" third trick.

At our last meeting at Madison, Wis., August 21st, we found the old guard, with the exception of Bro. Christoffer, in full attendance, and also a number of new members.

We listened to Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, as he gave us a talk "for the good of the Order." There's always something to be learned from his talks. If you doubt it, come to our next meeting. We rounded out a very enjoyable evening on watermelons, and hope no one experienced any bad effects from meeting or melons. How is it that when members like Bro. Crump, from Kendalls, Bro. Browne from Norwalk, Bro. Wood from Necedah, Schleck from Wonewoc, Ralph of Cobb, and a lot of others come from a long distance, that those living near Madison cannot attend the meetings. Surely they should be able to devote part of an evening every two or three months to get posted on what is going on. We would get a revised schedule lots easier if 75 to 100 members would attend the meetings instead of thirty to forty.

Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, is back at his duties as agent at Dousman, after several days spent on committee work in Chicago.
Div. Cor.

Northern Iowa Division—

Bro. Gallimore, of Linn Grove, is on his annual vacation.

A Mr. Clark, from Milwaukee, has taken the Havelock agency.

Reports from the various stations indicate a heavy Pacific Coast business. No doubt the Seattle Fair is at the bottom of it.

Bro. Stafford, of Ireton, is on a Western trip.

Indications point to a heavy corn crop and plenty of business for all of us "farmers."

Another dispatcher has been added to the force, which puts Fremaine at work again. He has been temporarily relieving some of the operators during the lull in business.

Bro. Doherty writes from Miles City that he will return September 1st to the relay job at "BU."

We are pleased to learn that Bro. Harry Post, formerly agent for the C. G. W. at Eagle Grove,

has been promoted to the position of traveling passenger agent for his line.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Soo City-Hawarden extension. We are sorry that this will put Mr. Blackman, of Alton, out in the "jungles."

The annual fall crop of new brakemen is "ripe."

Mr. Richards, of Webster City, is on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Steffler.

Bro. Watson has returned to Irvington.

Another dispatcher is to be added to the force, making two additional ones. We understand Bro. Hutchinson is scheduled for the position.

We have no returns from our General Committee, which went into session July 12th.

It would look as though we were doomed to a natural death unless we can coax some one to send in a few notes.
Div. Cor.

Lake Shore Division—

Our division is never represented to any great length in THE TELEGRAPHER at any time. I hope all the members will try hereafter to send some item of news to our correspondent, Bro. E. A. Sohre. They naturally look for notes each month, and there is no reason why we should not be represented, if all will lend a helping hand in this respect.

How about your dues for the present term? Are they paid up? If not, why not?

Bro. F. C. Shimeck, our local chairman, has been in Chicago recently serving on the general committee, being relieved by Telegrapher Cragmiller. We expect a good new schedule soon. There is not much trouble in getting what you go after if your committee has the right kind of backing.

Bro. Kuhns, of Sheboygan, has taken unto himself a wife, and now wears the smile that won't come off. Congratulations.

Bro. J. S. Ball, of Denmark, enjoying a much-needed vacation at his former home in Indiana, is reported to have also joined the benedicts. Seems that Cupid is working overtime on this division of late. Bro. B. A. Rindt, of Port Washington, is relieving Bro. Ball during his absence.

Another brother who will soon jump over the line is J. H. Van Roy. He is very much interested in a party at Manitowoc, and I understand he has been out at Grimms, which station he won on the "raffle," looking up a house. Looks kind of suspicious.

Bro. E. P. Stallings, formerly agent at Lyndhurst, is now engaged in the grocery and dry goods business at Wann, Okla.

Our last meeting held at Sheboygan on the evening of June 22d, was fairly well attended. Among those present were Bro. L. F. Nelson, local chairman, Ash. Div., and P. L. Hackbert, local chairman Nor. Wis. Div. Bro. E. A. Sohre was elected local secretary and treasurer at this meeting, the election of the balance of the division officers being postponed until the next regular meeting on account of lack of time, as most of the boys were obliged to return on No 11.

There will be a meeting called up on the north end, presumably at Gillett, in the near future. The secretary will notify all members of the date as soon as the necessary arrangements for this meeting are made.

Death knocked at the door of Bro. T. H. Wellard, of Calumet Yards, and carried away their eight-months old baby, after a lingering illness of several weeks. The family have our deepest sympathy. A floral offering was forwarded by the division.

Lake Shore Division—

The local chairman very much regrets his inability to visit the boys on the north end before going to Chicago, as promised in a personal letter to every member and non-member on the division. He had since written to a number of the boys, giving the reasons for his failure to keep his appointment good. To those who may have been overlooked he wishes to state that the failure was due to some misunderstanding in regard to his transportation, which did not reach in time to make the trip.

As the general committee is to meet again in Chicago, some time in September to complete negotiations, your local chairman will make an effort to visit the boys on the branch, either just before going or after returning from Chicago.

Mr. Melville H. Sell, of Port Washington, has made his application, paid his initiation fees and dues to December 31st, and may now be called brother.

Among the new men who have promised to come in before the 15th are W. H. Egan, Mequon and G. V. Kohls, Port Washington.

Bro. J. W. Stransky, Lakewood, is spending a month's vacation at Sheboygan, being relieved by Bro. Sedlack. Bro. Sedlack is the regular man at Mequon, but has been called upon to do the relief work on the division this summer. This affords "Joe" a chance to see the country and gather material with which to amuse the natives around "MN" during the coming winter.

Bro. Vic Ausloos has withdrawn his resignation and will remain as agent at Pulaski, having now been furnished a helper to assist him with his work. "Vic" certainly had a hard time of it, having to take care of practically three stations without any help whatever, and we were not surprised when we heard of his resignation.

Bro. Tiedka, it seems, is expected to put on the finishing touches on the product of all the local ham factories, as he has been getting a new night man every two weeks for some time past. We can understand why he put in that order for a supply of Morse alphabets and instructions to beginners, but why that case of Horlick's Malted Milk?

We are indebted to Bro. Eimerman, at Port Washington, for his efforts in getting the nons up his way on the right track. If more of the brothers took the same interest in this work he does we would be soon rid of the nons. Let each member remember that the local chairman can not do any great amount of good getting the line in

shape, without your co-operation and assistance. Therefore do not lag and hold the work back by waiting to see what someone else does, but go to work yourself and assist in lining up those who are not already in. If you are in need of any application blanks, ask your local chairman or secretary for what is needed, and keep 'at work until results are accomplished.

Since the last write-up from this division appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER R. C. Vose, South Yards, has become a brother and is up to date.

The positions of second and third trick operators at Port Washington, and the third trick at North Green Bay, have been bulletined, open for bids up to September 7th. Crackermiller, a hopeless non, it is understood, has bid for the North Green Bay job. Have not heard who will try for the other two. Neither of the positions at Port Washington are a snap and not many men would hurt themselves trying to get one of them.

Chief Train Dispatcher Dolan has taken a much-needed rest. First Trick Dispatcher Bowman is doing the stunt in his place. This is one of the positions that is far from being a bed of roses.

CERT. 368.

Nebraska & Wyoming Division, Eastern District—

Bro. Nathan Kennedy, telegrapher Mo. Valley Shops, lost his only child August 4th with brain fever. He was off duty four days, but no one relieving him on account of a shortage of men. The deepest sympathy is extended Bro. and Mrs. Kennedy in their bereavement by the brothers of this division.

Chapman relieves Bro. Currah as agent atavenport August 13th.

Bro. Nelson, cashier at York, drew the agency at Leigh on bid.

We understand Bro. DeFrance, former agent at Leigh, has left the service.

Bro. W. C. Day, the genial agent at Albion, made a pleasant call on his old friends at Battle Creek on his way to Council Bluffs, to attend the agents' meeting on August 21st. He reports the arrival of a twelve-pound boy at his house. Congratulations.

Bro. Anderson, telegrapher at Albion, is relieving at Leigh. He is relieved at Albion by Bro. C. W. Wilson.

Bro. Ralph Hales is doing duty as telegrapher at Neligh during the carnival and race meet. Bro. Recroft could make good use of another man there all the time.

Bro. H. G. Whitney, agent at Battle Creek, was off several days this month on account of death of his wife's mother. He was relieved by Bro. Ralph Hales.

Bro. R. L. Sharp, telegrapher at Bonesteel, drew the agency at Verdigre on bid.

Last year at this time there were extra men put on at most of the main line stations to handle the stock business, but this year there has been no new positions opened, although business shows an increase. This must be owing to the scarcity of telegraphers.

If there are any brothers on this division who have not paid their dues for the present term, they should do so at once. Our general committee will be back in Chicago on September 10th to finish negotiations with our officials, and they should have solid backing in order to get the best results. If you know of any nons give them no rest until you line them up.

We could have a much better write-up each month, if the brothers would interest themselves enough to send the news to the division correspondent. There are many changes and many other interesting items that we do not hear of, because the brothers do not lend us their assistance.

CERT. 310.

Wisconsin Division—

Brothers, don't forget to remit your local dues to your local secretary and treasurer, Bro. R. B. Boyington, 1925 Darrow Ave., Evanston, Ill., and also your dues for the last half to your grand secretary and treasurer.

The following third tricks are on bulletin for the oldest operator: Harvard, Capron, Cambellsport, Bain Junction and Grayland tower, and second tricks at Racine and Highland Park.

The following changes have taken place recently: E. P. Woodbury, first trick telegrapher, Crystal Lake, is assigned to the agency at that station, vice F. S. Stocking, who has taken the agency at Mayfair, vice G. C. Boomer, made agent at North Ave., vice C. E. Hillyer, promoted.

Telegrapher Jones, a new man on this division, is holding first trick at Crystal Lake until it is taken on bulletin.

G. F. Carle, first trick man at So. Janesville, is taking a fifteen days' rest, being relieved by Bro. Jacobs.

Telegrapher Frusher is working second trick at Crystal Lake until it is assigned by bulletin.

Bro. J. J. Dietrich, agent at Arlington Heights, is taking a two weeks' vacation at Glenwood Springs, being relieved by Telegrapher Campbell.

Bro. L. H. Powers, agent at Barrington, is also taking a month's vacation and is spending some of his time in Duluth calling on friends and relatives. Telegrapher J. B. Shaver, first trick man, is relieving him.

Bro. F. M. Flannery, Rockford, "KD," is taking a vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher W. Pendergast.

Bro. A. B. Curtis, second trick at Central St. tower, was off duty a few days visiting friends and relatives in Antioch, Ill.; he was relieved by Telegrapher J. C. Frusher.

Bro. C. F. O'Connor, agent at Kenilworth, enjoyed a visit recently with relatives from St. Joseph, Mo. Bro. O'Connor is now living in his new home at Kenilworth.

On account of a wreck at Pacific Junction on the C. M. & St. P. Ry. recently, its trains were run over our road from Racine Junction to Chicago.

The telephone is being installed on the Milwaukee Division and will be in service soon. This 'phone is a different style from that now being

used and is claimed to be so superior that it will give better satisfaction.

There will be a meeting at Harvard soon and we expect each and every brother who can possibly attend to be present.

Bro. Brown, first trick at Lake Forest, was off on a vacation enjoying the lake breeze and fishing for a few days.

M. E. Wagner, day telegrapher at Winnetka, is relieving Mr. Kilz, agent at North Chicago. Mr. Kilz in turn is relieving Agent Dibley, at Evanston, who is on a six months' leave of absence.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Bro. F. W. Anholt's father on August 5th. The bereaved brother has the sympathy of all the members of this division. Drv. Coa.

C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

Minnesota & Iowa Division—

From the way the applications are rolling in it is safe to say that there will be very few nons left when the committee goes in. From outward appearances each individual member has delegated himself as a committee of one, and is doing all he can to get the nons in line. That is as it should be; unless we have the percentage we must not expect large returns; on the other hand, if we are able to get the men in line we are bound to reap good results.

Bro. J. H. Gove, of Sibley, is away on his vacation, looking up Washington fruit lands, we understand. He is relieved by Telegrapher C. N. Williams, who has promised to make good soon.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. M. E. Haggerty has resigned. Bro. L. M. Kilberg, who has been relieving Bro. Ray Mann at Mankato, relieves Bro. Haggerty at Lake Crystal. Bro. C. R. Williams is temporarily in charge nights at Menneopa, and at the same time has his eye on his stand at the State Park.

Bro. Mann says he enjoyed his vacation very much, but it seemed good to come into the harness again.

Mr. C. W. Warner, agent at Mountain Lake, is enjoying his vacation. Understand he is relieved by a Mr. Hamblin, of LeMars.

Bro. N. D. Watson, the handy man of Fairmont, is relieving Agent Burdick at that place. Bro. Watson is indeed a handy man. He fills in any old place. If an agent wants to be absent, he is capable of filling his shoes, and the same in regard to a telegrapher's position.

Chief Train Dispatcher J. E. Hickey is taking a two weeks' vacation. During his absence J. W. Pepple wears the official look.

In the neighborhood of fifty station agents attended the agents' meeting at Mankato, the tenth.

The latest names to be enrolled on the membership list are Bros. G. W. Lasseck, relieving at Fairmont, Hugo Bromander, Madiela, and R. C. Harrington, Bigelow. Among the many who have asked for application papers is former brother, J. H. Nelson, of Shakopee.

Several very good positions were bulletined in the general office the 17th inst. This will give

some good telegrapher an opportunity to file into a good job.

Mr. F. W. Stucks, of Savage, is relieving temporarily at St. Paul general office.

Signal Inspector O. A. Nordquist was over the line a few days ago looking after the signal blocking business.

Now that the gravel trains on the east end are a thing of the past, the boys find more time to devote to the interests of the Order, consequently we expect they will put in some of that time in trying to show these nobs the advisability of joining our ranks.

Mr. J. H. Johnson still continues to accept the raises the O. R. T. has obtained for him, all the benefits that are coming his way, but can not see his way clear to link his fate with that class of union labor. Don't know if it is because he feels a little above them or not.

Understand Mr. Swiningson, at Le Sueur, has refused the kind offer of a brother who offered to pay his initiation fee if he would join.

There is not much to say about Mr. G. W. Owens at Elmore, further than he continues to remain in his hard shell, takes all we give him, but is shy with the dough.

It's about time some one prodded Mr. E. C. Callan, of Woodstock, up a little; he has been sitting back and taking that extra five for about three years without contributing a cent toward the cause.

Bro. Humble, of Kasota, picnicked at Minneopaa the 15th inst.

Bro. D. E. Dean, of Sheldon, was absent several weeks in Washington, looking after his fruit lands. He was relieved by Mr. Hamblin, of Le Mars. Upon Bro. Dean's return, Mr. Hamblin relieved Mr. Cannon, agent at Le Mars, for a short time.

Bro. Pingel, of Bigelow, underwent a successful operation at the Sheldon Hospital the latter part of July. Bro. Watson relieved him. Bro. Pingel is again back at work.

W. H. Young, a Milwaukee man, first trick at Sheldon, is on a two weeks' leave of absence, and will take in the big show at Seattle. He was relieved by a man named Miller. Understand he has the pasteboard, and is also a Milwaukee man.

Many of the boys have had applications in for a vacation for some time past, but have been informed it is impossible to get men to relieve them.

We are in receipt of letters from the following gentlemen stating they would make good August payday: W. A. Ziebarth, of Cliff and J. C. Cochlin, telephoner at Nichols.

We presume before these items gets to you the general committee will be holding conferences with our management. It is to be hoped none of you will do anything that will cause your committee to have any uneasiness while they are in session, and that you will all do what you can to get non-members in line before that committee finishes up negotiations. Unmolested "quack-grass" is bound to ruin the land in time, as it keeps on growing.

The best remedy, therefore, is to weed it out thoroughly in its infancy.

It is to be regretted that pressure sufficiently strong cannot be brought to bear upon the members relative to furnishing us with information for the columns of the journal. We have continually asked for items regarding new men coming into your territory, brothers being away, sickness, deaths, weddings, etc. Let us know about it. It will only take you a moment to drop us a line. If the proper amount of enthusiasm, and the desire to practice fraternalism had been followed out on this division a short time ago, we would have not lost one of our good members. When his child took sick and died, his wife laid next to death's door, then the other little child took sick, and no mention of it being made in the columns of the journal and no tokens of sympathy offered, he felt that he had been slighted and the consequences were he dropped his membership. Thus have we lost a good brother from our ranks, just because you fellows that knew about the conditions did not take the pains or interest enough to advise us of the facts. He felt that he did not cut much figure, or some mention of his troubles would have been made. If the proper amount of fraternalism had been shown by the brothers in that neighborhood, we could have helped to make his burden lighter and retained this brother in the Order.

Let us try to practice true fraternalism in the future. Keep me posted on the happenings and I will try to do my part of bringing about a more fraternal feeling. CERT. 251.

Northern District—

Owing to the nine-hour law, the meeting at Eau Claire, Sunday, August 1st, was not as well attended as was hoped for, although there were quite a number present both afternoon and evening.

The meetings were called to order by Local Chairman L. D. Marquette, and after the usual course of business was taken up, General Chairman Liddane gave us a good long talk on our proposed schedule that will soon be placed before the management.

The members present all expressed their willingness to help the local chairman organize and make our division stronger than ever, although we are practically solid now, with the exception of a few unbelievers who only think of themselves. There are also several on the division whom we do not care to call brothers even if they desired to become members.

If we followed out our general chairman's ideas and each member secured a new one during the month of September, we would be more than solid by October 1st. Bro. Liddane also gave us some good advice in regard to obedience, impressing the fact on our minds that nothing would establish us in the good graces of our officials more quickly than loyalty. Answer your correspondence, get your reports out with dispatch, answer your calls promptly and keep trains moving.

That means more business, higher earnings, and bigger wages for the telegraphers.

Bro. Lundberg, of Shell Lake, was taken home to Mankato with typhoid fever, and for several days hovered between life and death, but is now slowly improving, and we hope for his early recovery. He is being relieved by H. A. Thorp.

Bro. Koslik, of Rice Lake, relieved Bro. Scott, of Winter, while Bro. Scott was off on sick leave. Bro. Scott is back at his post again.

Bro. Kanar is relieving Bro. Ruid at Rice Lake, who is taking his vacation.

W. B. Campbell having joined in August at New Richmond, makes it solid O. R. T. G. B. Armstrong, South Range, and Ray Sin and Will Reid, of Clear Lake, have also obtained up-to-date cards, making the latter place solid with the exception of one foner.

The joker from Stanton has another excuse now. He is going to school this winter. He has one student already.

We hope to show Turtle Lake represented in September. There are at least two good men there who would still make good members.

Mr. Harbour, of Rice Lake, requested the O. R. T. to accept his resignation. The request was granted. We are proud that men of loyalty always remain members of the organization.

We desire to thank Bro. Olson at Couderay for the news items he sent in, and we hope some of the others will do likewise.

Bro. J. M. Roelke, agent at Radisson, has returned to his old home in Indiana.

J. H. Kean, of Hammond, is holding down this agency until it is assigned on bulletin.

J. F. Christy, who was relieving at Couderay and Winter for a few days, was taken down with smallpox and sent to the hospital. Frank Kozlik is at Winter now.

Bro. Scott was married to Miss Kate Berry, of Winter, on July 10th, and went to Seattle on his wedding trip.

The gravel pit that the Omaha opened up half a mile south of Couderay, on the bank of the Couderay River, is proving to be the best pit on the Wisconsin Division. They will take out over 7,000 carloads of gravel from there this fall.

Mr. H. McGarrah gave as his reason for not taking out his card last winter that he was going into the jewelry business right away. Ingersoll's must have gone down, or he wouldn't be working for \$55.00 in a common gravel pit.

The following is the result of the July bulletin: Prince St., E. R. Berry; Boardman, W. E. Neitzel; Minong, agent-telegrapher, A. B. Crowell; Hawthorne third trick, G. A. Norman; Rice Lake first trick, O. P. Ruid. Div. Cor.

Nebraska Division—

Bro. Jones has left Wayne, leaving a few notes on the hook assigning me the position of correspondent for the Nebraska Division this month. He has gone to Chadron, Neb., where he has a position with the C. & N. W. Ry. We wish him success.

Bro. C. C. Hinman, of Hartington, spent a few days in Ashland looking after his share of a small wheat crop.

Bro. Ferber, from Maskell, gets New Castle on bulletin. G. A. Smith, from New Castle, goes to Wymont to relieve Bro. Pinion for ten days.

Mr. L. E. Foster, late of the "Omaha," comes to Jackson, relieving C. J. Lindstrom, who goes to Maskell to relieve Bro. Ferber.

Mr. Haxton, a new man from Kansas City, is now third trick telegrapher at Ferry.

H. H. Hamblin is doing the cashier's stunt at Tekamah while Bro. Ballingee is taking sixty days off, hunting and fishing in the Roosevelt lands, Oregon.

Bro. Dean was relieved at Lyons by Mr. Boltz. We understand that Boltz has since returned to the C. G. W. Ry.

Telegrapher Hale relieved L. E. Foster at "WK." Foster went to Jackson.

L. G. Halvisey, of Crofton, relieved by Bro. Arnold for thirty days.

Our local chairman, Bro. Crouch, is on a few days' vacation, which he is spending at Hot Springs, and is relieved by Telegrapher Arnold, who has been working third trick at Ferry.

"CD."

Wisconsin Division, Eastern District—

We were delighted to welcome into the ranks of scribes Bro. W. A. Blake, who looms up in the July TELEGRAPHER with an announcement of his appointment and an appeal for news from the boys on the north end. He will make an ideal correspondent, and will keep the Northern District in the front rank every minute while he is on the job.

There have been several temporary changes at Elroy lately. Bro. Kvoool, who relieved Bro. Balgord while the latter is on his honeymoon, went to Fall Creek to relieve Bro. Cowing for a short time. Bro. J. P. O'Shaughnessy relieved Bro. Kvoool at Elroy during the absence of Bro. Balgord's vacation. Bro. Quinn, of Tunnel, enjoyed a brief vacation recently; relieved by Bro. Zahner, who is one of our new members.

No doubt all members are aware by this time that a ladies' auxiliary to the O. R. T. has been organized and the ladies of Division 76 have the honor of securing the second charter for a division. This is a good thing and should appeal to all members and their ladies. It means an education for the ladies along the lines of what we are trying to accomplish and will be the means of knitting closer together the members and their families, and will also give the ladies an interest in our work. It is expected that the first meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Wisconsin Division will be held at the same time that the next O. R. T. meeting is held, and the ladies expect to have a goodly number on hand by that time. The initiation fee is fifty cents and dues ten cents a month. Mothers, sisters, wives and daughters of members are eligible. Mrs. W. J. Liddane at St. Paul and Mrs. L. D. Marquette of Shell Lake,

both of whom are charter members of the Auxiliary, will be pleased to furnish application blanks to ladies who wish to join.

The two meetings at Eau Claire August 1st were well attended, considering the fact that the nine-hour law makes it extremely difficult for the men to relieve each other. While the hall was not crowded at either meeting, the total number present during the afternoon and evening was satisfactory. The matter of the revision of the schedule was discussed and a thorough understanding arrived at. The custodian of our local treasury reported \$69.00 on hand after the expenses of the meeting were paid. This is the balance left from our last ball, and has been used for the purpose of furnishing flowers in cases of sickness and death instead of calling on the members for donations.

Several of the old guards were on hand at the meeting. General Chairman Liddane presided, and he was ably assisted by Bro. Marquette, local chairman of the Northern District. Bro. Marquette served notice on the Eastern District members that he is going to clear the line of nons before the committee convenes.

Those two veterans, Bros. O'Connell and Stanton, were there, of course, and their wise and conservative counsel was in evidence at both meetings. Merrilann, Wrights and Sheppard were represented by the usual strong delegations. Those boys are always on deck when the interest of the Order is concerned. They know just what they want and they are not afraid to ask for it. It would be fine if some of the stay-at-homes would follow in their footsteps and come to the meetings and explain their troubles. East St. Paul was represented by the entire regular force, Bros. Liddane, Goss and Richards. This was made possible by the fact that Bro. Liddane was laying off, Bro. Kanar relieving him. Bro. Bill Blake, of Itasca, arrived on No. 93 at 9 p. m., and although he was a little late, he made up for lost time by making a two-hour speech after he reached the hall. Bill carries his new honors as correspondent modestly, although an added air of dignity was noticeable in him. It was also observed that despite the high honors heaped upon him, he was as friendly as ever with the boys who had served with him as private in the ranks before his promotion, and he met them all with a kindly smile and a hearty handshake.

Several phoners were on hand and we wish there were more. Those are the boys who are possibly more interested in the new schedule than any other class of employees. The phoners are lining up in grand shape, six applications from phoners on the Eastern District having been received during the month of August up to the 30th. It seems certain that after Bro. Marquette makes a trip over the line the phoners will be in as good shape as the telegraphers, and that means—solid.

The following are the assignments on the July bulletin: Prince St., day telegrapher, E. R. Barry; Boardman, agent-telegrapher, W. E. Neitzel; Minong, agent-telegrapher, A. B. Crowell; Hawthorne, third trick, G. A. Norman; Rice Lake, first trick, O. P. Ruid. Div. Cor.

Gulf & Ship Island Ry.

The meeting held at Wiggins was one of the best this division has ever held. A sumptuous dinner was served at Hotel Clendemin, after which the members all marched to the Masonic lodge room. All business was transacted in time for the brothers to return to their homes on the evening train.

Regular meetings will be held in Hattersby at 1:30 p. m. on the third Sunday of each month. We must all try to be present at the next meeting and make it a record breaker in point of attendance. We are very anxious to organize a lodge of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Bro. Herndly was very much missed, he being unable to attend on account of relieving Mr. Seay, second trick dispatcher, who is absent in North Carolina on a visit to home folks.

Bro. Lamb, at Ava, has returned after several weeks' vacation.

Bro. Clark, at Arbo, is enjoying a well-earned vacation this month.

We missed Bro. Hartzog at Wiggins. We felt very much honored to have with us Bros. Clendemin and Wilkes.

I hope to receive items from the members each month, which will enable us to have a nice write-up in each journal.

There are only a few nons left; let's put forth every effort to land them. Div. Cor.

Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Ry.

Having been appointed by our chairman to act as local correspondent for Division 80 I offer the following, which I hope will be of interest to all members. I have to get the news as best I can and hope all errors will be overlooked. As I am not very well acquainted with the K. C. I will appreciate all news sent me. If you know of any changes on the line or anything that would interest a member let me know and I will be glad to send it in. This will enable us to have a good write-up each month.

Business seems to be gradually getting better on the north end.

All the boys have been trying to take a vacation this summer, keeping the extra men, Bro. Elam and Bro. Carroll, pretty busy.

Bro. T. L. Reid, of Pontotoc, is now on vacation. Bro. Elam is relieving him.

Bro. Goff, from New Haulka, has been off on vacation during the last few weeks; relieved by Bro. Carroll.

Bro. Wallace, of Ingomar, has resigned, going in the mercantile business. Understand Bro. Leigh, of High Point, has bid in Ingomar, and Bro. Carroll, extra man, has bid in High Point. No other changes on the north end.

We understand that Bro. Evans, of Noxapater, has resigned and accepted a position as ticket agent at Meridian, Miss.

Bro. Miller informs us that the man that ate the horse is still living. All who were present at the meeting at K. I. on the 7th will understand.

Bro. Spivey, formerly of Merrill, has been installed as agent at Decatur; don't know who relieved him at Merrill.

Bro. Young, of Union, is relieving Bro. Longmeyer, of Neshoba. Bro. Longmeyer is off on account of the death of his wife. He has our sympathy.

Miss Ella Tucker, who has been acting as agent at Burnside, has been relieved by Mr. Gordon.

Those present at the meeting at Louisville on the 7th were Bros. Longmeyer, of Union; Spivey, of Merrill; Moffett, of Stallo; Holmes, of Ackerman; Miller, of Mantee, and Gridley, of Philadelphia.

Bro. Gridley has been appointed correspondent.

CERT. 137.

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Southern Division—

Only twenty-four brothers were present at the meeting at Houlton August 15th. You will have to do better than this, boys. Spruce up and talk up some more at different points along the pike.

Telegrapher C. L. Holden is doing spare operating at "CD" office, Bangor.

Bro. Robertson is at Sherman days. "NR" visited Bro. Dunphy at Millinocket over Sunday recently. Bro. Robertson's attraction for California has changed to Marysville, N. B. A good scheme, "NR," use her well.

Telegrapher Toddy is at Millinocket, third trick.

Bro. Cutler, of "WB" dispatching office, Bangor, has taken his annual vacation. Hope you had a good time, "CU."

Mr. Herrick, agent at Brownville, recently took a vacation, being relieved by Mr. Mosher, freight clerk.

Bros. Frayton, of Mars Hill, and Currie, of Griswold, took in the camp meeting at Daner recently.

Div. Cor.

Western Maryland Ry.

Things seem to be picking up on this road. Freight is getting fairly heavy, of course, making allowance for the fertilizer, which is just beginning to move.

There are no important changes on the road, but as they are about to dissolve the receivership we shall see some soon, and, I hope, in our favor.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank some of the brothers for their kindness in sending me items and request them to repeat the dose.

There has been another trick put on at Union Bridge, relieving Mr. Eichelberger of the wire work. Telegrapher Ogle, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Telegrapher Lewis, 4 p. m. to 12 midnight, and Bro. W. R. Freeze, 12 midnight to 8 a. m.

Bro. W. F. Krichton, third trick at "BY" tower, was off several days; relieved by Telegrapher Blaxten. Bro. Krichton reports having had a great time. "Big doings at Electric Park," he says.

Bro. Tuck, second trick at Walbrook, has resigned and gone to the B. & O. That moved Telegrapher Sterner from first to second trick there, leaving the first trick open, which is now

filled by an O. R. T. boy, Bro. Loy, who formerly had third trick at Thurmont.

Telegrapher Angel worked at Baird, W. Va., a few days, but am unable to say who was "off the job" there.

Smithsburg has been abolished as a train order office, but three men have been put on at Chewsville. That cuts out the only twelve-hour job on the road. Looks all right, doesn't it?

Telegrapher Wolf has first trick at Chewsville. Telegrapher Kalman second and Bro. Low third. Now, if Bro. Low does some good missionary work that will help, too. "Bore, brother, bore."

Once again, boys, let me say that those personals were greatly appreciated last month, and will continue to be appreciated in the future by

"SHORTY."

Illinois Central Ry.

Chicago Division—

Chicago Division of System Division No. 93. met in regular session at Kankakee, Ill., August 13th. Your scribe not being permitted to be in attendance, I am unable to give a full write-up, but understand there were twenty-four members present. This is good, and looks like old times. Let us all try to be present at Gilman on our next meeting night. Come along, boys, from the south end and the Bloomington line and put a shoulder to the wheel. There is likely to be something doing and you should make a special effort to be present.

Bro. Newman, of Tolono, was off for thirty days last of July and first of August; relieved by Bro. McBratney.

Bro. Frank Crawford has asked for a short vacation beginning September 1st.

Bro. Lorin Cailey bid in Danford on bulletin.

Bro. Grachier bid in Hayes, which was made vacant by Bro. Cailey's promotion.

Understand Bro. R. R. Searl bid in Homewood on bulletin, but as we have not seen where Savoy has been bulletined we can not vouch for the truth of the statement.

Bro. G. H. Searl returns to work at Tucker after fifteen days' absence. We do not know who was relieving him.

Bro. Sam Newton has been reinstated as agent at Weedman.

Now, you luke-warm and nons, do you see any benefit to be derived from being a member of the Order? O, of course, you do, but you haven't the manhood to come across and give the Order your support. You would rather sit back and take the little raise the Order has secured and that without any of your assistance, contented to take gratis what others have worked hard to secure. When asked to join us you put up some hard luck story, and half way promise, but never come across. Some of you are not contented with what we have done for you, but allow hams to hang around and pick up the business. O, no, you don't teach, you just permit "EM" in the office, that is all.

Bro. Pendergast returned to Merna as agent after thirty days' leave of absence on account of Bro. Newton's reinstatement.

Bro. Wood is in Bro. Rich's place at Farmer City for a short time while Bro. Rich is off on vacation.

Bro. Fitzpatric bid in Monee on bulletin; understood this is the night position.

Bro. Munson is relieving Bro. Bradbury at Cul-lom for a few days.

Brothers, there appeared in the May issue of THE TELEGRAPHER a request that all members of Chicago Division contribute 25 cents each quarter for the purpose of defraying such expenses as might be incurred by reason of funerals, entertainments and such other necessities as belong to this division. Some are not sending in the amount, claiming that they do not know where to send it. The money should be sent to the secretary, Bro. Barr, at Roberts, Ill. This is not compulsory, but those who desire to help in this way, please remit to Bro. Barr.

What has become of my worthy assistants? I have not heard from them this month, so if there is anything of importance left out just please bear in mind that I have received no assistance. Let me hear from any and all who know of any changes or other news. Do not wait and expect it will be reported by someone else. Send in the news; should any two of you report the same thing I will take care of that, and should you send in something and it does not appear in the journal, please bear in mind that the editor lacked the room. All you send goes to the editor and he will print such as he can find space for.

J. F. C.

Louisiana Division—

Our regular monthly meeting was held at McComb, Miss., Sunday night, August 15th, with a large attendance, but only one member from McComb proper, which is a mighty poor showing from the six up-to-date members employed there. Bro. Bob Servat claimed to have hunted for forty minutes to find the hall, but gave it up. Owing to so many large sky-scrappers and numerous long streets he must have gotten lost.

Several applications for membership were acted upon and numerous other matters disposed of, of which the new rules and wage scale, which has been presented to the general manager, was the most important. Local chairman Miller was present and explained the proposed new rules. All present unanimously approved the document, and agreed we should be given an increase in wages and better conditions. It is a well-known fact that the cost of living has increased fully 15 per cent since our last revision; the work has also increased.

The company has spent several hundred thousand dollars installing, reinstalling and experimenting with the telephone, and they are not near through with it yet. The whole system is lined with old electrical machinery and telephone junk that cost thousands of dollars. The membership on the en-

tire system feel that if the company has so much cold cash to waste upon a gold brick of this kind they surely can cut a melon for the telegraphers.

On account of our inability to secure a suitable hall at McComb, commencing September 19th, our regular monthly meeting will be held at Hammond, La. Hammond is just as convenient for meetings as McComb, and more so, for the boys on the New Orleans Terminal. Every other month a meeting will be held at Jackson, Miss., for the convenience of the boys on the Canton and Yazoo Districts. Don't forget the third Sunday night in each month at Hammond, 7 o'clock p. m. sharp.

The following new members were admitted since our last report: W. W. Akers, Manchac, La.; H. W. Fitzgerald, Asylum, Miss.; R. H. Odom, Kenner Junction, La.; Guy Weathersby, Hazelhurst, Miss.; C. D. Ross, Yazoo City, Miss.; J. H. Sasser, Nogan, Miss.

The newcomers in our midst during this month are as follows: Bro. L. H. Wright, of the S. P., who is relieving Bro. R. W. Wilson, at Asylum; Bro. J. N. McHugh, of the T. & P., relieving Bro. Moon, at "JD," Jackson, Miss.; Bro. Silverthorne and Bro. Buquoi, working extra at Nogan, and Bro. Hood, "der kid," relieving Sister L. Tatom, at Crystal Springs.

C. Dudenhefer Kleppinger, "KR," and Ed Dunning, "OK-D," at Harahan Junction, who have been kicking for more O. R. T. money, are now kicking because the high license has diminished the size of the schooners. These gentlemen (?) are certainly entitled to the "money takers" leather medal.

Bro. C. Gill, agent at Bogue Chitto, is convalescing from a severe case of malarial fever. He is being relieved by Bro. W. G. Bennett, extra agent.

Bro. B. E. Bee, Jr., second trick at Brookhaven, has been granted an indefinite leave of absence, in order to take his brother West for his health. "BE" is being relieved by C. M. Thompson, a non.

Bro. W. H. Allen, agent at Amite, La., is spending his vacation at his old home on the "Little J," eating water melons and having a good time. It is rumored that Hiram will bring back a helpmate.

Bro. J. F. Brown, formerly chief operator at Kenner Junction, now has a wireless job on the S. S. Heredia, plying between New Orleans and Panama.

Bro. G. N. Arnold, formerly assistant chief operator at Kenner Junction, has resigned as wireless operator on the S. S. Rosina and accepted a sign with the Postal at New Orleans.

Bro. W. I. McFatter has gone back to the W. U. at New Orleans, on a seven-hour night trick, with a top salary and making all kinds of coin. "FA" is always there with the merchandise.

Bro. S. B. Freeman, who has been agent at Hazelhurst for several years, has been promoted to the freight agency at Brookhaven. Sterling is a heavyweight and is bound to make good. Bro. M. F. Freeman, his brother, is filling the vacancy at Hazelhurst temporarily until a regular assignment is made.

The Rev. C. T. Stepp has accepted the agency at Bentonla, Miss. "CS" is one of our old ex-agents and always displays the "wreath and sounder," whether in the pulpit or office.

Bro. J. G. Hayes, agent at Chatawa, Miss., has returned with his family from an extended visit to relatives in that dear St. Joe, Mo.

The vacancy at "FX," Jackson, Miss., has been awarded to Bro. L. H. Witherspoon, on bulletin; "W" was relieved at Canton, Miss., by Bro. S. R. Twyman.

Bro. V. E. Pinckney, late of the N. O. & N. E., is carrying the hod at Gwin, Miss., third trick, regular.
Div. Com.

Tennessee Division—

Everything seems normal on this division in the way of traffic and the general run of business, though operators seem very scarce. It very often occurs that it is necessary for two of the men to double and work twelve hours each at three-men stations in case of sickness or such like. While of course this is permissible under the nine-hour law act, though it seems funny that the chief dispatcher would let the supply of operators get so short as to necessitate so doing, when it is frequent men apply to him for positions, I can't see but one point in view, i. e., the company wants to make it appear that they have sufficient men to handle the business and that operators are very plentiful, and by installing the telephones they put quite a drawback in front of the rank of railroad telegraphers, though I don't think any one need fear the telephones. Even though they are really working at a number of places, they are not as satisfactory as the old reliable telegraph.

The following are a few of the changes since the last issue:

Bro. Wilson, of Cairo, has been gone several days on account of his sister being very ill. Relieved by Bro. Pearl, first trick operator at ticket office, Bro. Pearl being relieved by Seetcheze.

Telegrapher Reagin is working third trick at Illinois Junction, while Bro. Sowrey is away.

Bro. Ballanger, extra man on Cairo Terminal, has married since the last write-up.

The 'phones on the St. Louis Division seem to be very quiet for the past month or so. While the excursions were on hand Trainmaster Berry refused to copy orders over the "fone" at Mounds, claiming it was too slow and had to fall back on the reliable "telegraph."

Bro. W. D. Scott, extra man, is still holding down the fort at Fulton ticket office during Bro. Wooldridge's absence, Bro. Wooldridge being at the Springs for a recreation.

Bro. B. M. Poynter, of Martin, Tenn., has returned to work after enjoying a few days' rest, being relieved by Bro. O. T. Buffalow, second trick operator of same place, Bro. Buffalow being relieved in turn by Bro. J. E. House, extra man.

Bro. O. T. Buffalow, has asked for sixty days' absence, during which time he expects to visit

Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City, Utah, and other places of interest through that section, accompanied by his father. Bro. House got the temporary appointment during this time.

Bro. E. Cummings, third trick at Greenfield, Tenn., is enjoying his summer vacation, during which time he will visit Chicago and New Orleans, being relieved by Bro. Roy Scott, extra man. Bro. Scott during the hot summer months had a business of his own, which seemingly was small, but proved to be about or more remunerative than telegraphing, which was nothing but running a corn popper in a small place at that.

Bro. C. W. Stockdale, of Jackson Yards, is enjoying a leave of absence, being relieved by an operator from transportation department. Operators must be very scarce.

Bro. Barnett is now working second trick at "JC" office, Jackson, temporarily, relieving Bro. Allen, who is relieving Bro. Shane, first trick same office, who is taking a vacation.

Bro. J. C. Mills, second trick at Greenfield Tenn., has asked for fifteen days' absence, during which time he expects to visit Lookout Mountain, but the chief seems very slow in relieving him. He asked off the 20th, but as yet has not been relieved.

Bro. Chas. Long, of Mayfield, landed third trick at that place on bulletin, but I understand Bro. Gruggett, of Idlewild, made application for the same position, and will likely be given a trial, he being an older man in the service than Bro. Long.

On account of Bro. Boyd, agent at Water Valley, Ky., being sick, Telegrapher J. W. Dodge is working there temporarily. Can't say if he is up to date or not.

Bro. C. S. Chandler, of third trick Mayfield, Ky., is at present working at Dyersburg. Bro. H. A. Shelton landing this on bulletin, will go to work there as soon as he recovers from chills, which he contracted at Woodstock.

Bro. Hight got second trick at Woodstock on bulletin, permanent. Third trick not closed yet.

Bro. Morris, extra man, has been relieving Bro. Carr, who is enjoying a vacation. Previous to this Bro. Morris worked for Bro. W. B. Romine, while Bro. Romine relieved at the clerk's desk in the dispatcher's office a few days.

Understand the man from there went to McComb a few days ago to take a position there handling trains regularly. This only leaves one extra dispatcher at Fulton now.

Morgan Williams, at present working as day operator at Obion, is relieving "Old Man" Phebus, who is sick.

Bro. C. B. Simonton is acting agent at Obion in Bro. Bivens' place, who is taking a vacation.

Bro. C. R. Collins is holding down the agency and first trick because there is no extra man for the first trick at Covington. Bro. Morris has probably gone there now, which will relieve the situation.

CERT. 1099.

St. Louis Division—

The dynamite has about all petered out on the St. Louis Division, judging from the scant interest taken by the old-timers who were once the loudest in their "holler" for recognition by the railroad company. Has the railroad soft-soaped these men into believing that they are going to be shoved to the front? Silly rot, this; don't allow the wool to be pulled over your eyes. The railroad companies are organized to see that they get the most possible work out of you at the least cost. This can be shown to be a fact, noting the conditions at several large stations on this division alone.

I am surprised that some of the men who have since been promoted to large stations have allowed their membership to lapse. You have permitted your memory to become befogged with promises, and have allowed others to do your thinking. I believe in giving the railroad company value received, and endeavoring to carry on their business as you would your own, and with the same interest, but I am tired of doing it all and not getting anything in return.

With this preface I will endeavor to give a small write-up of this division.

Mr. Goe, who has been away from Mounds, Ill., on a six months' leave of absence is expected to resume duty August 31.

Bro. A. M. Winstead, of Wetang, Ill., has been spending his vacation in Washington, incidentally registering for some land.

Bro. D. M. Hartman regularly assigned to Cache, Ill.; relieved Bro. Smith at New Athens, then later relieved the second trick man at East St. Louis.

Bro. C. O. Johnson, of DuQuoin, Ill., has been appointed depot passenger agent at Union Station, St. Louis.

One-time brother Mercer, of Marion, enjoys the distinction of a raise in salary and the appointment of a cashier at this station.

The sub-committee recently met in Anna, Ill., and performed some important work, which I hope will materially benefit this system division.

I shall pass this way again.

GLOOMY GUS.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the Divine Ruler, to remove from amidst her family and friends the little daughter of Bro. A. J. Dion, of Homewood, Ill.,

WHEREAS, This family suffers untold loss; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of this division extend to Bro. Dion and family their heartfelt sympathy, and recommend that they bow in humble submission to the will of He who doeth all things well; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy kept upon the records of this division.

J. R. ESLER.

JAS. CLEARY.

F. A. THOMAS.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 26, 1909.

Committee.

Dubuque Division—

What is the matter with this division? We have only had about two write-ups this year. Some of the boys around Dubuque or Waterloo who are in touch with everything should be able to give us something. By looking at the Illinois Central items no one would think there was such a place as the Dubuque Division on the system. Come on, boys, give us something. If nothing else, let us know who are not organized and perhaps we could get after them.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. Greer, of "MS" yard office, is laying off. He is being relieved by Mr. Tweedy, who has gone back on us.

Bro. East, of Marissa, is on a vacation, relieved by Bro. Ehrhard.

Bro. Humes, who has been absent a few days, is back on the spot again.

Bro. Hartman is doing the stunt at "MS" as third trick man at present.

Bro. Gleason has just returned from a trip to Salt Lake, Utah. We are glad to see old "R" back at his post again. Bro. Clayton did the stunt while Bro. Gleason was away and then went to work on second trick at DuQuoin for a while.

Understand Bro. Snyder, who has been doing extra work at Oakdale, has resigned.

Business is picking up and many of the boys are wanting vacations.

Let us hear from some of the rest.

DIV. COR.

Peoria Division—

We have been absent at roll call for several months, but we are back in the ranks again stronger than ever and still growing.

Bro. Gladville, of Stewartsville, is taking a layoff on account of ill health, and he and Mrs. G. are at the Springs to recruit up.

Bro. Carter is working the telegrapher's trick at Poseyville during the melon season; relieved at Sullivan by Telegrapher Nichols from the extra board.

Bro. C. P. Huering bid in Harwood nights.

Bro. Hoffman, who is on the extra board, is handling the agency at Stewartsville during the absence of Bro. Gladville.

Bro. Calvert, one of the Indianapolis Southern brothers, was a visitor in Newton a few days since, and took time to make the brothers in Newton "NE" office a pleasant call.

We understand that Bro. Endicott, who is on the extra board, met with quite a serious accident, which put him out of the service for a few days.

Now is the time for all true brothers to come to the aid of the Order and be loyal to what we represent. This is certainly the proper time for each and every one of us to put our shoulder to the wheel and go after that man next to us who is not an Order man and line him up for the right and help him to understand that it is for his own good that he join our ranks.

Bro. Wilson is working as night telegrapher at Mattoon "N" office on account of the dispatchers taking their vacations, and Bro. Bridges is doing extra dispatching.

Our local chairman, Bro. Walker, has been out on the line several times since we last had a space in these columns, shaking hands with the boys. CERT. 1315.

Paducah District—

As there is no regular correspondent on the Louisville Division at present, I have taken the liberty to send in a few of the changes in this district.

Bro. L. F. Woodruff, third trick at Cumberland River, has just returned to work after an absence of two weeks on account of chills. He was relieved by Bro. E. M. Sargent, an old-timer on the division. Bro. C. B. Sullivan, who has been doing extra work at Little Cypress for some two or three months, is now visiting his parents and friends at Princeton, Ky.

Bro. V. Poynter, from second trick at Nortonville, is now doing extra work in "ON" office at Princeton, having been relieved at Nortonville by Bro. Hamby.

Bro. Owen Sisk, extra, is now working second at "SA" office, Paducah.

Bro. R. M. Prather, our genial ticket agent at Union Depot, Paducah, is taking his annual vacation. Relieved by first trick telegrapher, Bro. Watson, and he in turn by second trick telegrapher, Bro. Wooldridge.

Bro. A. P. Cook, agent at La Center, Ky., when attending court at Paducah, recently, was relieved by Bro. C. B. Sullivan.

Bro. W. H. Dye, car distributor at Princeton, is taking a much-needed vacation. Destination unknown.

Our second trick dispatcher, Mr. W. L. Bennett, is taking his annual vacation. He is being relieved by Extra Dispatcher J. W. Taylor, who is also strictly fine "biz."

Bro. H. H. Proctor, first trick telegrapher at Dawson, was off duty a few days recently, on account of the death of his child. Relieved by Mrs. G. C. McAuley, wife of our clever agent at that point. Bro. and Mrs. Proctor have our deepest sympathy in this their sad bereavement.

Bros. Meadows and Nichols, second and third tricks, respectively at Dawson, are still battling the ball without losing any time.

We notice Bros. Gadie and Couch, of Central City, exchanged tricks for a few nights recently.

I am unable to get any "dope" of the happenings on the Louisville districts.

Boys, have you all received that little piece of cardboard yet? If not, you had better get "25" and "cough" up. Get up to date and stay up to date. On this depends our salvation. We should get our shoulders to the wheel and do something. We should not be contented with merely remitting for a card and then sit around like so many knots sticking on a pine log, but go to work and never

cease working, for the betterment of our grand and noble Order.

If there is a non working with or near you, get after him, and show him the error of his way. If a brother happens to be a little neglectful about getting in line, speak to him about it, for without a doubt it has merely slipped his memory, and if he is an O. R. T. at heart he will appreciate your kindness very much.

"73" to all.

J. N., CERT 1742.

Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Ry.

Vicksburg Division—

The writer is a new arrival. I have watched the write-ups of several divisions, but this one seems to have a correspondent that is "lost, strayed or stolen."

A good many changes have taken place lately, but I am unable to give them in full. This hot weather and "skeeters" seem to have the best of the boys, as many of them are trying to get off to take their annual vacation before cotton season opens up.

Our popular chief dispatcher, Mr. W. H. Turner, is in the North for his health. Mr. Chandler is acting chief until Mr. Turner returns, which we hope will be in the near future, and that he will be enjoying the very best of health.

There are several jobs on bulletin now and business is picking up. Cotton season opens next month, which will keep the agents on the "hop."

Bro. J. B. Kelley of Leland, was off several days on account of the sickness of home folks.

Mr. W. B. Burke, clerk at Shaw, has just returned from Kentucky and Tennessee, and reports a grand time.

Bro. Robert B. Cary, better known as "Frisco Bill," who played the "hero" act at Brinkley, Ark., during the cyclone there, and who rescued two men from drowning at Little Rock, Ark., lately, is now night telegrapher and clerk at Shaw. It is rumored that he will go on the road as a shoe drummer after the first of October. We wish him success.

Have you succeeded in securing the application of that non? If not, keep after him. Remember it is sticking to a project that brings success, and it is the same with the nons; they will surprise you some day by filling out the blanks.

There are several new men on the line. Are they up to date? Find out and if so get them transferred. If not, get them to fill out the necessary papers.

If the regular correspondent is not dead, and is found or is ready for duty, let him send in something for next month. Show them that we are still on the map. "FARRZ."

Memphis Division—

Bro. R. Boswell is now acting chief operator "GO" office, while Chief Operator Jarnigan is chasing telephone trouble and trying to regain his health by outdoor exercise.

Bro. J. E. Speed is contemplating a trip to Buffalo, N. Y.

Bro. A. Mielke is going to St. Paul the last of the month. He also expects to visit cities in Central and Northern Illinois.

Night Chief Bro. Marley and Bro. Townsley have been on the sick list the past month, but are again at work.

Bro. A. A. Hansell is having a \$10,000 brown stone front residence erected, which will be completed in the course of several months. Bill says there is no place like "a home."

Bro. W. B. East is also inclined to follow Bro. Hansell's footsteps and will soon be located in a handsome residence recently purchased in the suburbs.

Bro. T. I. Flynn, former night chief, who has been ill for the past two years, is now at St. Joseph's Hospital receiving treatment. Bro. Flynn has a daily stream of callers and sympathizers who cheer him up. The unfortunate brother has the sympathy of the fraternity.

Bro. Mulhall, general chairman of the I. C. Lines, was a recent caller at the general office. The boys are always glad to see the old man.

Bro. Rhyne, of Silver City, has returned to work after an extended trip. A Mr. Sanders did the stunt while he was away.

Bro. McHenry, after visiting in the wilds of Arkansas, has returned to his old standby, Isola. Bro. B. P. Stevens relieved him.

Bro. Cornick is relieving the agent at Marks.

Bro. Bondurant, of Inverness, did not take his intended trip to the Great Lakes and to several of the Northern States, on account of his wife's illness. They will go to some watering place to spend the balance of the summer.

Some of our brothers are laboring under the impression that Bro. Bondurant is teaching his brother-in-law the art of telegraphy. This is the wrong impression. That station is allowed a station helper and his brother-in-law is working as same, and is not being taught telegraphy.

Assistant local chairman, Bro. R. R. Green, is off for a few days going over his territory to see some of the boys, leaving Emmit Moore, a brother of our general chairman, in charge.

Bro. W. P. Moore, our local chairman, is off at present on important business concerning the Order. Can not say just when he will return. Bro. McComas is relieving him at Lula.

Quite a number of the boys are on their vacations, but am sorry to say I am unable to give out who were the lucky ones to get relief. Several were unable to get off at present on account of the shortage of telegraphers.

The new seniority lists are out and if you have no copy write to Bro. Moore, and he will see that you get one.

Now, brothers, I suppose you are all supplied with an up-to-date card. If not, it's about time you were. Get in the swim and don't be behind. Remember we have a few nons on this division and therefore it is our duty not only to ourselves, but to the welfare of the Order to get them in the fold. It behooves each and every one of us to do what we can, so don't leave it all for a certain few to do. A number of the boys on this division

seem to care for nothing but to look over the pages of THE TELEGRAPHER until they come to the write-up from the Memphis Division, and let it go at that. We have to do more than this, so put your shoulders to the wheel and help to push the good work along. You know that the time is at hand for a revision of the schedule, and if you do not get what you want don't blame anyone but yourself.

Did you fill out the blanks that were sent you? The outlook for business in the near future is the brightest ever, and we expect that this fall and winter each and every one of us will have our hands full.

Bro. Trull, of Cruger, was called to Memphis Saturday for the investigation of a trivial charge; such small things as this breeds discord and the sooner it is stopped the better for all concerned.

This coming fall will see the worst car shortage experienced in years, so the brothers who are agents should see that all cars are loaded to their full capacity, especially those loaded with cotton. Attend to this matter personally and by doing so, you will relieve the situation to a certain extent.

Div. Cor.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

Southwest Division—

A meeting of the members of the Southwest Division was held at St. Joseph, Mo., August 15th. The attendance was good, considering the fact that the meeting was called on short notice, and that the train service is such as to prevent many of the boys on the north end making the return trip without losing time. Bro. W. L. Albrecht, general chairman, was with us and many topics for the betterment and advancement of the Order were discussed. Bro. A. S. Sandmeier, of Leavenworth, Kan., was appointed division correspondent, and with the assistance of the brothers along the line will try and give the division a good write-up each month. The last Sunday in each month was decided on as regular meeting day. Meetings for the south end will be held at St. Joseph, Mo., and for the north end at a point to be determined at the next meeting at St. Joseph, September 26th. A regular meeting place at each end of the division will give every brother an opportunity at least every other month, and every member that can possibly get away should attend.

Would like to see some of the boys get busy on the nons, and also try to furnish a little news for the monthly write-up.

Bro. T. W. Kane, Shops, third trick, has left the service, and is now dispatching trains for the Northern Pacific at Livingston, Mont. Telegrapher Patton relieved him at Shops.

Bro. Rex Redlingshafer, the third trick man at South Des Moines, was off duty a few nights on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. H. C. Huston, new man on this division.

On account of an increase in business Knowlton, Iowa, has been reopened as a telegraph office, with Bro. J. E. Johnson, first trick, Bro. A. S. Dowler second trick and Bro. N. C. Iles third trick.

Mr. G. C. Chandler has been appointed agent at Faucett, Mo.

Bro. C. S. Liggett, the agent at Blockton, is off a few days taking in the Portland Fair. Bro. G. T. Scott is doing the agent's stunt. Bro. M. G. Smith transferred from third to second, and Bro. A. L. Sharpe, a new man, is doing the owl biz.

Bro. H. H. Hunter, regular first trick man at South Des Moines, is now doing the owl work at "SX," Des Moines. Bro. Reed is doing the extra work at South Des Moines.

Bro. C. V. Falkner, the first trick man at Shops, is taking a ninety days' leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. D. W. Smith, regular second trick. Bro. Smith is being relieved by Telegrapher Hawthorn.

Bro. C. J. Forsyth has left the service and is now located at Calgary, Alberta, with the Canadian Pacific.

Bro. E. E. Pumphrey, formerly first trick man at Leavenworth, has accepted a position as street solicitor for the Kanawha Dispatch Routes at St. Joseph.

Our worthy Sister, Mrs. C. A. Van Sandt, bid in first trick at Leavenworth, Bro. J. E. McDonald going from third to second, and Bro. Sandmeier back with the owls.

Bro. T. E. Waite, second trick man at Afton Junction, is off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Hayes.

Bro. A. D. Brittain, who formerly worked third trick at Reinbeck, is now working for the C. R. I. & P. at Atlantic, Iowa.

If you know of any news that you didn't see in here, please remember that it is impossible for one man to get a line-up on all changes without some help in the way of items from the brothers. Whenever you know of anything in the way of news or anything you think would be interesting, send a card to your correspondent or local chairman.

Div. Coa.

Northwest Division—

During August the dispatcher's office at Red Wing on the W. M. & P. Div., was discontinued and trains on that division are now handled from "X" office, St. Paul.

General Chairman Albrecht was off a few days on fraternal business, and Agent Hine relieved him at Fredericksburg.

Bro. C. Judd, second trick at Hampton, was off for a few weeks, and Mr. Bowie, a new man, relieved him.

Bro. F. J. Donovan, second trick at South St. Paul, was detained at home for a few days on account of sickness in the family. Bros. Jenny and Kinne doubled up on the second trick during Bro. Donovan's absence.

Bro. H. R. Grannis is at present in charge of the agency at Dodge Center. Agent Hine relieved him at Westgate.

Bro. J. E. Jenny, first trick at South St. Paul, took a few days off to look after his land in Dakota. Bro. Kinne did the first trick stunt and Mr. Herr, a new man, relieved him on third trick.

Telegrapher Maxfield, second trick at Taopi, has returned from a vacation. Bro. J. E. Lemmon went on third there on the return of Mr. Maxfield.

Telegrapher Wallace, of West Concord, has left the service and Bro. Leudke, of Eden, is working the trick he vacated.

Bro. Duvall, second trick at Rich Valley, has left the service and Bro. E. H. Krugmire, of the River Division of the Milwaukee, is working the second trick there.

The Postal Telegraph Company has removed its operator from the Great Western Depot at South St. Paul and established an office in another part of the city.

Telegrapher Christie, second trick at Coates, is taking a vacation and is relieved by Bro. Adams, third trick at Coates. Telegrapher Thompson relieved Mr. Christie for a few days, but later went to Fargo to work for the W. U.

A. Mr. Lewis is working third trick at Coates, while Bro. Adams is on the second trick.

CARD OF THANKS.

TAOPI, MINN., June 7, 1909.

BROTHERS—During the last two months I have lost my two best friends, my father and mother, who were taken away by the Grim Reaper. They passed away within twelve days of each other. I want to take this method of expressing my gratitude to the C. G. W. System No. 96, Order of Railway Telegraphers, for the sympathy tendered me during my dark hour. It is when we are in trouble that we realize we are not alone. It is also consoling to have the privilege of being united with each other.

Fraternally,

ALLEN WHITCRAFT,

CERT. 272.

Seaboard Air Line.

Fifth Division—

Our regular meeting was held in Americus with about the usual attendance, and matters of considerable importance were discussed. The rule requiring that we secure bonded men to relieve us is no doubt preventing several from attending these meetings.

The new schedule recently secured from the Southern Express Co. seems to meet the approval of the membership. Our official members are to be congratulated on securing it for us.

Bro. A. F. Fanning, of Abbeville, has been in South Carolina for about two weeks, spending his vacation with his family.

Bro. J. H. Cantrell, of Ellabelle, has been visiting in Atlanta and North Georgia recently.

Bro. Tidwell, our local chairman, and family, recently paid a visit to relatives in Columbus.

We note that H. Griffin, agent at Hagan, has again dropped out of the Order and is in the "ham" business as usual.

Our next meeting will very likely be held at Tybee.

J. C. SMITH,

CERT. 147.

Sixth Division—

Let's have better attendance at our meetings.

A joint meeting of Fourth and Sixth Divisions was held at Duval Hotel, Jacksonville, August 8th. The meeting was called to order by Bro. R. A. McMahan, local chairman Sixth Division, and after a short talk from him and Bro. J. L. Vining, local chairman of the Fourth Division, the meeting was turned over to our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. F. O. Cumming, who gave us a talk such as never had been heard by any on either division. Bro. Cumming never forgets to impress the great benefits of the Order both as a help to the employer as well as the employee. We, as members, should always strive to do our best for our Order and for our employer.

Bro. R. A. McMahan is away on a 35-day leave of absence; relieved by Mr. H. J. Marshall, a non.

Let every member try to secure the application of non-members on the division and get lined up solid. Furnish your local chairman with their names and thereby assist him.

There has been several new applications filed within the last month. Let the good work continue.

CERT. 275.

D. S. S. & A. Ry.

Houghton Division & M. R. R. R.—

Telegrapher A. Galby, of Kearsarge, is taking a vacation and seeing the sights in Chicago; relieved by Mr. L. V. Hubon, a new man on this road.

Bro. G. L. Allen, of "CH" office, Calumet, is away on vacation, spending the time down in Ohio; relieved by Mr. McMaster.

Mr. B. W. Davis, telegrapher at Lake Linden, is assisting Agent Hospins. Davis is a new man on this road.

Bro. S. G. Warner, of "HK" office, Hancock, is away on vacation. We are unable to say who relieved him.

Winthrop Junction is now open days and Bagdad has been closed.

First trick dispatcher F. Dushane has been taking a much-needed vacation, he being relieved by Mr. J. E. Splon, from the east end. Later—"FD" made a trip over the division and is again on duty.

A bulletin has been received covering the position of telegrapher at Iron River and second trick at Eagle Mills.

We desire to thank Bro. Warner for the items he sent in and we hope that other brothers will follow his example and send in a few items every month.

Let every brother make a special effort to secure applications and all take a lively interest in the welfare of the Order. Twenty-five new members, at the highest figure, means that a committee will be sent in, and with the percentage which that number will give us, we can be assured of a new and better schedule. Think this over carefully and remember that the sooner we get after the nons and take an interest in the work the sooner we will have better conditions.

"RA."

Mackinaw Division—

It has been some time since we had a write-up from the Mack Division, so I will try to get a few words in this time.

Every man on the division should be paid up, and in this way get ready for a new schedule. As we stand now, we are in very poor shape for any such thing. We cannot do anything without we have enough back of the committee to help them out.

Since our last communication we have had several changes on the Mack Division, some of which we may miss, but if we do, please do not mention it, as we try to please every one.

Several changes have been made in St. Mary's transfer office in the way of new telegraphers.

Bro. Slater at "UD" office, Soo, has been given a spring-jack switch to use in his office, which makes it very handy for all of the wires he has on his table.

Telegrapher Brazeau, of Brimley, has been off on his vacation, which was spent in Oconto, his home. He was relieved by Telegrapher Ammon, who went to L'Anse after relieving Telegrapher Brazeau.

Bro. Clark, of Soo Junction, has just asked for a couple of application blanks, which we are in hopes will come back filled out. Bro. Clark is a hustler for our Order.

Relief Agent Schulz has been busy on this division relieving at Brimley, Newberry and Dollarville.

The blueberry crop has not been as good this year on the Soo Branch as it was last year, but understand there are a good many around Grand Marais which come down to Seney for shipment by express.

Business seems to be pretty good on this division, and everyone seems to be happy.

Will cut out for this time and try again some day when we have more time. A BROTHER.

Ulster & Delaware Ry.

I see some of our dispatchers are giving us a roast. If you don't answer quite as promptly as they think you should they will say "He is a member of the O. R. T." Boys, don't let them get that on us. Answer up as soon as possible and give the best possible service.

You are all aware that we had another nice meeting at Arkville. Bro. T. M. Pierson, vice-president of the O. R. T., was present, and gave us a very interesting talk, which I don't think any member present will forget in some time to come. The talk Bro. Pierson gave us would make anyone feel proud to belong to the same Order of which Bro. Pierson is a member.

After the meeting refreshments were served, of which all partook heartily. We should thank and congratulate Bro. C. M. Sanford for the manner in which he conducted the meeting. We also wish to thank his "seven-eighths," who is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the O. R. T., for the cake, which was very nice. What we need mostly is more new members.

Don't let the nons stay out in the cold. Perhaps they never heard of the O. R. T. Write to them or go and tell them all about it.

Some of our brothers are getting O. R. T. hair cuts; they are all right, too. They sell them at Phoenicia. Bro. Riley has but two men there now. There are several stations handicapped in the same way.

Some of our owl trick men are getting cold feet. Maybe it is the climate, they being so near the river. Don't allow this to happen; it ruins your reputation. Keep paid up.

Don't forget one thing, Bro. C. M. Sanford is not dead, and we should help him out. We should feel proud to have such a general chairman. Show him that you are.

It was not decided at the meeting where we will hold the next one. I hope it will be where we all can attend.
Div. Cor.

Hocking Valley Railway.

Toledo Division, North End—

Do you not remember that four years ago we were working twelve hours with no meal hour and no seniority rights? You remember how new men were given good positions over the "old heads?" Compare the above with the conditions now prevailing, which were brought about by the O. R. T.

The first schedule brought increases from the company before it was in effect, and after it became effective we had seniority rights, meal-hour privileges and overtime. Now we have six, seven, eight and nine-hour jobs.

Mr. Non, who got these? Did not the O. R. T. do it? You can not afford to join? Could you have afforded the ten per cent reduction the committee resisted? Come in, "backsliders" and "hard shells," we want you and you ought to be with us. Don't try to spar around for an excuse. You have been benefited and are benefited every day.

If Division No. 118, an up-to-date, progressive division, a division which has made rapid strides for justice and equality, a division abounding with a true fraternal spirit, retrogresses, withers and dies and goes to decay on account of your lack of appreciation of the charity extended to you, you, Mr. Non, will have to bear the blame and thereafter shoulder your load alone and not through collective effort.

We understand that the company has opened the block system on the south end. I hope all the brothers working on the south end will make it their business to see that the nons on that end are induced to secure up-to-date cards.

If every member would put a shoulder to the wheel and push together we could make this one of the strongest divisions in the Order.

"GET BUSY," CERT. 342.

Toledo Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from the family of our brother, Albert Yoder, his beloved mother, in mani-

festation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Toledo Division of the Hocking Valley Railroad System Division No. 118, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; be it further—

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

CHAS. GRIFFIN.

O. L. BLACK.

R. J. SHAW.

Committee.

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway.

The meeting held at Camden Place, Sunday August 8th, was a grand success, and if you missed attending it, you certainly missed something. There were 62 present and all enjoyed themselves immensely, and before we left the hall several of the brothers were asking when and where the next meeting would be held. This goes to show that if they once get out to a meeting they want to attend more of them, for they certainly see, once they attend, that the meetings are very instructive in more ways than one. There were four of the boys present from the Chicago Division. There undoubtedly would have been more, could they have been excused, but there was no extra men. And it was hard for the boys over there to get away. The attendance from the east side was quite an improvement over the last effort the boys made to attend a meeting, but there is still room for improvement from this locality, and we trust that next time the east side will send in a still better representation. The main line turned out in fairly good shape; possibly all were present that could be excused. We were well pleased with the turnout, and hope to see more of them at our next meeting. The Winnipeg and Wheat Line was well represented, there being seventeen members from that locality. We are of the opinion that this could have been improved upon somewhat with a little effort. Bro. Turnland was not able to attend on account of the work train, also Bro. Houlotte, of Newfolden, was kept busy for the same reason. We think all the boys east of Adams could have been with us if they had made an extra effort to do so. There were but four of the faithful ones from this locality. We had with us at this meeting our freight claim agent, Mr. A. E. Hodson, who gave the employees present quite an instructive address bearing upon the various duties of the employees along the line in connection with his office. We are sure that if the points he made so plain are carried out, there will be an improvement in the service rendered in his department. Mr. Hodson was very much surprised to see so many of the employees present, also surprised at the interest they manifested in the way of taking hold of anything that was for the betterment of the service. We earnestly request every

employe present to remember what Mr. Hodson told them at this meeting and request them to put the same in practice at once, for if it is done there is bound to be an improvement in the service. Mr. Hodson has asked permission to attend any of our future meetings, regardless of whether his department has the floor or not, and this will readily be granted. Any of the officials are entirely welcome at our future meetings, as we would be more than pleased to have them come out and meet with the employes, thus creating a more friendly feeling between the employes and their superior officers. Mr. Curtis, superintendent of the east side, kindly granted the request of our local chairman, Bro. Deuel, and stopped the train at one or two points which were not stops for them, in order that the boys might be able to attend the meeting. For this courtesy we are under obligations to him. In fact, every official did all in his power to let the employes get out to the meeting, for which we extend our thanks. This will probably be the last meeting that we are permitted to hold until after the fall grain rush, on account of the difficulty of obtaining relief. There is not much news on the line. Several of the boys desire to lay off, but there appears to be very few extra men at the present time.

Halma has recently been opened again with a regular agent. Bro. J. J. Hoglin, who has been working extra, we "13" drew the position.

We hear it rumored that Bro. Crandell, local chairman on the Wheat Line, has resigned and taken up a claim in Montana, and will soon leave us for his new quarters. If this turns out to be true the boys on the Wheat Line will have to look out for another local chairman.

At the meeting it was decided that each local chairman should see that his locality was represented in the way of news for the journal, so it is now up to them to get some one to write the news each month or get busy themselves. We very much desire to have a good write-up from each division on the entire system, and we trust the boys will see that this is done regularly.

CERT. 212.

W. & P. Division—

For the first time for several months the W. & P. Division items have not been visible in THE TELEGRAPHER. Your correspondent has sent in two good write-ups for January and February, but for some reason they were not published, and since then I have been unable to get a word from any of the brothers along the line. Brothers, this will never do. We must get items in the journal and let others know that we are not dead.

Please bear in mind that your correspondent urges your assistance in securing items. Send them to him not later than the 15th of each month. Please try to remember this.

One of the most enthusiastic and best attended meetings of Soo Line Division No. 119, which now covers the M. St. P. & S. S. M. and W. C. Railways, was held on August 8th in the

A. O. U. W. hall at Camden Place, city of Minneapolis. The meeting was called to order by the general chairman, Bro. Lewis. Bro. M. S. Deuel, local chairman of the W. & P. Division, was elected chairman, and Bro. A. V. Seifert, of the W. & P. Division, was elected secretary, with instructions from the general chairman to furnish a write-up of this meeting for the journal.

Bro. Deuel assumed the chair and thanked the brothers for the honor extended, not only to himself but to his division in electing him to the position of chairman of the system division meeting which meant so much to the whole division. General Chairman Lewis then took the floor and in that particularly smooth, easy manner of his, unfolded the position of the division as it stands today—numerically, financially, and as a factor in the labor field of the great Northwest.

Division No. 119 has absorbed Division No. 121, making Division 119 much stronger and increasing the duties of our general officers to a considerable extent. The consolidation of these two divisions can have but one trend, and that is for the betterment of the members of both, but principally Division 121, and should be hailed with much satisfaction by the membership of that division. Our division was never in better condition, both numerically and financially, than it is at the present time.

The boys on the "Soo Line" proper are, with the exception of a very few, enthusiastic members, and if those few had attended the meetings of that date there would have been no keeping them out of the Order.

Many subjects pertaining to the good of the Order were brought up and discussed. Among them was the bond question, the discussion of which brought to light the fact that the members present stood firm in favor of it, and a canvass of the audience showed that 28 shares were wanted and would be ordered as soon as the members returned home. The canvass was to secure an expression from the members present for the benefit of those absent.

Our general chairman recommended that all on his division purchase at least one share, and assist in making sure of our own bond company, where fair treatment is guaranteed to all. Another meeting is to be held in the near future in the general offices of the company, which, on account of its conveniences, will be attended more largely by the railroad officers, and we hope more of the members will turn out, as these meetings are a great assistance to us in our daily duties. We heard nothing but praises from the 65 or 70 members present and all seemed to be in favor of another meeting at an early date, volunteering to be present.

We note several changes along the line, but can not keep tab on all of them.

Bro. Hogan, formerly agent at Hermansville, has accepted the agency at Amery, which was bulletined last month. B. L. Cook, who was acting agent at Amery, has left for parts unknown.

Bro. McGeary, who was relieved by Bro. Schroer at Nye, is now relieving Bro. C. C. Williams at Bradley. Understand Bro. Williams is taking a trip to his old home in Pennsylvania.

The new depot at Weyerhaeuser was completed July 6th, and the office force moved from their boarding cars to the new quarters, which were appreciated.

Telegrapher Dunbar has left the service of the "Soo," and we have been unable to find out where he is located.

Mr. Coy is relieving Telegrapher Dunbar, and is a new man in the service.

We understand that Bro. Ashcroft, of Catawba, is going to leave our division. Mr. V. Griffith, of Bruce, is relieving him. ♦

I am sorry to see that we still have a few nons on our division. Brothers, get after these boys and tell them to get busy with their applications, as they have the same benefits as we do, but never come across to assist. They always have some poor excuse, but the excuse "biz" should not be tolerated. Get after them for a card. The color is pink, and unless they have one, no favors for them. Div. Con.

C., R. I. & P. Ry.

Iowa Division—

The meeting at Des Moines, August 21st, was a very enjoyable and profitable affair for all who attended.

Bro. D. W. Yates, third at Newton, has resigned to accept a position with the Milwaukee out in Montana. Sorry to see Yates go.

Mr. A. J. Sun, second at Colfax, has departed for Butte, Mont., to accept a position with the Milwaukee there.

Geo. H. Meier has resigned the local chairmanship on account of the serious illness of his wife, but at this writing she is much improved.

Bro. J. B. Smith has been elected local chairman of the Iowa Division, vice Geo. H. Meier, resigned.

The telephone has been installed on the East Iowa Division and we are just beginning to try to use it. When it gets in good working order it looks as though it might be a good time saver.

Mr. K. C. Marshall, chief, has left us and Mr. T. W. Ward, night chief, has been appointed chief to fill the vacancy. With "J. W. six" in Ward's place.

The yard office at Valley Junction has been moved from the passenger depot back to where it was before.

Bro. Thompson, agent at Metz, has returned from a month's vacation spent in New York State.

Bro. W. F. Cooper, until recently first trick man at West Liberty, has quit telegraphing and gone into the grocery business.

Bro. and Mrs. Smith spent vacation at Spirit Lake and report a very pleasant time, with few mosquitoes.

Bro. R. N. Whitley has left "IC" and gone to Goodland, Kan., as car distributor.

Bro. H. S. Clow has accepted a position as wire chief at Goodland.

Bro. Robert O. Hall has left the service of the company and has accepted a position as wire chief for the American Telegraph and Telephone Company at Fort Des Moines, with a raise in salary over his former position. CONT. 290.

Oklahoma Division—

It has been quite a while since we have had a write-up from the Oklahoma Division, but we wish to assure all the boys that we are not all dead ones, and are still after the nons. We have a few yet, but am sure they are not enjoying life nearly so much as they would if they had a card.

Ben Taylor, from Waurika Yards, has gone to El Reno "NO" relay office; relieved by Bro. Edminston, second trick, who was relieved by J. H. Whitehead, who holds card up to June 30th, 1909.

Bro. Francis Murphy is off on a three months' vacation to Seattle and the Pacific Coast; relieved by J. H. Hill holding card up to June 30, 1909, and has remitted.

C. C. Coleman, from "NA," Duncan, is laying off for a trip to Washington and Pacific Coast points; relieved by Montgomery Tatum days, and Bro. Jno. Harrison, from Chix, doing the night stunt. It's easy to guess why John wanted to go to Duncan. A girl in the case, as usual.

Telegrapher Mitchell relieved Harrison at Chickasha, a new man who lit in from parts unknown.

J. R. Riggan, from Chickasha, has gone to Oklahoma City; relieved by G. G. Porter.

R. H. Hadley, agent Union City, is off on vacation; relieved by Gibson, who has blanks and has promised to do the necessary.

Bro. Howard Martin, first trick El Reno Yards, is off on thirty days' leave of absence. Understand Howard will take a trick in "NO" relay office, El Reno, upon his return.

Bro. J. H. White, Jr., a loyal brother of No. 126, passed over the Oklahoma Division, getting acquainted with the brothers, en route to Colorado Springs on his vacation. His present card is the right color.

Bro. Lee Boyd, second trick Enid, was off ten days the first of the month; relieved by Telegrapher Hoon.

Bro. Lowrey, formerly division agent, is now chief clerk at Enid.

New Horton, ticket agent at Enid, is off for sixty days; relieved by Bro. Harry Rugh, from Kingfisher. Bro. Rugh was relieved by a new man.

Bro. Harry T. Snodgrass, who filled the position of traffic chief in "NO" office, El Reno, has been reduced to the ranks of the common herd, office abolished. For what reason unable to learn, but we hope to see this worthy brother reinstated to his old position.

Bros. Edminston and Meadows have been doubling at Waurika yards the past few days on account of being unable to get a man for the third trick. Mr. Fred Hamilton going from Waurika yards to El Reno yards to relieve L. R. Cooper, who has resigned.

Mr. Lyons bid in Rush Springs agency. We say "Mr. Lyons" because he has never lined up yet, although he has promised to come in in a few days.

Telegrapher Connor is relieving Mr. Seiver as agent at Marlow while Mr. Seiver is off on vacation. Frank Upson is working as telegrapher at Marlow, and will line up as soon as he has been in the business long enough, Marlow being his first job.

Don't know where Bro. B. R. Crough, formerly agent at Rush Springs goes, but hope to see "Bert" land a good agency on this division.

Bro. Knapp at "N" has been very sick. His wife has also been sick for a short time. Understand they don't like Ninnakah, but hope they will stay with us.

Bro. R. E. Layman, who has been off for a couple months, sick, has returned to his old stand nights at Kingfisher; glad to have you back "RE."

Boys, those of you who did not attend (and your names are legion), missed a good thing by not coming out to the meeting at El Reno on the 24th of last month. There were only a few present, but those who were, certainly enjoyed and appreciated the address made by our general chairman, W. T. Brown. Short addresses were also made by Local Chairman J. T. Harrison and Brothers Meadows, Harry Snodgrass, W. H. Dunham and C. C. Snodgrass. A vote of thanks was tendered Brother C. C. Snodgrass for the entertainment given the brothers at his dandy new home which he had just completed. Cor.

Kansas Division—

Bro. O. R. Keplinger, agent at Clifton, spent about three weeks in Seattle and other Western cities, sightseeing during the month of July.

Bro. G. L. Johnson is unable to be at his post at Keats Quarry on account of sickness. Mr. Lester Johnson, his brother, is holding down the job until he is able to return to work.

Bro. H. W. Avery is acting agent at Manhattan during the absence of Mr. Tucker, who is spending his vacation in Seattle taking in the Fair.

Bro. C. J. Weygandt has resigned as night telegrapher at Clay Center, and gone to Utah for the D. & R. G.

E. L. Rhodes is working nights at Clay Center until the regular changes can be made. Mr. Rhodes promises to get an up-to-date card as soon as he can rake up the necessary change.

Bro. M. L. Logan, first trick at Clay Center, spent a couple of weeks the first of July, visiting in Manhattan. Mr. R. G. Lewis relieved him, and then relieved Bro. Avery at Manhattan.

Mr. J. L. Pearson has been appointed agent at Antelope, vice Bro. G. W. Patterson.

Here are some of the changes taking place recently: Bro. C. O. Overby, from Paxico, nights, to second trick at Clay Center; F. D. B. Ochs, second trick at Velland; Bro. J. H. Clayton, third trick at Dwight; Bro. P. C. Stocks, second trick at White City; Mr. E. L. Rhodes goes to third trick at Velland; Mr. J. W. Cullen to Willard, nights.

The general committee is getting in shape to go to Chicago soon, for a revision of the schedule. Here's hoping they meet with good success.

A smooth-tongued gentleman representing himself to be a telegrapher out of employment, has been calling at a few of the stations on this division recently. He carries an up-to-date card and goes by the name of Thompson. He seems to be looking for a "cousin" of his, in most every place he stops. From his conversation it was difficult to learn just what his business might be, but he seemed to want to know the sentiment of the boys about the telephones, and if they were satisfied with their present conditions.

Brother telegraphers, did you ever stop to think that it took you about two years to learn your business; that you worked the first year for almost nothing and probably the second year you only received \$20 per month; then you were elevated to the position of telegrapher with the large salary of \$50 or \$60 per month. The signal maintainer serves an apprenticeship of from two to three months and draws \$70 per month. Some of us agents have been hammering away for fifteen years and only get \$60 per month. Your local chairman expects to go over this division in the near future and he hopes before he does so to pass upon the application of every non working there. This will be possible if you will all get to work and give them no rest until you secure their applications. Of course there are a few nons that will wait until we secure a raise, when they will rush up to the pie counter, landing there with both feet.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Des Moines Valley Division—

Bro. Dykstra, of Pella, is off for thirty days, taking in the A. Y. P. Exposition and other points on the Pacific Coast. He was relieved by Bro. Myers, Bro. Myers being relieved by O. J. Glaze.

Agent J. H. Muligan, of Mt. Zion, is off on extended leave of absence. We understand that he will visit Portland, Seattle, and other points of interest in the West before returning; relieved by E. J. Hyton, who has promised to sign up soon.

Bro. Brokaw is still attending the Gem City Business College, Quincy, Ill., and is being relieved by Bro. F. C. Walker, of Iowa division. We have not learned what course Bro. Brokaw has chosen, but feel confident that whatever it is, he will make a success of it, as he has always proved himself a hustler.

Bro. Benning, of Somers, is off for thirty days and will enjoy a visit with homefolks at Douds. He is being relieved by Telegrapher Colleone, an Eastern man.

Agent F. L. Joy, of Keosauqua, is off for three weeks to visit Seattle, Tacoma and relatives at Grand Junction, Iowa; relieved by Bro. Benning, of Somers, Ia.

We understand that a change is to be made in Given agency, and that Bro. Hill is to be promoted.

Bro. Shields, the second trick man at Ottumwa, is off on leave of absence; relieved by Telegrapher Glaze.

How many of you have paid dues for current term? As your committee is to meet the management in the near future, want to see every man in line. Get after the nons, as your committee is powerless to do anything with a broken line.

We are sorry to note that Brokaw has tendered his resignation as division correspondent.

Supt. Kelso has had a wire placed in his office, giving the boys along the line direct communication, which is quite an improvement over the old service.

Bro. G. W. Seigle, of Laurens, has been appointed assistant local chairman of the Sibley line, vice Bro. I. H. Ramsey, resigned.

Your local chairman expects to make a trip over the division in a short time. Any one having grievances or complaints will please have them ready. He wishes to meet all agents and telegraphers and get acquainted.

Any one having news will please send to Bro. Stanley at Douds not later than the 15th. Now, please try to furnish a few items next month, if only a line. If each one will do this, we will guarantee a good write-up from D. M. V. division each month.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Ry. IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, has deemed it wise to remove from our midst Bro. H. C. Jones. In memory of our brother who has been taken away from us, and in sympathy with his bereaved family, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division 125, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the members of the family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Jones, Division 125, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, loses a true and faithful member; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of this division and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

B. M. GRAHAM,
A. S. PENNYPACKER,
E. A. FOSTER,

Committee.

Fredericksburg, Va., August 9, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to remove from earth the father of our brother and fellow worker, Bro. J. C. Farmer; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Division 125, of the O. R. T., extend to the bereaved brother and family its heartfelt sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy sent to the brother and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

B. M. GRAHAM,
A. S. PENNYPACKER,
E. A. FOSTER,

Committee.

Fredericksburg, Va., August 9, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom, to remove from earth the mother of our brother and fellow worker, Bro. C. G. Leary; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Division 125, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother of the family its heartfelt sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy sent to the brother and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. A. FOSTER,
B. M. GRAHAM,
A. S. PENNYPACKER,

Committee.

Fredericksburg, Va., August 9, 1909.

L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Eastern Division—

It is quite evident that the telephone will not supersede the telegraph on this road, although the officials have experienced great difficulty in securing telegraphers, being obliged to work several offices twelve hours, then refrain from employing other than skilled telegraphers. This goes to prove that the telephone is not dependable.

Bro. G. H. McClavin, formerly of North East, has been appointed postmaster at his home town.

Bro. J. H. Madell, former relief man, who is now working North East third track, was called away recently by the sudden death of his brother. He has the heartfelt sympathy of all the boys in his affliction.

Bro. Stasio was off for two weeks with an abscess on his neck. At present he is handling third track at Bay View, as Bro. Snyder, of Bay View is on the sick list.

Bro. R. J. O'Brien, agent, also mayor, of Harbor Creek, watched the ponies go at Erie during the Lake Erie Circuit meet recently.

Telegrapher Armstrong has been appointed relief man, succeeding Bro. Madell.

Bro. Kipp, of Seneca tower, is moving his family into a more convenient modern home at Bladell.

Bro. Frawlew, of Seneca tower third track is now scribbling the items for THE TELEGRAPHER, succeeding Bro. C. P. Kane.

Bro. J. B. Hough, who is working days at Geneva, is spending his vacation in Buffalo and along the line among his numerous friends.

Bro. Jim Clavin is the "Big Chief" at Perry, days.

Bro. R. J. Welsh, the second track man at Westfield, has gone into the "garden" business extensively.

Bro. Tom Clancy sent several good items in. I wish the other fellows would get busy and drop me some news. We all like to hear from the boys this side of Cleveland. "J."

ASLEEP AT THE KEY.

They appointed me correspondent, my heart filled up with pride;
 I vowed to do the best I could to become a skillful scribe.
 I mailed a line to the editor-chief, 'twas a 'brief write-up for May;
 He glanced over the writing quickly, his eyes opened wide in dismay.
 I wrote of things he never heard, and censured nons galore;
 My sentences wailed with patheticness, I knew it would hit the core.
 A cough escaped his quivering lips, and stood with gasping breath,
 Sweat stood out upon his brow, his face appeared like death.
 "Brilliant! Brilliant!" he murmured, "a genius ambitious for fame."
 Then summoning the chief clerk quietly, inquired of him my name.
 "Why, that guy holds 472, at 'D' down Lake Shore way;
 "129 just gave him the job; he signs himself plain 'J.'"
 Have him come to St. Louis; wire him to hurry through,
 Mention to him secretly, an editorial job's in view.
 I took No. 3 from Buffalo, everything came to me free,
 I slept in a luxurious state-room at the expense of the O. R. T.
 Bright faces were there to meet me, Mr. Perham and L. W. Quick.
 We drove direct to the Planters (Hotel); holy gee, I was treated slick.
 I thought of how quick I had risen, and the boys of 129
 Then arrived at a good decision to drop the old pals a line.
 Abruptly I reached for my pencil and wondered where it could be,
 Just then a shock thrilled my carcass, I had grabbed the "telegraph" key.
 My eyes stared at the ceiling, as I uttered a terrible scream.
 Then slowly I climbed from the table with tear-filled eyes, "'Twas a dream."

CERT. 472.

Geo. H. Clavin has been selected for the position of first assistant postmaster at North East, Pa. Mr. Clavin is a telegrapher and has been employed by the Lake Shore railway for several years. The above announcement, taken from the Erie (Pa.) Herald, will please the many friends of Bro. Clavin, son of J. A. Clavin, one of the old-timers of the Eastern division, and one of our popular "owls," as shown in his appointment out of the large number of applicants. He resigned to accept his new position August 1st, having worked six years. These are the kind of men who will always stick to the little O. R. T. button. North East is a second-class postoffice.

C., B. & Q. Ry.

Wymore Division—

There are several members on this division who have not yet paid dues for the current term. Boys, come across and get in line; don't sit back with folded hands and try to convince yourself that the O. R. T. is not helping you and that it does not make much difference whether you pay or not. You know that the Order has helped you, and is still helping you, and every telegrapher in this land. You would appreciate this still more if you could see and talk to the boys on non-scheduled roads who are carrying cards deep down in their pockets and praying for the day to come when they will be recognized. Although these brothers have received no direct benefit yet, still they know it is a good thing, and are paying out their good money with the expectation that some day in the near future they will reap benefits.

We used to have this same class of men on the Wymore division, and we have them yet, if they would only brace up and come out of their torpid state. Now all who are delinquent please get busy and remit at once; don't wait to be asked for it. While you will not be dropped before January first, your card has expired, so far as receiving benefits from it are concerned, and you will lose out on all the good things in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Mr. C. Coffey, Nebraska City, was recently off one whole day; relieved by Mr. Chas. Hohaus.

Bro. J. H. Mitchell, of Elk Creek, has gone in the automobile business.

Bro. C. B. Beck, Superior, gets the cashier's position at that place. Bro. Jack White goes to his ranch near Peetz, Wyoming. We all join in wishing Jack success.

A Mr. Bailey, from the Union Pacific, has been holding down a trick at Superior temporarily.

Bro. Ford, Rulo, was married recently to a daughter of Mr. Pope, the agent at that place. Now, if Bro. Ford will just convert Mr. Pope and get him to take out a card, why——

E. M. Dormer, nights, Salem, has made good and is now carrying an up-to-date card.

Mr. W. B. Bittner, the non who signs "B" at Dawson nights, thinks the boys should mind their own business and cease bothering him about joining the Order. This would indicate that Bittner still has a little conscience left, but not enough to prevent him allowing you boys to pay his way. We are doing the same thing with several others, and as long as we do so they think what is the use of them spending their money? We have extended the glad hand to fellows of this stripe so long and so often that now when we meet them, they assume we are proud to have them among us. Let's cut them out.

Bro. Hockett, of the Falls City trio, is at work after a fine trip through Colorado and Utah.

Bro. Will Hitchcock, agent at Lawrence, is on a two-months' vacation, taking in New Mexico and other points; relieved by Bro. Butler.

A son of Bro. Diller, agent at Wilber, is holding down Fortescue nights. Trust the "old gent" will see that he takes out a card when the time comes.

Bro. Harvey Grimes, holding down Bostwick while Bro. Filley takes in the Seattle Exposition, has been made extra agent.

Mr. Cassel, agent at Guide Rock, has been to Seattle spending some of the surplus the O. R. T. earned for him.

Mr. Birch, agent at Rosemont, has been on vacation; relieved by Bro. Butler.

Bro. Frank Tyler, agent at Smartville, was recently called to Sterling on account of the serious illness of his mother; Bro. L. B. Murdock has been holding down Frank's job.

We are advised that we were in error in stating that the telephone on the west end was used for everything excepting W. U. business. The W. U. wire is still cut in, but messages are handled over the phone.

No card, no favor.

Cor.

Sheridan Division—

Since our last write-up several offices have been opened up and business is better than ever. Everybody is satisfied and no kicks are coming in. This is the way we like to see it. We will have to keep our eyes open now and make the new men line up, as they are coming in mighty fast, and some of them, we are sorry to say, have neglected to get a card. Their hearts are in the right place, however, and the majority are joining as fast as they can. We hope the brothers who know of new men without any cards will use their influence to bring them into the fold as soon as possible. A good talk goes a long way and is a heap sight better than a letter. Be on the alert, brothers, you are expected to do your duty.

E. E. Brummell, second trick man at Rozet, and W. Reinhart, third trick man at Clearmont, are both worthy of cards.

Mr. J. S. Edge, nights at Ulm, has just filed his application. He's an "old-timer" and has seen some of the interesting parts of the country.

Bro. Stobee, second trick man at Arvada, has handed in his resignation and was relieved by Bro. French, a new man.

A Mr. Muir was sent to Oriva to take the new night office there.

A Mr. Crawford, who went to Dewey nights, from Clifton, was relieved at the latter point by Bro. Powers, who was at Upton a few weeks as relief operator.

A Mr. Shaddell is relieving J. S. Fox, agent at Felix, while the latter is East on a visit.

Bro. M. J. Fox resigned the second trick at Arvada and was relieved by a Mr. Sayers.

A new man named Postwit was put on at Verona nights, Mr. Roode going on first trick.

Mr. O. Thomas has relieved Bro. McLean at Moorcroft on third trick.

Bro. C. E. McMillan has been transferred to Cody as agent, relieving Mr. Watson, resigned. Bro. Lewis relieved Bro. McMillan as agent at Deitz.

Bro. Carl Kugland has resigned his position as county assessor of Weston county, to accept a position as assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Newcastle.

Bro. O. O. Merritt, agent at Toluca, has been transferred to Greybull as agent.

Bro. Vacek is doing the relief stunt at Lovell, while Bro. Seaton is laying off.

Some of the live brothers on the west end should take a little more interest in the work and keen things stirred up; also send in a few notes for the journal. When you hear of any interesting news, write it down on the clip, before you let it slip your mind, then forward all you scrape up to your local chairman, before the 20th of each month.

Mr. Gurley, second east end trick dispatcher, is back again at the key, after several days' compulsory lay-off. He had the misfortune to receive several bad scalds on his hands, caused by an explosion of a gasoline stove. We are glad to hear his old familiar "mit" again.

Dispatchers Smith and Johnson have returned from a mountain scout and fishing trip and resumed the brass pounding. It hasn't been reported yet as to how much game and fish they bagged.

There were eleven positions on the last bulletin. Echeta has another man added to its large force. G. F. Stritch, a new man, goes on nights, while Bro. Garwood takes the day shift. Hope Mr. Stritch can "stretch" the goods.

Bro. Harry Kling, wool house manager at Clearmont, will take a 30-day vacation now that the wool-shipping season is over.

Dispatcher Phelaman, third east end, is off on a vacation, taking in some of the mountain air. He was relieved by Dispatcher Littly.

J. T. Peckenpau, of the Sheridan relay office, has been put on as extra dispatcher, and is making good.

Bro. H. M. Edsall is holding down the telegraph job at Cody, making it a solid station.

Telegraphers Muir and Pope are the new men sent to Oriva. Both will be with us pay day.

M. Beidel, of Oriva, is taking a vacation. Too bad he cannot be convinced.

Bro. Vacek, ex-agent, relieved Mr. Warner at Frannie, while the latter was in Montana looking after his ranch. On his return Bro. Vacek was sent to relieve Bro. Seaton at Lovell, who resigned, going into the show business with the Andy Anardoldus Theatre Co. Give them all the support possible when they come your way, as Bro. Seaton is one of the leading stars.

Bro. Keys is off on a 60-days' leave of absence; relieved by Mr. Fagan.

Bro. S. N. Shaddell, an "old-timer," is holding down the agency at Felix.

The brothers are all paying up nicely and we hope to see every one on the paid-up list before this month is out.

Keep after the nons and get them in line. They are coming in mighty thick and it will take a little work to get things in shape again.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

La Crosse Division—

Nothing has been received from the boys along the line, who seem to be too busy to write. For this reason we are unable to give much of a write-up.

Bro. Fitz, the second trick man at East Dubuque, has returned to work after taking a trip through the West. Telegrapher Smith, who relieved him, has taken second trick at Lynxville.

Bro. Hartman was called away a few days last week on account of the death of his brother at Prescott, Wis., the second trick at Rutledge being closed during his absence on account of the scarcity of extra men.

Bro. Butsch, of Blonding, is working third trick at Potosi, Bro. Slat, of McCortney, taking Blonding in his place.

Bro. Brown, second trick at Potosi, with his family, was off on vacation the first of the month, which was spent in Iowa, where I understand he bought a farm. Now, that doesn't mean that Bro. Brown is going to turn farmer, or anything like that. He intends to stick to the key and let some one else milk the cows.

Bro. Slat, of Blonding, spent Sunday with his folks at McCortney.

Bro. Willenberger, the agent at East Dubuque, has been on the sick list for the last few days, but is feeling better at this writing.

Bro. W. H. Owen, first trick man at Lytle, was off on a few days' vacation the first of the month, which he spent with friends at De Soto and Veroqua. Telegrapher Mourning relieved him.

Telegrapher Mourning is now working second trick at Cochrane; can't say who is laying off there.

Business is improving, which keeps the boys busy.

We understand that Bro. P. F. Faber, day lever man at Galena Junction, is going to take a month off to hunt big game. Bro. Livingston, the third trick man at Portage, is going with him.

Bro. Unougst, at Glen Haven, is doing good work in the line of chasing in the nons.

The writer is indebted to Bro. Owen for notes this month. Come again. C.E.T. 1371.

St. Joseph Division—

Mr. Millen, the third trick man at Corning, went to his home at Northboro the first of the month to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Jeffries and Bro. Dobbyus had to work twelve-hour tricks a few days, but a man from Parkeville is now working Millen's trick.

J. Jeffries, Jr., bid in Langdon third trick, but was bumped by J. P. Renfrow, third trick at Watson. Now its Renfrow at Langdon and Jeffries at Watson.

You nons who cannot swim had better be getting one of those O. R. T. life-insurance policies before the water gets any higher, for no good Order man will fish you out of the puddles.

The company has put on third trick men at Craig, Bigelow and Nebraska City Junction. The hours for these points now are: First trick, 7 a. m. to 4 p. m.; second trick, 3 p. m. to midnight, and third trick, midnight to 9 a. m.

The relief at present is Mr. L. N. Brawner at Craig, a new man in the business, and Mr. Pierceson at Bigelow. Pierceson is an old telegrapher,

but a new man on this road. Can't say who is holding forth at Nebraska City Junction.

I. W. Davis, the agent at Shambaugh, is off for two weeks' vacation; relieved by L. C. Strohl from Clarinda.

L. C. Strohl has been relieved at Shambaugh by W. F. Seever, Strohl returning to Clarinda.

Davis returns to Shambaugh, W. F. Seever goes to "JS" to relieve Ray Stewart, who got hurt while making a flying leap from the top of the depot to a load of cinders.

Hepburn has "shady ways"—a student, and works until 10 p. m. Catch him.

L. C. Strohl left Clarinda for Perkiwille, Mo., on the 15th inst.

Mound City has a new student. The old one we think gave up the sponge. At any rate, he isn't on this road.

The National Telegraph Institute (ham factory) is trying to rope in a few "suckers" by flooding the country with its literature and a card advertising the Morse code.

Business must be a little dull with them.

Mr. Seever, a new man at the business, is now holding Corning third trick.

J. P. Renfrow, who bid in Packville last month and didn't keep it, was given Langdon third trick.

Mr. Hemmingsway is holding Nebraska City Junction, second trick. Can't say where Specklemeyer has gone.

Bro. Darion, another new man on the road, is holding Corning third trick. Darion was discharged from the Santa Fe for being a member of the Order. Can't say whether he has been transferred to this division or not. C.O.R.

Aurora Division—

Bro. Swannstrom, third trick at Wataga, was transferred to Buda to work thirty days. McSnow, 'phoner, was sent to Wataga and worked a few days and was then sent to Malden to work third trick at that place, relieving Bro. McInturf for ten days.

Mr. Crossett resigned August 1st and left August 2nd to accept a position with the Colorado & Southern. "Red" Kunkle, of Neponset, is handling the second trick at Zearing until it is filled by bulletin.

Mr. Beaver, the third trick man at Center Point, is working a like trick at Wataga. There is a new man at Center Point, but we are unable to learn his name.

Bro. McInturf returned July 31st, after a ten-days' trip to the Indian reservations in Montana, Idaho and Washington. He reports an enjoyable trip and the pleasure of meeting a large number of Order men.

A. M. Johnson is relieving Mr. Mulligan as agent at Kewanee and Mr. Quigley, of Hazelhurst, is taking Mr. Johnson's place as agent at Zearing.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced by the telegraph men in securing relief.

Mr. Davis, first 'phoner at Malden, visited his parents at Tampico the last of July.

There is one thing the Order men should keep close tab on, and that is to see that all places are bulletined where a vacancy occurs. Notify your local chairman, Bro. E. F. Todd, of Sandwich, Ill., who will be pleased to see to it at once. He cannot keep track of all vacancies without your help. Remember, all telephone jobs should be bulletined the same as telegraph jobs. You, no doubt, have the latest bulletin from your superintendent stating that they come under the same schedule as the telegrapher.

Bro. Whiting, former day telegrapher at Tampico, Ill., is now with the C. & A., "The Only Way," at Jacksonville, Ill. Div. Cor.

Alliance Division—

It would be a good plan for some brother working in Alliance to get a few of the relay men into the Order. They are now included in our schedule, so there is no reason why they cannot join us. Let every brother try to land a non this month and we will be up and coming this fall. If some one on the Deadwood line would get after the 'phoners, that end of this division would be a whole lot stronger than it now is.

Telegrapher Riggs, second trick, and Telegrapher Marlatt, third trick, at Whitman, the former a non and the latter a "has-been," should be landed by some one up there pretty soon.

Sister Richards, of Heminford, is reported to have gone to some point on the Northwestern.

Bro. W. E. Herncall, extra agent at Seneca, has gone to Ardmore, to relieve Bro. Hurlbutt, who was called to Kansas on account of the serious illness of his father. Bro. Campbell will soon take a vacation on account of the condition of his eyes. C. F. Triplett is again doing the extra stunt, and is relieving Bro. Ayer, at Crawford.

There are a number still back in their dues. Pay up, boys and get the new card. It's a dandy, just like all the rest have been.

The company has put in a new copper wire from Seneca to Ravenna and installed the telephones. This will be a good thing for the conductors on night trains, and has given us one more telegraph wire.

Bro. Darrow, of Mason, is going to leave the service and devote his time to raising chickens. There is good money in this business and it would be the right thing for any of the boys wishing to purchase thoroughbred fowls to give him their orders.

The new steel tank, at Broken Bow, is nearing completion and the coal sheds being erected there are under way. This will probably give two more men a chance for a nine-hour trick later on. There is now only one telegrapher and a night agent there. Jerry Davis, who did the night stunt a few days, having been taken off.

The depot at Hyannis burned a few days ago. The agent's loss amounted to about \$300, partly covered by insurance. This makes number three for the last three months.

Bro. Broich has been transferred from Crawford to Berwyn agency.

Mr. I. G. Albin, now in Broken Bow, formerly of Litchfield, will soon be one of us.

Division 130—

Bro. Johnson, at McCartney, expects to spend his vacation in Chicago and Lee, Ill.

Bro. Willard, agent at McCartney, who has spent a few weeks at the Exposition in Seattle and visiting friends in Vancouver, resumed work on the 25th. He was relieved by Bro. Swanson, who has been working second trick, he being relieved by Mr. Barth, from Fountain City.

Mr. Parker, who has been working a few days at Potosi, goes to Savanna yard.

Bro. Brown, second trick man at Potosi, is on his vacation in Minnesota.

Bulletins at present, first trick at North Yards.

Bro. Unougst, third trick at Glen Haven, has been on the sick list; relieved by Mr. Tate, of Glen Haven.

Bro. Slaght secured the agency at Blanding on bulletin.

We understand third trick at Dewey is closed.

Sterling Division—

Our "line-up" of news will be a disappointment this month, because I am not being sent the news items I have asked the brothers for.

Your correspondent has made another move and hereafter will be glad to hear from you at Dalton, Neb.

There are several new men on the division at present, and each brother should help out by letting me know how these new men are "lined up." Write me a line on a postal card, or address Bro. W. M. Feary at Mitchell, our assistant local chairman. All this will help. I wish some one would volunteer to act as assistant local chairman on the High line. There are too many good brothers over there to be allowed to go unrepresented.

Since our arrival in this town, we have met some good brothers who are located near here.

Bro. Walleck, who was formerly agent at Dalton for years, has a good kincaid claim near town, and Bro. H. H. Smith, ex-agent at Norman, Neb., also has a good "kincaid" near here, doing well; and still carries an up-to-date, too.

Now, brothers, it is up to you to get interested in your own welfare. Keep up your dues and get others to help us keep things going. Our new general chairman is coming out this way before long, and we want this division to be solid. Why not? Didn't you get more increase on this division in the new schedule than all the rest of the systems put together? Now show us how you appreciate it.

There have been several changes made since the last write-up, but have been so busy moving that I failed to keep a check on them. Ex-Bro. J. D. Newton relieved yours truly at Wellfleet. His parents live there. Now some one get "J." D. to sign his name to an application blank and things will look good to him on the High line.

If Mr. Lawritsen asks you if you belong to the Order, tell him "yes, siree, sure pop." He don't mean to shoot you when he asks you a question. Stand up and be a man. There is always room for a man of principle.

Now, then, let us try and have something doing on our division. Several of the boys are get-

ting sleepy and only something like an earthquake (or a new schedule) will ever wake them up. Now, boys, this will not do. Our Order stands for too much to be overlooked in this manner. No matter how busy you are, make up your mind to give, say two hours every week just to the Order work. You can't imagine what a change it would make in our advancement. Write some non what you think of our work and get him to help us help himself.

J. T. MADDOX.

Burlington Division—

News very scarce.

D. F. Berry is taking a vacation, seeing the sights in Colorado. Mr. McConehay, assistant from Washington, Ia., is relieving him and Jessie Berry is relieving Mr. McConehay at Washington.

Bro. Harry Theiten has returned from Seattle and is relieving Bro. Haight at Winfield as agent. Bro. Haight went to Michigan for his vacation. R. McNeeley is working in Bro. Theiten's place as assistant at Winfield. Mr. McNeeley promised to be one of the loyals after August pay day, and we will probably soon have him in the fold, as he knows it is his duty to join now if he ever expects to follow his present vocation.

Bro. J. Vanney, at Fremont, has just returned from his two weeks' rest and is now at work. Bro. Dale Ellis, who relieved him, says he is going to quit the business and try something besides operating telephone.

Our chief dispatcher had to send to Kansas some time ago to get a man to relieve Bro. C. E. Butler at Woolson, a few days on account of sickness. This shows that it will only be a short time until the railroads that use the telephone will experience a very hard time in getting men to fill their offices. When an agent or operator quits now he plainly sees that there is nothing promising in railroading any longer.

The boys on the Burlington and Oskaloosa branch are about convinced that they will soon be yelling at the top of their voices in the nozzle end of a telephone. The linemen have just about finished repairs and the wire men will now follow up stringing the wire. And then? We will trouble our journal to tell in print all of the "BIG TROUBLES" we will have using the telephones, but will mention this very important fact that the telephones are not arranged so we can go about our work and tell when the line is not being used, as it is with the old reliable telegraph. Take for example, some of our heavy stations like Brighton, Winfield or Washington, and many others where the agent can only work the wire when he can spare the time or is called. The agent at such stations were cut in the infernal machine in the morning, take down the receiver, when he will probably hear a destination report from Oskaloosa going over the line. He will then proceed to do some sweeping, and about that time here comes a fellow wanting a stock car for No. 92, and another has a rush W. U. message that must go right out. The agent again goes to the phone and taking down the receiver hears Burlington sending a lot of messages to Oskaloosa. He tells these parties

that the line is busy, but he will try it in a minute. The next time he takes down the receiver, he finds the train dispatcher is using the line. This will probably be the case twenty-five or thirty times during the first half of the day, because he must do his other work and does not have time to sit down at the table and rubber on the telephone for an hour at a time waiting for others to get through, while with the telegraph we can tell what is going on over the line, and keep on at our other work until there is a chance to use the line and clean up our wire work in a very short time.

When the telephones are installed we will probably be obliged to have a card numbering each letter in the alphabet, so when we are receiving a word that has the letter "e" in it, the sender can show in some manner that it is not either one of the other eight letters that sounds just like it on a telephone. Those other letters are B, C, D, G, P, T, V and Z, and they will have to be verified with the figures that represent them, such as 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 16, 20, 22 and 26. The telephone is all right in its place, and so is a threshing machine engine, and it is just as reasonable to suppose that by putting drive wheels on a threshing machine engine and placing it on the railroad that it will do the work of a locomotive, as it is to expect to replace the old reliable telegraph by installing the telephone system in its stead.

My advice to all is to pay up your dues promptly and get the others in that are out. Then stick together as one man and keep our pay up to the present, or better if possible. We are now exposed to a terrible disease and Dr. O. R. T. is the only sure cure, if taken according to directions.

CERT. 1126.

Ottumwa Division.

Bro. E. A. Gustavson, of Thayer, bumped Mr. Goeltry, third trick, at Russell, Mr. Goeltry going to Thayer second trick.

Bro. J. E. Gorrell and Agent Russell are taking a trip through the West, being relieved by Mr. Cadogan.

Bro. H. F. Ford, agent at Melrose, is taking a thirty-day layoff, relieved by Bro. A. A. McDonald, of second trick, he in turn relieved by Bro. J. M. Carr, of third trick. Bro. Carr was relieved by a new man on this division.

Bro. G. W. Loveless, of Division 32, is doing the third trick stunt at Batavia.

Several offices have been closed at different times on account of shortage of operators. Those wanting vacations are having a hard time getting away.

Bro. F. A. Sense, of second trick, Fairfield, is taking his annual vacation, touring through the West, being relieved by Mr. W. M. Long, a new man here from the C. & E. I.

There are a number who have not paid their dues yet for the current term. Do not put it off any longer.

We have a man on this division who joined last November and has not paid dues since. This man has belonged at least once before, if not twice, and dropped out. He enjoys the benefits of the

schedule just the same as we do. I wonder if he would have us all drop our membership and conduct ourselves as he has done? We are in hopes that he will again make application, and this time with the intention of staying with it.

This is a very short "write-up." We cannot make a good showing without assistance. Whenever there is a change at your station drop us a line. CRAT. 283.

Bro. H. B. Newland has been awarded the agency at Anabel.

Bro. X. Leaton secured the second trick at Hunnewell.

Telegrapher Dobyns secured the second trick at Ely on bulletin.

Bro. Endicott has resigned and gone West.

R. H. Starrett was gone just a week to Nebraska, then asked for his position back.

We have a schedule to protect Order men.

Bro. McIntosh is taking a thirty days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Hoover.

Bro. Leaton is on vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Nichols.

O. W. Middleton has cashed in the necessary and will be brother ere this reaches the printer.

The following positions were open August 1st: Third trick, Lentner; second trick, Anabel; second trick, Bevier; first trick, Keystone; second trick, Keystone, and operator, Cream Ridge.

J. E. Dun is on the sick list, being relieved by W. R. Holt.

J. E. Dun and W. R. Holt both promise to hand us their applications soon.

Blockman Smith is doing the first trick and Blockman Thomas is on the second trick, at Keystone as extras, until they are filled.

Understand Bro. Miller has left the service and will go into business at Holt, Mo.

Bro. Rockett relieved Bro. Little at Randolph on account of the latter not being able to stand the climate.

Bro. W. C. Shackelford bid in the third trick at Shelbina.

Bro. C. E. Withers secured the third trick at Breckenridge.

Cy Golden bid in the third trick at Easton.

Lindell avenue, \$35.00 three-trick positions have been increased to \$50.00 per month and telephone agreement.

The Keystone office has also been raised from \$35.00 positions, to \$50.00, all tricks.

J. E. Dun has resumed duty at Chandler, after a few weeks' sickness. He has sent us the necessary and will soon be a brother.

Wm. McCue has resumed duty after a 30-day vacation.

W. R. Holt is working extra at Laclede.

We seem to be short on extra telegraphers just now.

We understand Bro. Rice, of Hamilton, will resign to take up the express business there.

Another man has been put on at Hemple during the rush season and it will probably be permanent.

Bro. W. L. Hall, off on vacation, relieved by Bro. Rowell, second trick, who was relieved by Bro. Hughes.

Bro. J. E. Deems is off on a trip to New York and Canada with his family.

Bro. H. Smith is acting as agent; Bro. Pierra is working the second trick, and H. Y. Clark is holding down the third trick.

We hear Bro. McIntosh is thinking of leaving the service. Hope it is not true.

Thos. O'Neill, taking in the Exposition at Seattle, is relieved by Telegrapher Nichols from New Cambria.

Quite a number of the boys on the east end got scared at the 'phone jobs and went West, but have since returned to chance it again.

The call for relief men is heard every day now.

H. L. Humphrey bid in the second trick at Anabel.

J. A. Rees has just returned from a visit to points of interest in the East, and reports having had a very pleasant trip.

E. E. Bracer relieved Mr. Rees during his absence and was relieved by Golden and H. C. Clark.

Bro. E. O. Warnacut just returned from a visit with relatives in Indiana. He was relieved by his brother, Bro. H. B. Warnacut.

Bro. Rowell was awarded the second trick at Bevier and Mr. Windle the second trick at Clarence.

Bro. G. O. Dye is off for a few days visiting his parents at Laclede.

H. L. Humphrey, second trick telegrapher at Anabel, has filled out the application papers and will be a brother ere this reaches the editor.

Bro. E. L. Rightmire is at present working at Gillette, Wyo., on the Sheridan division.

It is indeed gratifying to notice the number who have so readily paid their dues to December 31st, 1909.

The C. B. & Q. officials at Brookfield certainly showed some generosity when they placed an order for all trains to make as little noise as possible near Turney on account of a member of a family there being very ill. This shows that their hearts are right and from all reports, the engine crews are living up to the order.

We have been unable as yet to learn who drew the third trick at Lentner, the first and second trick at Keystone, and the telegrapher's position at Cream Ridge.

Brothers, how does it look to see a prefix minus before the names of some of those who have prospered by our efforts to make pleasant hours, etc.? Try them again and see how they feel when they see their names linked in without a prefix among those of our brothers as they appear in the journal every month.

Bros. Thomason and Saunders change tricks frequently, to allow Bro. Thomason a few hours' time on his farm near town, to which he expects to move in the near future. CRAT. 1503.

Galesburg Division—

Owing to heavy wire work caused by judicial convention held at Macomb, beginning August 17th, and the week before being County Fair week, this write-up will have to suffer.

Mr. A. P. Boyles, the second trick man at "S" office, Quincy, is off on a vacation in Clinton, Mo. Mr. A. H. Robertson is doing the relief act. Mr. Robertson formerly worked in Camp Point, but has not been telegraphing until Boyles found him and pressed him into service.

"Willie" Hyslip, of "GT" Galesburg office, is off a couple of weeks visiting in the country.

Bro. G. C. Maxwell, formerly of Macomb, division tariff inspector, passed through Macomb on the Missouri Limited, August 2nd. He was on his way to Salt Lake, where he is spending his vacation. Bro. Maxwell was joined en route by his sister. Last reports state that they are having a fine time and will return home soon.

Telegrapher Fling, of Augusta, has quit telegraphing and is working in and around that point at other work. A man from another division is holding down that trick.

Bro. G. S. Heron is back on duty at Augusta after a siege of rheumatism. Mr. Nelson, who has been working Bro. Heron's trick at Augusta, has gone to Galesburg to see the chief dispatcher in regard to another position.

Bro. G. E. Moore, the agent at Maquor, has been off duty for several weeks attending camp meeting; relieved by relief agent, Bro. Colville.

Bro. Moore expects to take a short sight-seeing trip before returning to work.

Bro. Guyer, formerly of Briar Bluff, is now working on the Northern Pacific at Springdale, Mont. He likes it very well and will stay there until something better shows up.

Bro. F. H. McDowell made a short visit with telegraphers at Yates City, August 10th. He has been working at Sheridan Wyo., and was on his way home to Yoder, Ind.

Mr. C. O. Abrahamson, from "GT" office, Galesburg, worked at Macomb the evening of August 17th, sending judicial convention reports. As Mr. Abrahamson had made arrangements to leave for Denver, Colo., next morning on his vacation, he was compelled to return to Galesburg on No. 4, leaving the Macomb office snowed under, but they managed to "clear" by about 1 a. m.

The ticket sellers on the C. B. & Q. should inform themselves on the new rates in Missouri before they get "stuck." A few rates change August 15th, most of them on other lines, but our greatest change takes effect September 16th, and effects all stations on our line in Missouri. Look for last supplement of Tariff No. 2, "Missouri and Iowa."

Did you notice who was working at a certain office one Sunday not long ago, when No. 72's engine broke down? After many questions by the dispatcher and chief dispatcher, it was discovered that the agent had left his student to run the office and had gone three miles in the

country to visit friends. Wonder how long it will be before this student has the agent's job.

Have any of you read the Ladies' Auxiliary page in the Journal? Please do so and then show it to your wife and get her an "up-to-date" in it. Write to Mrs. G. W. Malone, Galesburg, Ill., for application blanks, etc.

Bro. A. S. Gustus, of Moline, extra, was at Macomb the evening of August 18th, sending judicial reports.

Three new telegraphers were examined for the service on Galesburg division on July 19th.

Our worthy chief dispatcher, Mr. W. E. Fuller, has just returned from a few weeks' vacation through Northern Michigan.

Mr. Fuller was relieved as chief by Mr. Toben, trick dispatcher on the Peoria branch. Toben in turn was relieved on the Peoria branch dispatcher's trick by Extra Dispatcher Elder.

Mr. Dalberg, of "GT" office, Galesburg, was on vacation during July. He spent the greater part of his time in and around Rock Island.

We notice many notes in the different newspapers about the railways' employe department of the American Federation of Labor, of which President Perham is the head. We know that it is bound to progress as has the good old O. R. T. under his supervision.

Bro. Malone, of "YD" office, Galesburg, was called to Michigan the fore part of the month on account of the illness of his father. He was relieved by Mr. Jack Toben.

Telegrapher Chittendon, of "GY" office, Galesburg yard, who is on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Jack Toben one night, by Mr. Carter four nights, and by Mr. Erickson until Mr. Erickson relieved Telegrapher Paugh at "YD" office, Galesburg yards. Mr. Paugh has left the Galesburg division to accept a position in some relay office on the lines west of the river. We have not learned what office he has landed. We regret to lose Paugh from our division, as he was one of our best qualified telegraphers.

We do not know as yet who will land the vacancy at "YD" office, Galesburg yard, but we expect it will be Mr. Erickson, although we 13 that several of the boys are after it.

Bro. Malone was called to Kalamazoo, Mich., on August 9th, on the account of the death of his father; he was relieved by Mr. Erickson and returned to work on August 13th.

At first the delinquent list was a little swelled up, but I note from the reports from Brother Henry that they are all paying up and that new members are coming in from the Galesburg division every week. Everything looks very favorable at the present time, indicating that we will be a solid bunch of O. R. T. men in the immediate future.

I notice that the nons who claim that they are too poor to lend us a little of their support always find plenty of spondulix on which to enjoy a good vacation while the union boys strive for an increase in pay and better working conditions for them.

Cox.

Beardstown Division—

Third trick at Concord bulletined and filled by Mr. R. O. Livsey, of Litchfield.

The agency at Wrights, which was on bulletin filled by Bro. Elridge, formerly third trick man at Concord, G. E. Elkinton, agent at Wrights, securing the Medora agency on bulletin.

Mr. G. C. Conlee, the first trick man at Whitehall, quit the service. His position was bid in by C. K. Knapp, formerly doing third trick. The third trick was filled by L. Vermillion, of Chapin.

Bro. F. G. Cline, the third trick man at Winchester, who has been fighting the la grippe for the last two months, made quite an extended visit with relatives in Nebraska, and went from there to Denver for his health; relieved by Mr. A. D. Hale.

We understand that quite a number of the boys have been trying to secure a lay-off, but on account of the company being short of men on this division they have been unable to do so.

Mr. Osborn, the night hawk at Greenfield, is laying off. We understand he is looking after his rubber farm down South; have not heard who is relieving him.

The agency at Barrows is on the bulletin. This is one of the stations that was closed last summer. Cor.

Beardstown Division—

NOTICE.

Bro. W. R. Johnson, of Gerlaw, Ill., has been elected local chairman for the Beardstown division and will assume the duties at once.

W. A. HENRY,
Gen. S. and T.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of the McCook division of the O. R. T., for their help and sympathy rendered us in the recent sickness and death of our husband and father, Mr. T. W. Morton, agent at Otis, Colo., and local chairman of the McCook division of the O. R. T.

LAURA E. MORTEN,
BABY MARY E. MORTEN,

McCook Division—

WHEREAS, The Great Creator having been pleased out of His infinite mercy to remove our brother, T. W. Morten, from the cares and troubles of this life to the great beyond, thus severing another link from the chain that binds us together; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the divine will and mourn the loss of Brother Morten, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife, relatives and friends who are most heart-stricken at the loss we have all sustained; and be it

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be entered upon the minutes of the division, also a copy be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication and a copy forwarded to Mrs. T. W. Morten, Oxford, Neb.

C. L. LAMB, General Chairman,
W. A. HENRY, General Secretary.

Atlantic Coast Line.

Richmond District, North—

A joint meeting of the S. A. L., A. C. L. and Norfolk & Western members was held in Red Men's Hall, in the city of Petersburg, on Saturday night, August 21st. The meeting was very well attended by N. & W. and A. C. L., and we hope to see a good number out from the S. A. L., and increased numbers from both A. C. L. and N. & W. at the next meeting, which will be on September 18th, at 8 p. m.

The meeting on the 21st was presided over by Bro. J. H. Williams, G. S. & T., of Division 132, acting as chief telegrapher; Bro. Yates, of the N. & W. acting first vice-chief; Bro. West, of the A. C. L., second vice-chief; Bro. Duncan, of the N. & W., past chief, and Bro. Cooper, of the A. C. L., as secretary.

The meeting was of an informal nature and was intended to get the members of the various roads acquainted and to arrange for regular joint meetings at this place. A committee was appointed to see that some light refreshments are served at the next meeting. This will be one of the features of these meetings. It is also proposed to arrange for some special attraction at each meeting, also to try and get the members to enter into a discussion of the various problems that confront the telegraphers in their work.

The telephone came in for its share of consideration at this meeting, and it may figure in others. Bro. Williams advised all the members present not to get it into their heads that the telephone was not coming, for all the signs pointed toward it as an experiment on nearly all lines, and a permanency on many. He also advised them to keep up with the progress being made in things electrical and be prepared for any change that might occur.

The members joined freely in the discussions, which is a little unusual for first meetings, and showed that we are going to have a good, live time, when we get thoroughly down to business here.

The Richmond district, north, has not been standing still since the last write-up, and we hope is again on the upward bound. Seven new members in a month and perhaps others within a few days. This is not a bad record for 119 miles of rail.

Quite a number of changes have occurred on the district within the past month. The Halifax agency was assigned to Bro. R. H. Merchant on bulletin. There were other applicants for this place, but Bro. Merchant was the successful bidder.

Bro. F. A. Truitt goes to Battleboro as agent, succeeding Mr. A. A. Hamilton, who has left the service. Mr. Hamilton goes to Colorado after spending a few weeks with his people in Western North Carolina. He says Battleboro is too much of a job for the money.

Bro. F. W. Mitchell, who has been working relief at Battleboro, now goes to Garysburg to relieve Bro. Brown for his vacation.

Bro. B. E. McNeely was appointed manager at Weldon, succeeding J. M. Young, who goes to Tar River and relieves Mr. Scott, the W. U. student there. Mr. Young was relieved at Weldon on account of his inability to make O. K. with the bond company.

Emporia third trick is on bulletin at this time, caused by the promotion of Bro. McNeely.

Mr. D. A. Lawrence, third trick at "BG," Petersburg, off on account of sickness, has gone to his home in Enfield, N. C.; relieved by E. M. Coleman.

Bro. Binford, of Dunlop, is also off on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. A. K. Terry, from Collier. Bro. L. Clemmer, at the same office, is off on vacation, with Bro. D. D. Clemmer doing the relief act.

The new seniority list shows that twenty-four of the seventy-five names on the list have been added since August 1, 1908, and that about the same number has been stricken therefrom. This record is certainly not an enviable one from any standpoint. It shows that discharges are too frequent, and upon the very slightest excuse. It also shows that this district of the A. C. L. is not the most desirable territory in the country to work in, and that we have been getting some very inferior material. Why? Because the lines all around us pay better salaries, get the best men and we have to take what is left. This twenty-four new names is just a very small percentage of the men that have been employed on this district for the past year.

Let's all pull together and see if we can't make a better showing for 1909. D. C.

Norfolk District—

We have finally been given a relief agent and our regular members will not be called upon to work relief indefinitely, or get fired for refusing to do this kind of work longer. Bro. Smith was very unjustly discharged, for refusing to work relief unless paid regular relief agent's salary, and would have in all probability have been reinstated had he not secured a position elsewhere and asked that the matter be dropped.

The relief agency is now on bulletin, with three or four applications for it, which shows that when the salary is right, there is no difficulty in getting a man for the job. The relief agent's headquarters will be in Norfolk when not employed on the line. From the way Bro. Allsbrook has been doing relief work the last three months it don't look as if the R. A. will spend much time at his headquarters.

At the time the Scotland Neck agency was made vacant, there was some misunderstanding as to whether this was a place that should be bulletined. We are glad to know that Bro. Parker, the local chairman, has got this straightened out, and notified the membership why the place was not properly bulletined. His claim that Bro. Brown was entitled to and received the appointment before the matter was settled about the bulletining is correct.

SOREBACK.

Norfolk District—

There have been quite a number of changes since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. Marrow has returned to Tarboro agency and Bro. Brown has been assigned to Scotland Neck agency. Bro. Brown has with him a clerk, Bro. J. B. Edmondson, who promises to have the right colors soon.

Bro. Pender, formerly agent at Scotland Neck, is with the N. & W. Ry.

Bro. Allsbrook is relieving Bro. Flaughler, at Tillery, and Bro. Marquett is relieving Bro. Blow, at Kingsboro, for a few days, and was relieved at Cofield by Bro. Cowan. Bro. Marquett was relieved on third trick at Kelford by Mr. Herring. We hope some of the brothers at Kelford will furnish Mr. Herring with set of application blanks. Your local chairman keeps a full supply on hand at all times.

Bro. G. C. Blow, first trick at Suffolk, is relieving Telegrapher Jones in Norfolk, who is relieving the dispatchers for their annual vacation. Bro. Blow is relieved at Suffolk by Mr. Roberson, who will probably be with us only a short time, as he has recently completed a course in dentistry, and has arranged to practice in Suffolk.

Dispatcher Shular has been reduced to copyist in Norfolk; relieved at Tarboro by Bro. Spruill.

Telegraphers Capps, at Boone, and Darden, at Tarboro, have exchanged places. A. D. C.

Lakeland District—

There has been considerable moving around down here among the "skeeters" and "gaters" this month.

Bro. W. Brantley, local chairman, has been transferred from Dade City to the Crystal agency; Mr. Harnage, the agent at Crystal, going to the bad by checking considerably short in his accounts.

Bro. Brantley reports finding Crystal in very bad shape. This is to be expected when an outgoing agent knows he has nothing more to lose by not keeping up the work.

Student teaching and dropping membership in O. R. T. does not seem to improve some people.

Bro. Brantley was relieved at Dade City by J. W. Hogan, formerly at Fort Myers and later at Hernando.

Bro. J. L. Stewart is now acting agent at Hernando. We would like to see Bro. Stewart the permanent appointee.

Dunnellon agency has been transferred from acting agent, Bro. C. D. Goodwin, to J. B. Neil, Bro. Goodwin going to Inverness as agent and relieving Mr. Selvidge, who has been put on as clerk-operator.

Business is getting better down on this district now, express from the coast points being especially good in the fish line.

A very pathetic letter was received from one of our former members on this district a few days ago, stating he was and had been out of employment for three months, and had just lost his little boy, three and a half years old. The only assistance he asked was help to obtain a position. So far we have not heard whether he has been successful or not, but hope he has.

Did you read Bro. Williams want ad in the July TELEGRAPHER? Did you get him a new member? If not, why not? It is just as much to your interest to do so as it is to any one else. Every new member adds that much more to your strength.

GATER.

Waycross District—

The following are some of the changes which have taken place this month in this district:

Bro. G. L. Youmans has been transferred from Baconton agency to his home at Willacoochee as clerk.

Bro. Bennett, agent at Ochlocknee, has been off for vacation; relieved by a Mr. Cobb. Note the Mr. and give him a talk. We always welcome new men to the district, but they must change the prefix if they wish to have the welcome continued.

There is an extra man working at Live Oak. Will the brothers on that end find out if it is true that he carries an up-to-date card, and if so, furnish Bro. Sasser with the information necessary to have him transferred to Division 132.

Mr. P. E. Taylor bid in Acree, and promises to bid for a card of the proper color next month. Don't let him forget that promise.

Mr. Graddy has left Sylvester and is no longer in the service. Bro. O. L. Dunn, from Pidcock, relieves him. This makes Sylvester solid O. R. T., something never heard of before. The old B. & W. is slowly, but surely, coming and will yet be as solid as any other portion of the system. This is a warning to never give up. You may not be able to land the fellow that holds the job, but may be able to land the job after a while.

When these notes reached me Metcalfe agency and second trick Nahunta were on bulletin. Appointments have since been made, but we are unable to give them at present.

Bro. F. W. Stanley, a new man on the district, goes to Baconton as agent.

Among the new members this month we note the name of Mr. Wise, of Sumner. He is now living up to his name, by showing he is wise. Bros. J. C. Bardy, of Manor, and W. G. Bennett, of Argyle, are also new card holders on this district. You can always count on a few from us, that is as long as the supply lasts. It is now getting limited.

Bro. O. E. Thomas has been transferred from Hildreth nights, to Marion nights, Mr. R. E. Kemp, Jr., holding down the owl trick at Hildreth.

Bro. C. Bradford has been changed from the yard at Albany to a trick at Valdosta, the change being made on bulletin. The Albany position and clerkship at Meigs were bulletined later.

D. C.

Montgomery District—

Another month has rolled around and some of the boys still remain nons. When you make an effort to line them up some of them give you the same old excuse, "I am sorry, but just can't spare the money this month."

Mr. Lawson, the night telegrapher at Dothan, is on a thirty-day leave of absence visiting Western cities. He is relieved by Bro. Brantley.

Bro. Clarke, telegrapher and ticket agent at Bainbridge, was off duty a few days on account of the illness of his father. Bro. Dykes from the second trick acted as ticket agent while Bro. Clarke was absent. Bro. Johnson, an extra telegrapher, relieved Bro. Dykes. On Bro. Clarke's return, Bro. Dykes took a few days off, relieved by Bro. Johnson.

Bro. Mixon, of Ramer agency, is off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher King.

Bro. Thames, of Climax, was relieved a few days by his brother, Mr. J. C. Thames, an extra telegrapher.

Bro. Barfield, first trick at "X," Montgomery, is on a seven-day vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Black from third trick, while Telegrapher Evans is working third.

On August 4th train No. 323 was derailed between Banks and Troy, turning engine 708 and several cars over. Engineer Davidson, Conductor Gissendanner and Fireman Hunter were injured. Mr. Gissendanner received very slight injuries, while both Mr. Davidson and Mr. Hunter were seriously injured, but at this time both are improving nicely. We hope to see these men back to their posts soon. The total damage is estimated to be \$1,345. Bro. Barfield worked at the wreck until relieved by Bro. Pouncey from Brundidge.

Bro. W. T. Mathis, relief agent S. O. L. Ry., formerly of A. C. L., is visiting relatives at his old home at Headland, Ala. We are glad to have Bro. Mathis among us again.

Bro. B. H. Evans, who has been working extra for some time, has departed for the West. We wish him success.

Telegrapher Clark, Jakin agency, was relieved a few days by Telegrapher Evans.

Mr. Cook, of Donaldsonville, is taking a leave of absence; relieved by Telegrapher Evans.

Bro. Barwick, of Pinepark agency, is taking a few days off duty, Telegrapher Thames relieving.

CERT. 1247.

Wilmington District—

Wonders will never cease. Just think of a telegrapher being able to make a trip to Europe! We have one on this district who has actually done so. Bro. B. P. Smith and his wife, from Clinton, have gone for a two months' trip through the British Isles, France and possibly Germany and Holland. We wish them a most pleasant outing and a safe passage home. Bro. C. B. Barrus, our very clever relief agent, is doing all the necessary stunts at Clinton during Bro. Smith's absence.

Vacancies as follows have been bulletined on this district since last month's TELEGRAPHER:

Bolton agency, no applications. Too hot a job for the money it pays. No one cares to have it. Pee Dee agency. Of a different and almost distinct class, Robbins being a close second. No one wants either.

Judging by the number of applicants for Fair Bluff agency, it must be the garden spot of that part of the country. The present agent, Mr.

Fridgen, has, however, decided to remain for the present. The place was probably bulletined because he intended leaving the service.

Mayesville, N. C. agency, recently bulletined, two applicants but no appointment made.

It has recently come to the writer's attention that an appointment has been made at Chadbourne to succeed Bro. Land even before a bulletin was issued. This kind of business on the Wilmington District is becoming fierce, and will have to be handled without gloves. There is something wrong somewhere. It is up to the committee to locate the trouble, and I think they will make an effort to do so.

D. C.

Richmond District South—

The regular Rocky Mount meeting was held on August 14th, and was fairly well attended. All the members present promised to be at the next meeting, which will probably be held in Wilson. The committee on refreshments misunderstood each other and consequently that part of the meeting was not the success it should have been. We propose hereafter to have something at every meeting to keep you from getting hungry.

We want all the members within reach of Rocky Mount to try to come out to these monthly meetings on the second Saturday night in each month. Try to come to the next and all future meetings held there or at Wilson.

Bro. Chas. F. Bolick has returned to work at "CO" after a very pleasant vacation. Bro. Bolick is always "Johnny on the spot" in his office, or speaking a good word for the Order. He is a shining example of what a good Order man should be. No complaint about his services, either for the company or his fellow-members.

We are very sorry to report that Mrs. Jones, wife of Bro. E. W. Jones, of "YD," Rocky Mount, is ill, and will have to undergo quite a serious operation. We hope she will come out all right.

Mr. Newman, from the Southern near Spencer, who relieved Bro. Bolick at "CO," So. Rocky Mount, is on the extra list. Hope to see him on the roll before very long.

The following positions have been bulletined on this district recently, the first issued for some time:

Wilson first trick, filled temporarily by Bro. P. H. Barfield.

Second trick at Fayetteville. Think Bro. R. E. Smith, formerly at Rennert agency is working there.

Second tricks at Rennert, Rowland, Mars Bluff, Latta, "FY" tower at Florence and "YD" tower at So. Rocky Mount, N. C.

Third tricks at Parkson, Pembroke, Latta and Mars Bluff.

First trick at Elm City, caused by the promotion of Bro. F. A. Truitt to the Battleboro agency. Before going to Battleboro Bro. Truitt relieved Mr. Stanley, agent at Four Oaks for a few days.

Mr. J. B. Farmer, formerly at "YD" tower, is now holding down second at "CO," So. Rocky Mount.

Have just learned that one of our brothers is being used as relief agent at various points over the district without being paid regular relief agent's salary, and that when he is sent off, the first trick man is put on second and the whole office changed around in order that a student can do the agency work. As this has become chronic, something should be done to remedy such conditions.

It is with a great deal of sadness that I learned of the death at Hendersonville, N. C., on August 12th, of the brother of Bro. J. L. Bridgers, our local chairman. Bro. Bridgers met the body at Columbia and accompanied it to the old family burial place in Roberson County, near Elrod, where the interment took place on the 13th inst. The entire membership on the district extend their sympathy to Bro. Bridgers and the bereaved family.

Bro. H. L. Clark, of Dillon, left for his home in Byrdsville, Va., on the 22d, sick with the "fever" (Southerners know what it is). He is being relieved by Bro. L. R. Partlow, of Mars Bluff.

There is a new telegrapher on the district who does not appear on the pay rolls. He is under the age limit. He can be found at all hours at the home of Bro. and Mrs. G. B. Lamm, at Elrod. The cigars are on Bro. Lamm.

Bro. Williams, secretary and treasurer, reports Wilson again solid, having landed Bros. Barfield and Smith since last month. Bro. Williams reports having been over the Norfolk and Richmond District North and secured a number of applications; in fact, more than he usually gets on a trip like this. He will probably visit this district during the early part of September.

Will you not help to make an interesting write-up from this district each month by sending any item of interest to the local chairman? D. C.

Jacksonville District—

Bro. T. J. Tedder, local chairman, has been promoted to the Plant City freight agency, effective about Sept. 1st. Have not yet learned where Bro. Rines goes. We are glad to see Bro. Tedder get this deserved promotion.

Seffner agency is now on bulletin.

Bro. L. H. Brockman bid in the Maitland agency, going there from Altoona.

Bro. W. J. Sigler was away during the month of July, therefore we did not have our usual interesting write-up from the district, but hope to see a good article from his fluent pen this month.

We note one new member during the month, Bro. Harold Henschen, of Orange Park. We are looking for others the latter part of the month.

Wonder how many members of the auxiliary there are on this district? Is there one in your family? If not, why? FLORIDA CRACKER.

Columbia District—

A regular agency has been established at Johns Station, N. C., and Bro. J. H. Johnson, formerly clerk-telegrapher at McColl, is the lucky bidder.

Mr. Vance Tatum is again at Bennettsville as clerk, Bro. Van Sant going to Gibson as temporary agent at that point. Mr. G. Y. Jones has been transferred to the Laurinburg and Southern at Laurinburg, N. C.

We are glad to see Bro. Baltzegar back from the West much improved in health. Bro. B. says you can't stay there for nothing, and that he is glad to get back to old South Carolina once more.

If we are correctly informed there is a ham factory at the freight office in Denmark, S. C. We are certainly surprised that Mr. James should be guilty of such action, after the many letters he has written saying he was just as good an Order man (although not a member) as there was on the road. What do you think of a man who would say this and then turn out students?

I hope some of the brothers on the district will help me with more news next month. D. C.

Savannah District—

Bro. Geo. B. Phillips, formerly at Race Pond, second trick, is now with the Southern Railway at Glass, a tower just south of Charlotte. Bro. Phillips says there's no place like the old tar-heel country.

Bro. T. L. Butler, our very popular local chairman, had the misfortune to get a cinder in his eye some time ago, which may yet cause him to lose the sight. We sincerely hope not.

One of the tricks at Jesup was bulletined in July, and Mr. Brooks was sent there from Callahan. As an older man asked for the place, we understand the matter has been taken up for adjustment. This should be done every time. We have been too lax in asking for the enforcement of the seniority rule on this district.

Bro. E. B. Walden, well known on this district, is with the Southern at Seneca, S. C., working on the extra list.

Bro. W. J. Lewis, agent at Ways, who was on the sick list about ten days in July, has fully recovered and is now back at work.

Bro. Ed F. Hull, formerly agent at Dudowici, has been appointed agent at Blackshear, succeeding Bro. Tillery at that point. Bro. Tillery is now up in South Carolina.

We are glad to report that Boulogne is again solid O. R. T. The new members there this month are. W. L. Woodall, S. C. Skinner and W. T. Collins.

Bro. J. E. R. Stinson, who worked at Newell during the winter, reported gone north, and transferred to the Grand Division.

CRACKER JOE'S SUCCESSOR.

Gainesville District—

As this district seems to be taking its regular summer nap, I will wake up long enough to say just a word or two and then retire myself. We

need a lot of hustle down this way among our members, and just now while business is slack is certainly a good time to get busy with that nou next door to you. You have time enough and to spare, now. Every one on the district, with the possible exception of one or two, has time enough to write one letter each day to a non, or to talk with one for five minutes.

Have you ever stopped to consider that persistent and well-directed effort will accomplish almost everything. Try it for one month and see how many new members you can secure on this district, where they are as badly needed as on any in Florida.

Do you believe in your organization? Then let others know you do; let them know you have a good thing and that it is one of those good things that grows better, the more people that have some of it. See if you can't get this through your own gray matter and send it along to the other fellow. All of us have been waiting for someone else to do the work and not even whoop them up. Now, let us get down to business and do some of the work and whooping at the same time.

Bro. J. B. Mixson and wife, from Lake Butler, are spending a month up in Western, N. C., enjoying the delights of that far-famed section. We would not mind having a little of the cool weather here, reported from there.

We welcome to our district Bro. E. L. Pope, from Pavo, Ga., on the G. & F., he being now located at Okahumpka.

Several other changes have taken place on the district, and quite a number of our brothers as well as the nons are off on a vacation, but I am unable to give specific information on account of not having it myself.

Let's hear from the district every month.

KICKER.

Jacksonville District—

The agency at Astor has been closed, causing Bro. Harper to leave the service, as he did not wish to leave Astor.

Bro. J. G. Dowd has just returned from a two-weeks' vacation spent at Jacksonville and Charleston.

The agency at Altoona transferred July 26th from Bro. Brockman to Harold Henschen, who is from Altamonte Springs. Bro. Brockman was the successful applicant for the Maitland agency. Bro. Tedder, acting agent at Maitland, goes to Dover, relieving Mr. W. H. Powers, who is off for a month's vacation to Eastern cities.

Bro. C. J. Woodward, of Traverse, is leaving for a three weeks' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Dowd, of Eustis. Bro. Woodward expects to visit Washington and many other places of interest.

Bro. Sigler, of Winter Park, recently returned from a month's vacation spent in the mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky, and reports that he is very much improved in health.

Bro. W. S. Evans, of Orange Park, off on thirty days' vacation visiting points in Illinois. Unable

to find out who is doing relief act at this place. Bro. Clark went to Orange Park, but was sent to Carters to relieve Bro. Hartley, who is sick.

Our relief agent, Bro. J. W. Powell, Jr., has accepted the agency at Altamonte Springs.

Bro. G. R. Yelvington, agent at Deleon Springs, is off for thirty days' vacation while Mr. Glisson holds down that agency.

Our local chairman says he has managed to get three of the boys to ask for blanks this month, and hopes to get them in before many days.

Three men on the Jacksonville District have told our local chairman that they will be pleased to accept anything in the way of better working conditions, better wages, etc., the Order can get for them, but they will never help by joining because it would cost them a few cents each month for dues. The Coast Line would do well to get rid of such men as these, as I will wager they are a lazy, trifling set. We had better practice the "No card, no favor" rule and beware of those mentioned as "Mr."

Understand the nine-hour law is being violated at Plant City and the case is now under investigation.

I am glad to note that our district is in better shape than it ever has been. Bro. Tedder is doing great work as local chairman. Let us all assist him as much as possible.

CORRESPONDENT.

Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway.

Indianapolis Division—

Bro. Frank Thatcher, the third trick man at Fortville, is laying off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher B. D. Olvey.

Bro. R. D. Slagle is working the first trick at Versailles while Telegrapher E. A. Brown is off on a vacation.

Bro. Frank Roberts, first trick at Winchester, is laying off. Bro. H. F. Shoffner is relieving him, while Telegrapher H. O. Coats is relieving Shoffner on second trick at Winchester.

Bro. G. F. King, third trick at Gretna, is back home again after a long vacation and an enjoyable trip through the West.

Dispatchers Carter and McKlroy have changed back to their regular tricks. Carter is now on second trick and McKlroy on third at Bellefontaine. Telegrapher Bean Blossom, first trick at Bellefontaine is again back at work.

Telegrapher J. H. Wert is relieving Bro. E. R. Martz on third trick at McCordsville, while Bro. Martz is relieving Bro. G. B. Clegg on second trick at "BN" yard office at Bellefontaine.

Bro. C. E. Heckerman has been assigned to the third trick at Farmland.

Bro. Carl Martz has been assigned to the second trick at Gretna.

Telegrapher H. O. Coats has been assigned second trick at "CJ," Muncie.

Telegrapher F. G. Shultz is relieving Bro. J. W. McAlhaney on third trick at Gridley for a few days.

Bro. Conrad Ehle, the first trick man at Gridley, is laying off on account of the death of his father; relieved by Telegrapher B. H. Judy.

Bro. Arthur Olvey, the first trick man at "SC," Selma, is laying off on account of sickness. Bro. W. H. Hatcher is relieving him.

Telegrapher J. O. Myers, agent at Parker City, is taking his vacation. Telegrapher Hill is relieving him.

I hear a student on the line at night occasionally. Now, boys, cut out the student business, wake up, get in the Order and help us get a new schedule. Don't start a school because you are not a member of the O. R. T.

Telegrapher W. W. Baker is working third trick at "SC," Selma.

Telegrapher C. W. Long is working third trick at "CJ," Muncie.

Bro. C. L. Grim, third trick at "BN" yard office, Bellefontaine, is off for a few days. Relieved by Bro. E. R. Martz.

Telegrapher Leonard Walters has been assigned second trick at Ansonia.

Bros. S. L. Hutsell and H. D. Kelly have returned home after a thirty-day vacation and an enjoyable trip to Denver, Colo. Bro. Kelly goes on first trick at "SC," Selma, and Bro. Hutsell relieves Bro. L. O. Kirk on first trick at "CJ," Muncie. Bro. Kirk and wife will visit relatives near St. Paul, Minn., while on his vacation.

Telegrapher H. E. Ritter, first trick man at Farmland, is on a flying trip to Cincinnati to have his eyes tested and glasses fitted. Telegrapher N. S. Kindell is relieving him.

Bro. J. W. McAlhaney has resumed his regular third trick at Gridley, after a thirty-day layoff.

Some of those who have been laying off may think they are being slighted if their names are not mentioned in the write-up, but it is impossible for one to keep track of everybody that lays off. I will appreciate it very much if you will make note of any time you lay off, or of anything you think it would be interesting in the write-up to send it to me. By so doing we can have a good write-up every month.

Don't fail to renew your card, because the committee is going before the general management before long for a renewal of our present schedule and we must try to have the division almost solid O. R. T.

We are having monthly meetings at Muncie, and would like to see more of the boys come out and take part in the good work. Div. Cor.

St. Louis Division, West of Mattoon—

Bro. Robbins is laying off; relieved by Bro. Staley, first trick at Lenox.

Bro. Nut, of Lakeview, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Hemker.

Bro. Callahan, of Lake View third trick, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Coyne.

Telegrapher Lyvers bid in Lenox third trick.

Bro. Rowe laid off a few days on account of sickness. Bro. Leech worked first trick during his absence.

Bro. D. V. Wycoff bid in Twelfth St., Mattoon. Bro. Wycoff was relieved at Witt by Bro. G. Hawkins.

Bro. Roberts is still off on account of sickness. He is certainly having a hard time of it, and surely needs the help of the brothers, as he has a family to support. Charity is what our Order teaches.

Bro. Gibbons is working first trick at Pana during Bro. Roberts' sickness.

Sister Mary Carrol was the successful bidder on third trick at 12th St., Mattoon. Haven't heard who relieved Sister Carrol at Granite City.

Three more new members have been reported to me this month. That's business! Line up, be brothers and work together. That's the only way to climb the ladder to the top.

Bro. Crouch, first trick man at Irving, is laying off. Relieved by J. W. Hardesty, a new man.

Bro. C. E. Scarsdale bid in first trick at "HM" tower some time ago.

Bro. W. W. Glasgow bid in second trick at "HM" tower and has moved to Mitchell.

Bro. H. V. Gillespie, second trick at "SI" tower, bid in third trick at "HM."

Telegrapher Allen has bid in third trick at "GN" tower.

Bro. Chambers, third trick at "WI," is working second trick "WI" while same is on bulletin. Bro. G. Lewis is working third trick at "WI" until second is filled by bulletin.

Bro. B. E. Scott is off a few days. We are unable to say who is relieving him.

Bro. R. A. Martin was recently off a few weeks on account of sickness.

Bro. H. V. Gillespie has been sick and off a few days; relieved by Bro. T. R. Thompson. Bro. Thompson is now at his home in Windsor very ill with fever.

Granite City, first trick, "SI" first trick, Witt and "WO" second trick are on bulletin at this writing. CERT. 668.

Indianapolis Division—

D. B. Olvey, of "SC" first trick, is off duty two or three days on account of business; relieved by Bro. Slagle.

Bro. Clegg, of "BN" yard, off ten days; relieved by Bro. Martz of McCord third trick. Bro. Clegg has returned and Bro. Martz is now relieving Grim, the third trick telegrapher.

Telegrapher Wert is working third trick at McCord. Telegrapher Bean Blossom, of Bellefontaine first trick, is taking a vacation; Hoffman is working first trick and Burkett second trick there.

Olvey, the first trick man at "SC," made a trip to Cincinnati to be examined on colors. Hatcher is relieving him.

Telegrapher Hedges worked the third trick at Mix until Telegrapher Barbee bid it in. He then went to Quincy. Telegrapher Binegar, of Quincy, is laying off.

The second trick at Mix and the second trick at Gretna are open for bids.

Hatcher worked a few days on second trick at "CJ," and was relieved by Telegrapher Zellars.

Telegrapher Baker is doing the work on second trick at Elroy, vice Walters, who is working the second trick at Ansonia.

Telegrapher Coats bid in the second trick at "CJ."

Telegrapher Roberts is off 15 days for getting his speeder hit by a train; relieved by Telegrapher Shoffner.

Bro. Atkinson, of Taft second trick, is taking a vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Olvey.

Brown, of first trick at Versailles, is off a few days; relieved by Bro. Slagle.

Bro. Hickerman has bid in the third trick at Farmland, and is playing good baseball in the team there.

Sister F. L. Ireland, of Pendleton, is taking a vacation, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Hardy, of Raleigh first trick. Telegrapher Zellars went to Raleigh first trick.

Telegrapher Shoffner has taken his regular position, second trick at Winchester, and Telegrapher Coats his regular place at "CJ."

Bro. Slagle is working the second trick at Mix, made vacant by Telegrapher Barbee bidding in the third trick at that place.

Telegrapher Judy, of second trick at Chesterfield, is off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Olvey.

Telegrapher Baker, who has been working the second trick at Elroy, has been sent to the third trick at "SC," relieving Telegrapher Hill.

Telegrapher Johnson is relieving Telegrapher Baker at Elroy.

Telegrapher Kendall is working first trick at Farmland, relieving Telegrapher Ritter, who has gone to Cincinnati for color examination.

Telegrapher McAlhaney has returned to third trick at Gridley, after having been off a long time.

Telegrapher Tynan, of Sidney, who has been off two or three days, is back to work. He was relieved by Bro. Hess, of Spafford and Bro. Hatcher relieved Bro. Hess.

Telegrapher Harvey, of Wainwright third trick, is now off, being relieved by Bro. Hatcher.

Bro. White, of Lawrence third trick, is taking his vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher Olvey.

Bro. Martz, of Farmland second trick, is off, being relieved by Telegrapher Kendall. "13" he is off to Texas on his wedding tour.

J. W. R.

St. Louis Division, East of Mattoon—

Speaking of knocking, I would like to say a few words to you fellows who are so ready to knock. There is a whole lot better way than that. Did you ever stop to think how little good you do the Order and yourself by fault-finding? I have even heard members say something like this: "Oh, the O. R. T. is no good here any more, the company plays favorites and neglects to bulletin positions;" or "the general committee is spending a lot of money and no one knows where it is going; I am going to drop out, and I know

others who think the same way and are going to let her slide after this term," etc. Now, wouldn't that be a bright thing to do? Suppose all of us were to drop out, do you think conditions would improve in the next three or four years as they have in the past three or four years? Don't you think it would be a better plan to direct a little energy along the line of suggestion and information to your local officers? They can not know everything that takes place if the members lie still and say nothing. They would certainly appreciate it if a little more interest were shown by the members whom they represent. If a member gets the worst of it in some way and makes no complaint to the division officers, not even stating his case or asking for suggestions as to how to proceed, but lays down and says the organization is no good; who is to blame if nothing is done? I know, all this has been said over and over again. This is just to remind you that there is a way to help things along, and that it is up to you to do your share. We are all interested and should be working to the same end. You elect the officers of your division to represent you, and if you never take any further interest in what is to be done, never offer any suggestions or furnish information of any kind, how do you expect to get what is wanted? If no one offers any aid, your local chairman is compelled to use his own judgment in conducting the affairs of the division, and if you do not take enough interest in the welfare of the division to keep in touch with its officers, don't retard the good work by making discouraging remarks, even to members; it works harm. There are a number of good workers on this division and they have accomplished a great deal, but from what I have seen and heard, there are a few who can profit by giving the foregoing a little consideration.

Bro. H. E. Leitch has been transferred from the third trick at Dudley to the third trick at "AW" on bulletin.

Bro. C. S. Turner, the third trick man at Kansas, is off fifteen days; relieved by D. Cornwell.

Bro. W. A. Armstrong, the agent at Dudley, is off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Jones, the second trick man.

Bro. Hines, who has been working third trick at Embarrass, bid in the second trick at Midland.

Bro. Whalen, the second trick man at Duane, has been off a few days. He was relieved by Mr. Fred Goodwin.

Bro. T. E. Ogle has been transferred from third trick at "JB" to the third trick at Dudley; relieved by C. O. Kessinger.

Bro. E. F. Wade, the third trick man at Carbon office, is on a vacation, visiting friends in Kentucky. He was relieved by E. N. McQuinn.

Bro. C. C. Winters, who works first trick at Carbon, has been off on a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. Harrold.

Mr. C. C. Connett, the second trick man at G. Castle, has been off on two weeks' vacation. We are unable to find out who relieved him.

Div. Cor.

Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—

The regular meeting was held in Springfield, August 17th, with only a fair attendance. The Sandy end was represented by only one member, Bro. Hedges, of Grants. Business was transacted and a general good time followed. It was decided to hold the next meeting in Dayton, to accommodate the west end brothers.

Telegrapher Musgrove, of Mauda, resigned and the position is being filled temporarily by Telegrapher Evans.

Bro. Patmore, of Kyles, is now at Lockland, and Bro. Lang, formerly of Lockland, is now at Edgemont.

Recently the telegraphers' ball club defeated the Dayton police club to the tune of 2 to 8.

Osborn is now an exclusive agency.

Telegrapher Whitlock, of Osborn, is now at Dayton yard, and Bro. Sheppe, of Simms, at Osborn until bids are in.

Bro. L. A. Gardner, of Edgemont, is slightly ill. Louis was not at the meeting, so we may be sure he was not feeling just right.

Bro. R. P. Smith removed his family to Plattsburg from Dover, where he was formerly located.

Bro. F. E. Sidner, of London, has returned to work after a pleasant vacation among the lakes of Michigan. He was relieved by Bro. W. F. Scully.

Bro. S. W. Weiss recently spent an evening in Springfield, investigating a dry town.

Bro. L. D. Stabler, of Brooks, is off for a few days on account of the illness of his father.

Bro. C. A. Slagle spent a Sunday during August at Cedar Point.

We would like to see a brother who could wake up that bunch of nons around Columbus. They keep promising every pay-day, but guess that day never comes. Looks like a case of putting their feet under some one else's table.

Bro. Hickman stopped gathering blackberries long enough to come to the meeting as usual.

Bro. R. M. Carter, who has been acting as extra agent at Marysville, is now located at Kenton, having secured it on the last bulletin.

Mr. J. F. Squires, a new man on this division, succeeded in landing the third trick at "BR" tower, Huntsville, on same bulletin.

Bro. Mack McCune, of West Liberty, off for a couple of weeks at the bedside of his mother, who underwent an operation in Columbus. We are pleased to state she is able to be removed to her home.

Mr. F. B. Roff, of Urbana, is filling in extra at the dispatchers' office, doing extra message work.

A new trick has been established at Belle Center, from 3:00 p. m. until midnight. It is being held at present by a Mr. Matthews, from the D. T. & I.

Mr. Prawl, a new man, is working extra at Urbana. Do not know if he is up-to-date or not, but he comes from the West where they are famous for doing the right thing.

Bro. E. L. Corwin, of Huntsville, spent his vacation in the mountains of the Blue Grass State.

He was relieved by Mr. T. C. Kellog, who has just entered the service. He has been out of the service for some time.

Bro. H. C. Stokes, of Huntsville, with his family, spent a few days sight-seeing around Cincinnati.

The Sandy Division is now at its best in the excursion business, carrying several thousand people to Cedar Point every Sunday.

There is quite a number of new nons on this line. Now is the time to get busy and show these men the error of their way and find out why they are in opposition to themselves and every one else; why they want to come and enjoy the privileges which we have obtained by sticking together.

The "phones" are still operating on "hot air" only. "CR."

Chicago Division, West—

Bro. R. E. McMahon returned to work after two weeks' absence spent in Canada. He was relieved by Telegrapher R. B. Dean, who has resigned to accept a position on the C. M. & St. P.

Telegrapher Wiley has gone to Kankakee to work as third trick man for about ten days. Being relieved by Bro. Scott, from Sheldon.

Telegrapher McQuaid third trick, off for ten days; relieved by Bro. F. B. Lehey, from the S. C.

We still have the promise of Wiley's application "next payday." Here's hoping the "next" one comes some day. CERT. 632.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. Ed White, of "DK" tower, is off on vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Fawcett.

Bro. Slaminka, of Burton St., bid in third trick at Clark Ave. Bro. Case is filling in at Burton Street.

Bro. Fred Winbigler, of Lindale, bid in the second trick at Lagrange. Bro. Fronfield is filling in at Lindale.

Mr. Dutton, of Longville, is off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Moyer, making Longville solid at present.

Mr. Gallagher, former agent at Mt. Victory, was the lucky bidder on the third trick at Ridgeway.

Bro. L. S. Dickerson bid in the agency at Mt. Victory and Bro. G. W. Fisher bid in agency at Columbia, vice Bro. Dickerson.

By the time this is in print, Bro. L. M. Eberhard, of Rushsylvania, will be enjoying his vacation, taking in the sights at Seattle Fair. Our genial assistant chairman, Bro. W. B. Elliott, is again at work, after a vacation spent in Eastern Maryland.

The summer pony has been put on at Dryer Works, making considerable extra work for the telegraphers at Linndale.

We are pleased to say that several new members have joined us during the past month, but we still have some men on the line who, after enjoying the benefits of the meal hour, eight-hour day and seniority rights, can not see that the O.

R. T. has done anything to help them along, but promise to join if we get their wages increased. I suppose these men can not understand that it was the influence of the Order that has increased their salaries from \$35 or \$40 per month to what they are now, and if we secured them a further increase they would probably give the credit to some other cause. Some people won't see anything that they don't wish to.

There are still a few members who have not remitted for this term, but we hope by the time this notice catches your eye that all will have done so.

Don't forget about writing your chairman and keep him advised how things are getting along.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Maine Central Ry.

Eastern Division—

Say, boys, don't you think our old rules and rates of pay as issued July 1, 1907, can be improved upon, and if so don't you think it high time we were about it? The conductors, engineers, firemen, trackmen and brakemen have all been before the management and secured advances since July, 1907, while we remain at the bottom. Trackmen get one and one-half time for Sunday work. Telegraphers who get \$2.90 per day week days get only \$1.80 when they work Sundays, and we are obliged to shovel snow, care for switch lights, carry mail and do the express business.

The C. P. and B. & A. are doing much better than we of the Eastern Division, and as there is a little fighting blood left yet on this end of the road, I, for one, would like to see a meeting called at Vanceboro, where all the telegraphers east of Bangor would have two hours to get into line and understand the feeling that exists.

CERT.

S. A. & A. P. Ry.

Division 141 has been organized almost one year. Only a few months after organization we secured a schedule which, while it did not raise our salaries to a point where we could retire from the service and live at ease the rest of our existence, it is a schedule of which any division should be proud as a beginner. Our officials have been untiring in their efforts to promote the welfare of the Order, and most of the boys have shown great interest. And to give everyone due credit, the officials of the company have been very courteous in listening to our demands.

In the last few months some of the boys have begun to lose interest, and some few have been slow to come forward with dues. Now, let's all take the matter in our own hands, look upon it as our own private undertaking, and make Division 141 as solid as the rock of Gibraltar.

Go after the nons. First find out what kind of man you have to deal with and then go after him in the proper way and make his life miserable until he joins in self-defense.

Bro. M. O. Murphy, of the Rock Island agency, has resigned, and is waiting for relief. We understand that Bro. Murphy is going into business for himself, and wish him success in his new undertaking. He will be relieved by Bro. H. A. Menefe, from Elmendorf.

Bro. B. F. Ober laid off a few days last month, and was relieved by your correspondent. Bro. Ober visited San Antonio, and from appearances had a good time.

Bro. McNutt, of Waring, was relieved a few days last month by your correspondent, while he attended the reunion at Fredericksburg.

Bro. C. D. Grant is relieving E. E. Dimeline, the agent at Kerrville. There have been a number of telegraphers at "KR" lately, owing to undesirable hours. Bro. Hendershot, from Hallettsville, is there now.

Bro. H. E. Gouger, of Gregory, is laying off, relieved by a Mr. Smith. Div. Coa.

Norfolk & Southern Ry.

As news from this pike is seldom seen in the journal, I thought I would try to give an account of ourselves.

The boys over here appear to be somewhat slow in putting their shoulders to the wheel, which needs all the pushing possible at this time.

By the time this is read our meeting of September 5th will be a bit of history, and I hope it will be a meeting of which we can be proud.

It is very hard to get the boys from all divisions together, owing to the way trains are running, without losing too much time, and that we cannot do, as there are no relief telegraphers, and the company will not employ any for our benefit.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Agent Gaither Hertford; we wish him a speedy recovery.

There seems to be several nons with us. What is the trouble? Can nobody land them? I know most of them have been furnished with the necessary blanks, and if they will fill them out and mail them to our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. Lane, at Dover, N. C., they will receive the proper attention. Let every one try to help our correspondent out with news items. Endeavor to get the same into his hands by the 20th of each month. Election of officers will take place as soon as the terms of the ones now serving expire, which is on Jan. 1, 1910.

The bridge across the sound between Edenton and Mackeys Ferry is nearing completion, and is expected to be in operation by the first of the year. We will then have through train service and one through wire.

Boys, get to work on the nons. Send them your journals to read, and talk good news to them.

Our good old friend, Bro. Snowden, is certainly a great help to us. Though not in active railroad service, he attends every meeting and encourages us a lot, and we would be at a loss without him.

We have the friendliest set of telegraphers over here to be found on any railroad, and why they will not pull together in organization work is a mystery. To be sure, they are not satisfied with their present salary (\$40.00) when other roads are so far ahead of us in salaries and working conditions. It is high time that the men were waking up and realizing that conditions are serious. There is no reason in the world why we should not have 75 members on our roll, and with the telephone operators we should get 100. Let's get to work and get solid by the last of this year.

CERT. 502.





GRAND DIVISION

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 124 is due July 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires Aug. 31, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A)	\$2.40 per year
On 500 00 (Series B)	3.60 per year
On 1,000 00 (Series C)	7.20 per year

BENEFITS PAID DURING AUGUST, 1909.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	DEBT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
840..	Albert E. Stares....	Uremia.....	7..	10645..	C..	\$1,000 00
903..	Julian U. Sineath ..	Run over by train	56..	22876..	C..	1,000 00
904..	Ben. L. Young.....	Tuberculosis.....	Grand..	1563..	B..	500 00
916..	Elijah K. Watson ..	Pneumonia	130..	24608..	C..	1,000 00
917..	Frank P. Crowley..	Inflammatory Rheumatism.....	23..	11110..	B..	500 00
918..	Thomas Eathorne ..	Valvular Heart Disease	109..	23441..	C..	1,000 00
919..	McDonald Garratt..	Appendicitis.....	8..	5044..	B..	500 00
920..	Howard H. Hughes..	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	45..	17713..	A..	300 00
921..	Louis Thaler.....	Broncho-Pneumonia	8..	9701..	C..	1,000 00
922..	William D. Bailey..	Gunshot Wounds	6..	24421..	C..	1,000 00
923..	Alex. B. Johnson....	Suicide.....	53..	5648..	C..	1,000 00
924..	Wm. M. Dodds.....	Organic Heart Lesion.....	93..	6396..	B..	500 00
925..	Frank M. Smith....	General Paresis.....	Grand..	13574..	C..	1,000 00
926..	Charles C. Hedrick..	Laryngeal Tuberculosis.....	53..	12962..	C..	1,000 00
928..	Frank Barnum	Chronic Parenchymatous Nephritis.	138..	24665..	A..	300 00
929..	W. L. Hawsey.....	Appendicitis	31..	18698..	C..	1,000 00
931..	William H. Armour..	Drowned	15..	26872..	A..	300 00
932..	Robert E. Harper ..	Hemorrhage from Stomach and Bowels.....	Grand..	986..	C..	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to July 31, 1909	\$803,607 68
Received on Assessment Account August, 1909	10,943 84
	\$814,551 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to July 31, 1909	\$540,781 47
Death Claims paid in August.....	13,900 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,187 55
Assessments transferred to dues.....	201 53
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, August 31, 1909	258,480 97
	\$814,551 52

L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

General Offices, St. Louis, Mo.

GRAND OFFICERS.

H. B. PERHAM.....President.	L. W. QUICK....Grand Secretary and Treasurer.
St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis, Mo.
J. A. NEWMAN.....First Vice-President.	T. M. PIERSON.....Second Vice-President.
Flat "B," 3960 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Ill.	St. Louis, Mo.
D. CAMPBELL.....Third Vice-President.	J. J. DERMODY.....Fourth Vice-President.
264 Rushholme Road, Toronto, Ont.	St. Louis, Mo.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. O. Sinks, Chairman, Jefferson St. Depot, Portland Ore.	C. E. Layman, Troutville, Va.
Geo. O. Forbes, Secretary, Spring Hill Junction, N. S.	C. G. Kelso, 1106 N. Jefferson St., Springfield, Mo.
	Geo. E. Joslin, Lock Box 11, Centerdale, R. I.

ADVERTISING

All correspondence pertaining to advertising should be addressed to W. N. Gates, Advertising Manager, Garfield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

DIVISION DIRECTORY.

GRAND DIVISION—Attached membership not confined to any particular railroad or territory. H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Masonic Temple, cor. Main and Market sts. (P. O. Bldg.), Lewistown, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltzman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munea, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo.; W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen'l Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 53 Jameson ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st., and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. B. West, Local Chairman, 11 Thompson st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division meets 3d Saturday evening in Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at Rochester, N. Y.; Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov., at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. M. B. Lynch, Local Chairman, 962 State st., Schenectady, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Wednesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Beech Creek District meets 2d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Mechanics' Hall, South Clearfield, Pa. J. W. Martenis, Local Chairman, Vilas, Pa. Electric Div. and Grand Central Terminal—Meets 2d Wednesday, at 9:30 a. m., and 4th Wednesday, at 8 p. m., each month, Colonial Building, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York. H. D. Murty, Local Chairman of Grand Central Terminal, 115 South High st., Mount Vernon, N. Y. E. M. O'Meara, Local Chairman of Electric Div., Dumont, N. J.; G. P. Alrutz, Asst. Local Chairman, in charge of Station Depart-

ment, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div. Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2nd floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; F. K. Ament, S. & T., Box 205, Malvern, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N. 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemoor, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. 1st, 2d and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio. A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; C. E. Downie, Local Chairman, Southern Div., South Falls-

burgh, N. Y.; S. H. Mulligan, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., Middletown, N. Y.; F. A. Wood, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., East Branch, N. Y.; W. F. Persbacher, Local Chairman, Scranton Div., Dickson City, Pa.; P. A. Towner, Local Chairman Northern Div., Sidney, N. Y.; F. A. McCuen, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Div., Oneida, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System. R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., and the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Ry. Systems. District meetings held subject to call of Local Chairmen. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.; E. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberg, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 837 High st., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex.; J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex.; I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex.; L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Thursday each month at 8 p. m., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y. E. N. Pickerill, Chief Tel., Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, N. Y.; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31.—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7016 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

No. 32.—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; E. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., 1516 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33.—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office, Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. J. D. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman Eastern District, Baltimore Division; C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO," General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman; M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34.—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35.—PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36.—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. H. I. Woodward, Chief Tel., 156 Carew st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39.—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40.—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42.—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 17 Bergen ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman. Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. A. Vannoy, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1173, Salt Lake City, Utah; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2015 Routt av., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, Gen'l Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, Drexel, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. F., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets fourth Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williams-town, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets

- 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.
- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.
- No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.
- No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy O. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nicholls, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.
- No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets third Sunday each month at Hattiesburg, Miss. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., Shriver, Miss.
- No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, Limestone, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.
- No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden,

- N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.
- No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J.; N. T. Bryson, Chief Tel., 84 Sweets ave., Trenton, N. J.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.
- No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.
- No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. DeSouza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel.; 4831 Pensacola ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.
- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.
- No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Belmond, Iowa.
- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.
- No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Tempe, Ariz.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.
- No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. T. M. Seem, Chief Tel., Starkey, N. Y.; D. R. Dunning, S. & T., 305 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.
- No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H.; G. A. Hall, Chief Tel., Boscawen, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watula, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.

- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.
- No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets first Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Conemaugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.
- No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.
- No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres, Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; J. H. McLean, Acting Gen'l S. & T., L'Anse, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:15 p. m.: Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct. and Nov. and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, Sept., and Dec. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman. Ambia, Ind.; C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springfield, Ind.
- No. 122—WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.
- No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets second Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, third floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Penola, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., fourth Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Box 176, Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; I. W. Lusk, S. & T., 406 Chestnut st., Virginia, Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Board of Trade Bldg., Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Local Chairmen. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Bladell, N. Y., and Local Chairman Eastern Division; E. E. Smith, G. S. & T., Stoneboro, Pa., and Local Chairman Franklin Division; C. D. Hull, 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio, Local Chairman Toledo Division; J. H. Walker, Hillsdale, Mich., Local Chairman Michigan Division; M. S. Lowe, Monroe, Mich., Local Chairman Detroit Division; W. R. Adams, 402 W. 7th st., Auburn, Ind., Local Chairman, Lansing Division; E. D. Graham, 207 E. 7th st., Mishawaka, Ind., Local Chairman Western Division.
- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.

- No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—C. A. Bileau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.
- No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on second Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.
- No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.
- No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets third Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.
- No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Bldg., Olean, N. Y.; D. F. Cashman, Chief Tel., Machias Junction, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.
- No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calicum, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.
- No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 138—Division covers C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Bldg., Springfield, Ohio. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman. Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman. Indianapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg, monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; D. C. Houck, Mooreland, Ind., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlemyre, Local Chairman, Carrier Mills, Ill.
- No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.
- No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. S. F. Gallagher, Gen'l Chairman, Fabyan House, N. H.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.
- No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. B. Dunn, Gen'l Chairman, Centre Point, Texas; J. H. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Josephine st., San Antonio, Texas.
- No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.
- No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. I. C. Hart, Gen'l Chairman, Elmira, Mich.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.
- No. 144—Division covers the Trinity and Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Texas.
- No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. Geo. C. Webster, G. S. & T., Dalhart, Texas.
- No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. W. M. English, Gen'l Chairman, Talladega, Ala.; J. C. Means, Gen'l S. & T., Oglethorpe, Ga.
- No. 147—Division covers the Norfolk & Southern Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. R. S. Tilden, Gen'l Chairman, 39 George st., Newbern, N. C.; Chas. D. Lane, Gen'l S. & T., Dover, N. C.
- No. 148—Division covers the Grand Trunk Western Ry. System. M. P. Brophy, Gen'l S. & T., Upton Works, Mich.
- No. 149, PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—T. L. Kier, Chief Tel., Old Bridge, N. J. S. W. Skirm, S. & T., Perth Amboy, N. J.
- TWIN CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB—Meets second Saturday night each month at Columbia Hall, Prior and University aves., St. Paul, Minn. R. R. Foulkes, Pres., 232 Cayuga st., St. Paul, Minn.; T. H. Line, S. & T., 2365 Doswell ave., St. Paul, Minn.
- TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF N. Y.—Meets subject to call of President at "The Plaza," 141st st. and Edgecombe ave. New

York City; M. G. Woolley, President, 155th st. and 8th ave., New York City; E. Neumuller, S. & T., 126 Union st., High Bridge, New York City.

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF RICHMOND, VA.—Meets at Picket Camp Hall, 307 N. 7th st., second Saturday night of each month. All O. R. T. men are cordially invited. There will be short talks on various subjects of interest to telegraphers at each meeting.

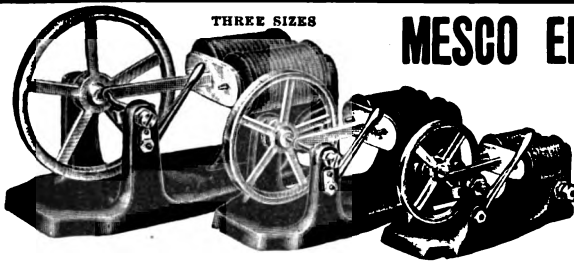
PRETZEL CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB, FREEPORT, ILL.—Meets third Friday night of each month at Stein Hall, 103 Stephenson st., Freeport, Ill. All O. R. T. members are cor-

dially invited. This club is organized more particularly in the interests of the telegraphers of the C. M. & St. P., C. G. W., and I. C. Railways, all of whom should make special effort to attend. Walter Kelly, Chief Tel., Rutland, Ill.; H. E. Kiester, S. & T., 60 Second st., Freeport, Ill.

DIXIE TWIN ORDER TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB OF ATLANTA, GA.—Meets second Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., Federation Hall. All up-to-date O. R. T. and C. T. U. of A. brothers cordially invited to attend. C. H. Livsey, President, East Point, Ga.; Lawson Lamar, Vice-President, Gould Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Miss Dita May West, S. & T., 319 E. Georgia ave., Atlanta, Ga.



184 PAGE CATALOG No. G24 FREE



MESCO ELECTRIC ENGINES

Will run all kinds of Toys. Our engines can be belted up with long strings extending entirely across a room and a number of toys can be operated in this manner.

MADE IN THREE SIZES

List No. 1011.....Price, **\$1.25**

List No. 1012.....Price, **1.00**

List No. 1013.....Price, **.60**

No. 1011

No. 1012

No. 1013

CAN BE OPERATED BY RED SEAL BATTERIES

RED SEAL DRY BATTERY

Amperage over 20. Voltage over 1.50

The range of work this battery will do satisfactorily is equal to any battery on the market.



Positively guaranteed to give satisfaction for ignition or other work that dry batteries of any other make will do. Not intended for competition with cheap dry batteries on the market. Its class is with the highest priced batteries, and we guarantee the results on any kind of a test.

MADE IN THREE SIZES.

List No.	Size.	Price.
A 2445A	2 1/2 x 6 1/4 in.	\$0.25
A 2446B	3 x 7 1/2 in.	.45
A 2447C	3 1/2 x 8 1/2 in.	.55

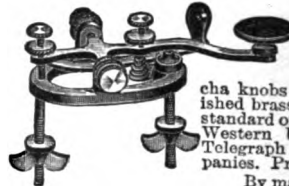
APOLLO MEDICAL BATTERY



This new double cell medical battery is particularly recommended where more current is desired than can be obtained from the single cell type. It is furnished in polished oak or mahogany case. All metal parts finished in polished nickel. Dimensions, 9x7x4 1/8 in. high. Furnished with one Foot Plate, two Sponges, one Massage Roller, one Hair Brush and two Metal Hand Electrodes, two Wooden Electrode Handles, one pair Silk Conducting Cords. It has Nickel-Plated Binding Posts, Battery and Pole Changing Switches. Induction Coil arranged with graduated scale. All Electrodes contained in a separate compartment.

List No. 2233. Apollo Battery.....**\$7.20**

STEEL LEVER KEYS



All parts are handsomely finished. Has nickel-plated lever, gutta percha knobs and highly polished brasswork. It is the standard of the Postal and Western Union Telegraph Companies. Price.....**95c**

By mail, 9c extra.

STEEL LEVER KEYS TOP CONNECTIONS

A thoroughly reliable instrument that has been universally adopted by telegraphers. All keys are fitted with our improved adjustment spring holder.



Price.....**\$1.05**

By mail, 9c extra.

EUREKA TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENT



A moderate priced combination set, being low in price, durable and efficient. Copy of Philosophy and Practice of Morse Telegraphy free with each instrument. Wound, 5 ohms, \$1.15; Wound, 20 ohms, \$1.25.

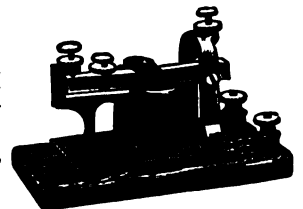
Price, 5 ohms, \$1.15; Wound, 20 ohms, \$1.25.

IMPROVED GIANT SOUNDER

Unequaled for quick action, loudness and clear tone. A very popular instrument with expert telegraphers.

Price, 5 ohms,

\$1.40



MANHATTAN ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CO., New York

NEW YORK,
17 Park Place.
110 West 42nd Street (Branch).
37 West 125th Street (Branch).

General Offices and Salesrooms

CHICAGO,
188 Fifth Avenue.
FACTORIES (Jersey City, N. J.,
Bavonia, Ohio.)



THE HOWARD WATCH.

It is a great satisfaction to a railroad man to carry a HOWARD, the finest Railroad watch in the world.

Owing to the nature of his work and his relation to the public, accuracy in a watch means more to him than to any other man.

The lever-setting HOWARD is officially approved and certified by the Time Inspectors of 140 of the leading roads of America. Better than that, its everyday performance is finer, more accurate than the most exacting railroad requirements.


An exclusive HOWARD feature is the special railroad dial with marginal minutes—the precise number of minutes past the hour clear at a glance.

A HOWARD watch is always worth what you pay for it.

The price of each watch from the 17-jewel in a fine gold-filled case, (guaranteed for 25 years) at \$35.00, to the 23-jewel in a 14K. solid gold case at \$150.00, is fixed at the factory and a printed ticket attached. Not every jeweler can sell you a HOWARD watch. Find the HOWARD jeweler in your town and talk to him. He is a good man to know.

Drop us a postal card, Dept. BB, and we will send you a HOWARD book of value to the watch buyer.

B. HOWARD WATCH CO.
BOSTON, MASS.



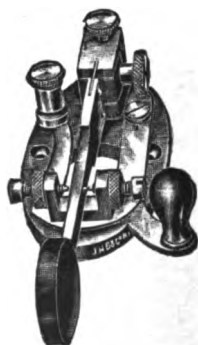
The Model 10 Remington

is the latest and greatest Remington triumph; the latest and greatest typewriter triumph; the most efficient machine ever built for the telegrapher's use.

The Model 10 has all the famous Remington qualities which have always made the Remington the telegrapher's choice, combined with new features which mean more work and faster work with less labor than ever before.

Remington Typewriter Company
(Incorporated)
New York and Everywhere

THE DOUBLE SPEED KEY IS THE COMING KEY



Why pay big money for a Complicated Device with a fantastic name when Double Speed Key will do the work faster and better and can be bought for one-third the price? Get one and be convinced. Send for circular.

AGENTS WANTED EVERYWHERE.

J. H. BUNNELL & CO.,

Manufacturers of High-Grade Telegraph Apparatus.

20 Park Place

NEW YORK

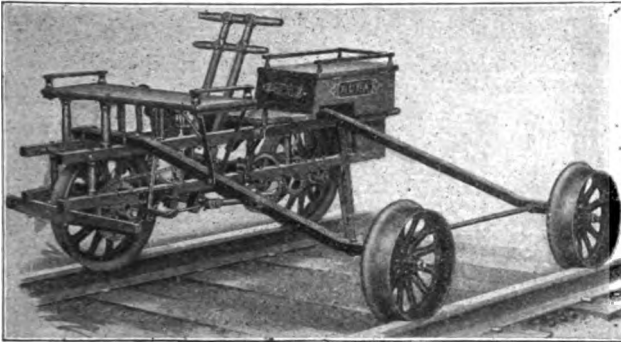
OUR NEW CATALOGUE 25 X SENT ON APPLICATION.

.....

.....

.....

.....



Buda No. 12, 2 3/4 Horse Power.

Once in a while we get letters from operators who ask us if we make motor velocipedes without the hand propeller. We do. We can furnish any of our motor velocipedes with or without hand propeller. This is true with the three and four-wheel types.

We have found, however, that the greatest demand has been for the styles which have the hand propeller combined with the engine. The principal reason for this is that should any accident happen to the engine, it only becomes necessary to loosen the main sprocket on the drive wheel and then the car can be pumped just as easily as any hand-propelled car.

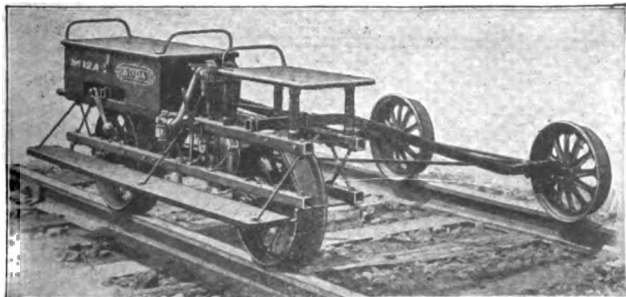
One of our cars, without hand propeller, is shown. This car is designed more for general line work.

Do not overlook the fact that we are putting into our velocipedes the highest-grade engine on the market. It is a perfection of workmanship. The solid steel cylinder (instead of cast iron) is an important feature. The crank casing is of aluminum. The lower sills (which carry the engine) are of square steel tubing. You could not get a safer or more perfect working-car at any price. Do not make the mistake of neglecting to investigate our velocipedes.

HAND PROPELLED VELOCIPEDS. Several styles; all ball-bearing. If you want a light car ask about our wire spoke velocipede with rubber tread tires.

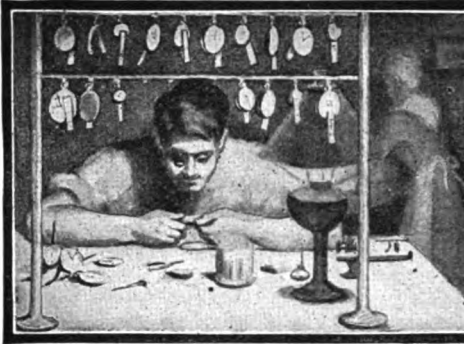
Our Catalogue ST135 Shows all Styles.

**Buda
Fdy. &
Mfg. Co.
Chicago, Ill.**



Buda No. 12a, 4 Horse Power

**Important
Message.**



Learning the trade at home and making money at the same time.



This handsome Jewelry Store is owned by two young men who learned at home.

Make \$25 to \$75 a Week as a Watch Repairer And We'll Start a Jewelry Business for You Like This

Watch repairers make big money. Some earn up to \$75 a week. In the jewelry business there is no limit. Some jewelers today are worth millions. You can learn this profitable business at home, in spare time, without interfering with your present work.

The watch repairing lessons are simple and easily understood—and you can learn the trade in a few weeks. And remember, the course is free. Even the text books, charts and photo prints showing each movement. There is no stock for you to buy—practically the only expense you will have is to get a few tools when you need them.

Then, after you have mastered the trade, we'll start you in the jewelry business. We will furnish you handsome jewelry catalogs with your own name on them. Give a copy to every one in your vicinity. When you get an order send to us for the goods. In this way you can work up a

big business without carrying a stock. As the business expands we establish you in a store of your own.

You can shake off the shackles of drudgery and become a 20th century, clever business man—Independent and successful in your home town. Resolve now to begin—the sooner you commence the sooner you will be established. Take the matter up with me personally—now.

Chas. F. Elmore, Principal Watchmaking College

Rogers, Thurman & Co.

WHOLESALE JEWELERS

80 Wabash Ave.

Chicago, Ill.

OK

Is the Decision

of the official railroad
inspector, if it is a

Rockford



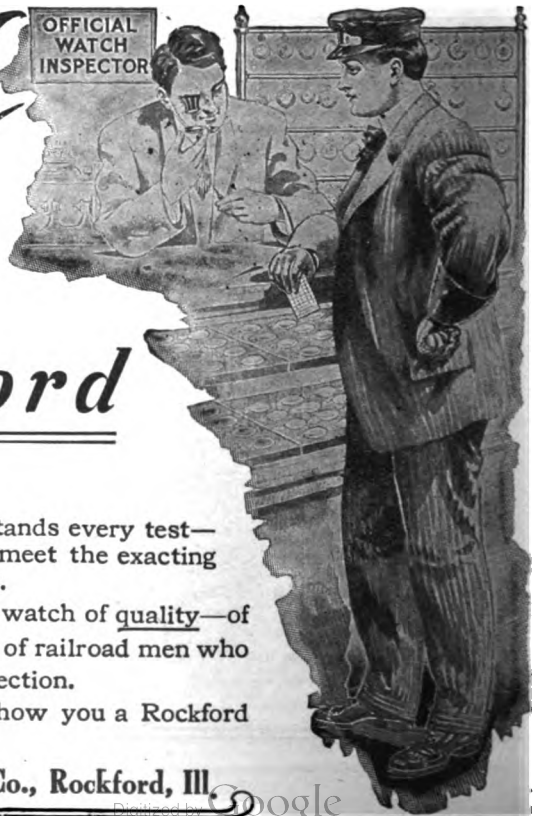
The railroad watch that stands every test—and is especially made to meet the exacting requirements of railroading.

The Rockford Watch is the watch of quality—of efficiency. It is the choice of railroad men who must have mechanical perfection.

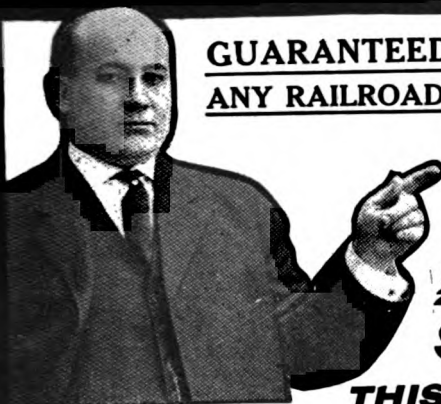
Your jeweler will gladly show you a Rockford Watch.

The Rockford Watch Co., Rockford, Ill.

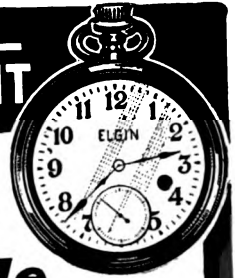
OFFICIAL
WATCH
INSPECTOR



ELGIN WATCHES - ON - CREDIT



P. S. HARRIS,
Pres. Harris-Goar Company.
Mr. Harris and the Harris-Goar Co. are well known and recommended by the Kansas City Banks.



**GUARANTEED TO PASS
ANY RAILROAD INSPECTION**

Let Me
Send you this Genuine 21-JEWEL ELGIN in Double Strata Hand Engraved, Gold Filled Case, Guaranteed for 25 Years, \$38.00, only

\$5.00 a Month

**THIS IS THE WATCH
YOUR JOB DEMANDS!**

Its accuracy protects property, lives, positions, and makes of it the **KING OF RAILROAD WATCHES.**

READ--

The Correct Factory Description of this 21-Jewel Elgin and you will know Why it is the **Official Watch** of MORE Railroads than ALL OTHER WATCHES COMBINED.

Open Face; Lever Set; Nickel. 21-ruby and Sapphire jewels (gold settings); adjusted to temperature, isochronism, and five positions; double roller escapement with steel escape wheel, pallet arbor and escape pinion, cone-pivoted and cap jeweled, exposed sapphire pallet stones, compensating balance, Breguet hairspring, micrometric regulator, patent recoiling click, double-sunk dial, dust ring, engraving inlaid with gold damasked plates; closely timed and finely finished throughout.

We ask no security and no interest—just plain honesty among men. Our Elgin Watches are so well known and our Credit Plan so Easy, that no matter where you live, we will trust you, so that you and every honest man and woman can own a genuine 21 Jewel Elgin, guaranteed to pass any railroad inspection, in a beautiful gold filled case, **guaranteed for 25 years**, and you wear it while paying for it in such small payments that you never miss the money.

EVERY WATCH SENT PREPAID No Money Down

You assume no risk whatever in dealing with us, because before you buy or pay one cent, we place the watch of your choice right in your own hands and let it do its own talking. Elgin watches are made strong and accurate. This is the reason we can send them on approval and guarantee safe delivery. You cannot afford to buy a watch of any kind until you have our catalog and prices for we are the Largest Watch House in America and will sell you a fine Elgin Watch at \$15.00 to \$25.00 on terms of **\$2.00 A MONTH.**

Our Big Free Watch Catalog

contains the true Factory description of every High-Grade Elgin watch made. You and your friends should have it. Our prices and the simplicity of our Easy Credit Plan will astonish you.

Just Your Name and Address on a postal or the coupon will bring you our **FREE CATALOG** and a photograph and history of the Elgin Factory, the largest in the world.

Send For
Catalog
Today

BARGAINS FOR WOMEN.

Every woman should send for our Free Catalog. It will enable you to buy Watches, Diamonds, Solid Gold Jewelry, Silverware, etc., and pay for them out of your pin money. **WRITE TODAY for CATALOG. Do it NOW!**
HARRIS-GOAR CO.

**HARRIS-GOAR
COMPANY**

1367 Grand Ave.
**KANSAS
CITY,
MO.**

Just Your Name and Address will Co.
1367 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.
Please send me Your Free Catalog of Elgin Watches and inside
ing Elgin Watches No Money Down, \$2.00 a month.
NAME
POST OFFICE
STATE
R. F. D.

GET THIS \$1200.00 NEXT MONTH!

WHAT A BLESSING TO ALWAYS HAVE MONEY IN ABUNDANCE



"SEE IT ENERGIZE."
Sec. view Comb. Portable
and Bathroom Outfit.

You can, it's easy. **Hundreds Getting Rich the "New Way."** Said to be world's greatest and surest money maker. One man actually made \$1281.00 IN ONE MONTH, \$51.50 IN 15 MINUTES, \$800.00 IN EIGHT DAYS. Not a fairy tale, fake or humbug, but absolutely true—sworn statement. New, wonderful discovery. Causing great enthusiasm. Readers, listen, see, read how this invention has made, is making thousands of dollars for others: **Does \$1200.00 Monthly** "My sales \$1281.00 one month, \$1118.00 another. Best thing **SWORN STATEMENT BY INTEREST YOU?** ever sold. Not one complaint from 2000 customers." **M. G. STONEMAN, Mont.** "SOLD \$2212.00 IN 2 WEEKS. Not one dissatisfied user," writes Korstad & Mercer, Minn. "My sales \$1680.00 IN 73 DAYS," writes C. D. Rasp, Wis. "Canvassed 60 PEOPLE—GOT 55 ORDERS. Sold \$320.00 IN 16 days," writes W. H. Reese, Pa. "Enclosed order for \$115.00 FIRST DAY'S WORK. Best thing I ever worked," writes L. H. Langley, N. D. "Everybody thinks apparatus finest thing. Sold 15 one afternoon," writes Miss Eva Edwards, Nev., after ordering 73. "I averaged \$164.25 WEEKLY for three months, undoubtedly best line on market," writes J. W. Beem, Kan. "Finest seller I ever saw, catches the eye. Don't want anything better. SELL 8 OUT OF 10 HOUSES," writes Wm. Maroney, Okla. "A man that can't sell your outfit couldn't sell bread in a famine, send 48 more," writes J. B. Cashman, Minn. "I make \$100.00 DAILY," writes J. Sevegne, N. Y. **HUNDREDS MEN AND WOMEN TELL OF WONDERFUL SUCCESS** equipping town and farm homes with Allen's Portable Bath Apparatus. 50,000 already sold. Acknowledged best thing ever happened for humanity. Nothing like it. Gives every home a modern bathroom for only \$5.00. Think of it! Costs nothing to operate. Used wherever water in any form exists. So energizes water that one gallon does more than tub full old way. Gives cleansing, friction, massage, shower baths altogether or separately. Cleanses almost automatically. Makes bathing 5 minute operation. Only clean, running water touches body—no immersion. No tubs, buckets, bowls, washrags or sponges—no plumbing. Insures cleanliness without drudgery—prolongs life—prevents disease. Small, but mighty—carried in grip. Endorsed by famous Battle Creek Sanitarium and other celebrated authorities. Most popular, easiest, quickest, surest selling household article going.

Let us give you an appointment worth \$40.00 to \$60.00 weekly

plus freedom from drudgery, long hours, wage earning, bossism, job hunting. We want more AGENTS, SALESMEN, MANAGERS, either sex, at home or traveling, all or spare time, to fill orders, appoint, supply, control sub-agents. Hustlers getting rich. **EXPERIENCE UNNECESSARY.** Simply supply enormous demand already made—that's all. Every customer anxious to boost your business. No easier, quicker certain way to make money. Exciting business—big profits—popular goods, guaranteed by an old reliable \$50,000.00 house—absolutely no competition—exclusive territory—co-operation and assistance. **CREDIT GIVEN—SEND NO MONEY**—only your name and dress on a postal card today for world's greatest agency offer, valuable booklets, credit plan, proofs of phenomenal success—ALL FREE. COSTS NOTHING TO INVESTIGATE. MEET US THAT FAR ANYHOW.

THE ALLEN MFG. CO., - 2328 ALLEN BLDG., TOLEDO, OHIO

Typewriters

That's All

FOR SALE OR RENT

All standard makes rebuilt in our own shop by expert workmen, and sold at the very lowest figures.

A guarantee that is good given with all sales and also with all repair work done.

The only Typewriter Company represented at the **Atlanta Convention.** For references ask your Delegate.

Send for our catalogue.

McDonald Typewriter Co.,

263 LaSalle St., Chicago.

W. F. McDonald, Pres., John A. Black, Secy. & Treas.,
Secy.-Treas. Division 51, O. R. T.

G. Dal Jones,
Chief Tel. Div. 51, O. R. T.

GREATEST HISTORY OFFER

Complete Set
Sent to Your
Home
Free

Just Sign and
Mail the
Coupon
Now



HALF PRICE

Sent for **FREE** Examination

YOU KEEP ENTIRE WORK BY PAYING 50c DOWN

UNION BOOK COMPANY FAILS!

Here is the greatest opportunity ever offered our readers—an opportunity to secure at less than half price these fifteen beautifully bound volumes of the **Library of Universal History**. This is a brand new handsome edition, all printed from large new type, embellished with over 100 double page maps and plans, 700 full page illustrations, many of which are in colors, and more than 5,000 pages of solid reading matter, beautifully written.

The failure of the publishers, the **Union Book Co. of Chicago**, enables us to make this offer. Hundreds of sets of this splendid work have been sold for \$60, but we now name you a rock-bottom, bankrupt price of only 50 cents after examination in your own home and \$2.00 a month for 14 months. Only \$28.50 for this elegant library. We must close out the few remaining sets quickly.

We don't want you to buy this work until you give it a thorough examination in your own home. We send you the books themselves—not misleading sample pages. You see with your own eyes just what the books are. You examine them in the privacy of your own home. We pay the transportation charges. There is nothing for you to pay. If you don't want the work after the examination is ended just let us know and we will tell you how to ship them back to us at our expense. We show you these books as willingly as we would show them to you if you came into our store. And we make it easier because we ship the books to your own home.

We want you to sit down in your own home and read these books. Keep them for a week. Begin at the dawn of civilization and thread the paths down to the hour in which you live. And see in passing the men and events as you would have seen them if you in person had lived through all the ages that have passed. This splendid work should be in every home. The errors of the past teach a vital lesson. They are the danger signals along the pathway of progress. History foretells destiny. The same forces which caused the downfall of the "glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome" are at work in America today. You should know them—your children should know them. Send the coupon and take advantage of this greatest offer ever made—this biggest opportunity to put a great historical work into your home.

The late Ex-President Cleveland said: "I am sure this history will find an important place among the publications intended to give wider familiarity with historical literature."

Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, President of Armour Institute of Technology, says: "It is a work of rare genius. Its thought is clear and vigorous, its English pure and elegant."

SEND THIS COUPON TODAY

SEND NO MONEY. This Coupon Brings the Books to Your Home FREE

Just send us the coupon—that is all you need do. We don't want you to send any money. The books will be sent to your home, transportation charges prepaid. We advise you to send the coupon today for certainly hundreds will take advantage of this extraordinary offer. Send now. Remember, a free examination for a week—books returnable at our expense if you do not wish to keep them. If you do wish to keep them pay only 50 cents down and then only \$2. a month for fourteen months. Send the coupon today. You should see these books anyway.

American Underwriter's Corporation
240 Wabash Ave., Dept. 1216, - CHICAGO

AMERICAN UNDERWRITER'S CORPORATION
I would like to examine a set of the new Library of Universal History in my home free for a week. If satisfactory, will keep and pay you 50 cents down and \$2.00 a month for 14 months. If not satisfactory, I will return the books at once and you will return the books to my order.
CUT ON TEAR ON THIS LINE: **Dept. 1216, 240 Wabash Ave., Chicago**
Name.....
Address.....
Occupation.....

Our Famous "Railroad Special"

Designed for Operators who do heavy train order work; has finely ground and carefully tested agate point, firmly vulcanized into a hard rubber handle, cannot possibly come loose, large rough grip smoothest, easiest writing stylus ever made. Sent postpaid for 65 cts. Send for one today, and use it 5 days, then we'll buy it back for 65 cts. if you want to sell.

A fine safety razor only 30 cts. postpaid. We guarantee our razor to do as good work as any \$5.00 razor made, is heavily nickel-plated, adjustable for light or close shave, simple to use, and cannot get out of order, mailed packed in a neat box, with 3 keen blades for the price of only 2 shaves. Order today. Save yourself money.

STAR NOVELTY CO., FT. SCOTT, KANSAS.

SHORTHAND IN 30 DAYS

We absolutely guarantee to teach shorthand complete in thirty days. You can learn in spare time in your own home, no matter where you live. No need to spend months as with old systems. Boyd's Syllable System is different in principle from all other systems. The first radical improvement in shorthand since 1839. It is easy to learn—easy to write—easy to read. Simple. Practical. Speedy. Sure. No ruled lines—no positions—no shading, as in other systems. No long list of word signs to confuse. Only nine characters to learn and you have the entire English language at your absolute command. The best system for stenographers, private secretaries, newspaper reporters. Lawyers, ministers, teachers, physicians, literary folk and business men may now learn shorthand for their own use. Thousands of business and professional men and women find their shorthand a great advantage. The Boyd System is the only system suited to home study. Our graduates hold lucrative, high-grade positions everywhere. Send to-day for free booklets, testimonials, guarantee offer, and full description of this new Syllable shorthand system.

Address

CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS, 1010 Chicago Opera House Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

FREE A SUIT OF CLOTHES

Just write us today and we will send you our Outfit containing samples of the season's most stylish patterns of the finest woolsens in America, together with beautiful illustrated fashion plates—blanks, so that you can measure yourself—tape, etc.; in short, everything necessary for well tailored-to-measure Suits and Overcoats. With all this we will include our plan for giving you a suit of clothes or overcoat

At no Expense to You

You will have to *write at once* to secure this offer, as we have only a few sample books left. Mention this paper to secure immediate attention.

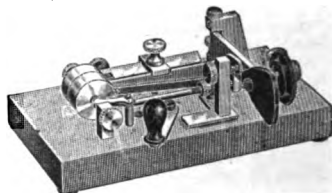
WHITNEY TAILORING CO.
272 E. ADAMS STREET
CHICAGO

MORE MECOGRAPHS

Are in use than all other automatic transmitters combined, because no other sending machine in the world gives such universal satisfaction.

Every operator, whether expert or tyro, for his own good, ought to use some sending machine. Get the best—the NERVE-SAVING MECOGRAPH.

Don't waste any money on an inferior infringing machine, the manufacturers of which we have suits against. (WE EXPECT TO WIN.)



Bear in Mind—We were the first to make a low price on sending machines. At the time the Mecograph made its appearance the very cheapest transmitter was \$24.00. We brought the price down to \$10.00, and now we place it at \$8.00, and until further notice will fill orders at \$7.50.

Carrying case, \$1.00 extra.

SEND FOR CIRCULAR.

Made by

MECOGRAPH COMPANY

Manufacturers of Telegraph Instruments.

321 Frankfort Ave. CLEVELAND, OHIO, U. S. A.



MEN'S MADE TO ORDER CLOTHING

Ask for Sample Book No. 81

Over 125 cloth samples, beautiful fashion plates illustrating about 40 styles in sack, frock and dress suits; trousers, vests and overcoats, any of which we make to your special order and measure-ments.

Suits, \$8.00 to \$27.50.

Overcoats, \$10.75 to \$22.50.

Rainproof Vests, \$3.00 to \$3.75.

Pants, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

New weaves and shadings, fancy patterns and dress suit fabrics.

MEN'S READY TO WEAR CLOTHING

Ask for Sample Book No. 89

Over 100 cloth samples; fashion plates showing about 30 styles of suits, overcoats and pants; business and dress styles to suit every taste.

Suits from \$5.00 upward to \$19.00.

Winter Overcoats, \$4.50 to \$18.50.

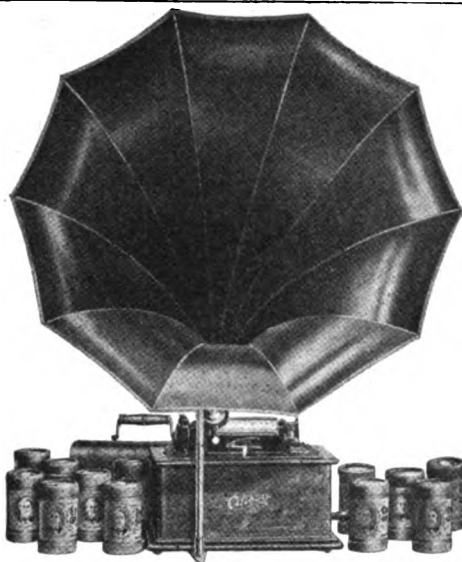
Rainproof Overcoats, \$6.00 to \$16.00.

Pants, \$1.25 to \$5.00.

Plain and fancy weaves, dress suit fabrics, corduroys.

If you want the utmost value for your clothing money, you need these books. Ask for one or both of them NOW; they show the new fall styles and fabrics you want to wear. They quote prices you'll be glad to pay; prices based on labor and material plus one profit. We guarantee our clothing because we make it.

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.



WHY DON'T YOU GET THIS PHONOGRAPH ON FREE TRIAL?

For almost four years I have been making the most liberal phonograph offer ever known! I have given hosts of people the opportunity of the genuine Edison Phonograph right in their own homes on **ABSOLUTELY FREE TRIAL**.

So far you have missed all this. Why? Possibly you don't quite understand my offer yet. Listen—

MY OFFER: I will send you this Genuine Edison Standard Outfit (the newest model) complete with one dozen Edison Gold Moulded Records for an absolutely free trial. I don't ask any money down or in advance. Just a plain offer to ship you this phonograph and records on a free trial so that you can hear it and play it in your own home. I can't make this offer any plainer, any clearer, any better than it is. There is no catch about it anywhere.

Why I Want to Lend You This Phonograph:

I know that there are thousands of people who have never heard the Genuine Edison Phonograph. That's why I am making this offer. I can't tell you one-twentieth of the wonders of the Edison, nothing I can say or write will make you hear the grand, full beauty of its tones. The only way to make you actually realize these things for yourself is to lend you a Genuine Edison Phonograph free and let you try it.

IF YOU WANT TO KEEP IT—you may do so, but it is NOT compulsory. If you do wish to keep it, either remit us the price in full, or if you prefer, we will allow you to pay for it on the easiest kind of payments.

OUR EASY PAYMENT PLAN—I have decided on an easy payment plan that gives you absolute use of the phonograph while paying for it. \$2.00 a month pays for an outfit. There is absolutely no lease or mortgage of any kind.

GET THE LATEST EDISON CATALOGS

Just sign this coupon. I will send you our superbly illustrated Edison Catalog, and the latest list of Edison Gold Moulded Records (over 1500). No obligations, just get the catalogs. A postal card will do, but you must send me your name and address right away.

Don't Delay!

F. E. BARSON,

Thomas A. Edison
Phonograph Distributors

Edison Block

Dept. 1216

CHICAGO

ILL.

F. E. BARSON, Edison Phonograph Distributors.
Edison Block, Suite 1216, CHICAGO, ILL.
Please send me without obligation, your 1908 Edison Phonograph Catalog, list of Edison Gold Moulded Records and Free Trial Certificate enclosing me to your grant after all free.

Name

Address

Sign and mail this
Coupon today.

TYPEWRITING SPEED PAYS



**GET SPEED!
AND THE
SALARY
IS
SURE**

TYPEWRITER USERS

Study the Tulloss Touch System. Learn how to use your machine in the best and fastest way; learn to write without ever looking at the keys—in the dark as well as in the light—all at a speed far greater than the best you can reach now. My lessons can be learned in your spare time, and will bring you the speed and accuracy of the expert. Send today for my

72-PAGE FREE BOOK

which describes this fast and accurate method. It is full of valuable helps. Tells how high speed is gained—how errors may be prevented—what kind of practice work is best—how you can master fast touch typewriting in your spare time and make yourself an expert operator, with an expert's salary.

If you want more speed—more accuracy—more salary, send for this Book today. R. E. Tulloss, President.

THE TULLOSS SCHOOL OF TOUCH TYPEWRITING
236 COLLEGE HILL, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

A Golden Opportunity

About to organize a company to operate proven, free milling gold properties. Pre-organization stock very reasonable. Mines located on Mother Lode, Yuba County, California. For particulars, write

THE RED CROSS GOLD MINES CO.,
712 Electric Bldg., CLEVELAND, O.



Send today for this free 80-page Heating Book No. 416K.

DON'T BUY A HEATING PLANT

of any kind, from anybody, anywhere, at any price, until you read this free book, "Modern Systems of Home Heating." It tells you just exactly what you want to know about the heating question, describes and illustrates our line of

Hot Air Furnaces at \$25.11 and Up
Hot Water Boilers at \$30.25 and Up
Steam Heating Boilers at \$40.50 and Up

Send us a sketch plan of your building, tell us whether you are interested in hot air, hot water or steam heating and we will send you free a detailed estimate and on receipt of your order a heating plan by means of which you can install your own outfit, save one-third to one-half and take no risk whatever. Our two-year guarantee is absolute.

SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., Chicago

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTMENT.

THE PAN-AMERICAN FRUIT & FIBRE COMPANY

(CAPITAL STOCK, \$500,000.)

In Full Operation on Its Big Plantation in the Rio Grande Valley of Nicaragua.

THE OPERATOR'S COMPANY :: 650 STOCKHOLDERS.

EARNING POWER OF BANANAS.

3,000 acres, per annum.....\$410,000
Or 100 per cent on outstanding stock
of the Company.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

August 5, 1909.....220 Acres
September 5, 1909 (est.).....650 Acres

INDIANS EMPLOYED.

August 5, 1909.....180
September 5, 1909 (est.).....175

WATCH US GROW

VALUE OF LAND.

An acre of banana land in full bearing is
valued at.....\$400

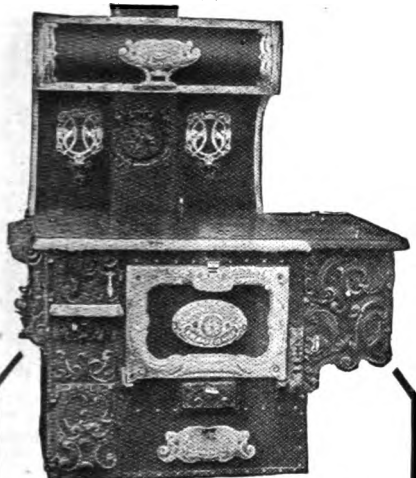
ADDED ASSETS.

500 acres cleared, planted and in bearing, valued at.....\$200,000

With 500 acres in bearing over \$5.00 per share is added to every outstanding share of stock. You can secure a holding in this Company at the low price of \$7.00 PER SHARE. You can secure it on easy payments: one-tenth cash with application, balance in nine equal monthly installments; 10 per cent discount for cash.

WRITE TO-DAY FOR FULL INFORMATION.

GEO. H. IMBRIE, President. THEODORE J. BENKENDORF, Secretary.
219 RELIANCE BUILDING, -- KANSAS CITY, MO.



Cash or Credit

Don't wait till the "Pay Car" comes if you want a new stove or range.

We make it easy for you to buy one when you need it—and have the use of it while you're paying for it.

The "Pay Car" is a once-a-month event. It sometimes means inconvenience, even discomfort, for "the Boys" and their families to put off buying till it comes. It may mean inconvenience to pay out—

at once—the entire price of a new stove or range. This is true of all of us.

At such times a charge account with a responsible house is of real service—Same as business firms and manufacturers buy on from 30 days' to 6 months' time.

We believe railroad employees are better pay than the average business concern. So we're going to back our faith in them with this proposition—

Here's Something New From Kalamazoo

When you need a new stove or range of any sort, write for the Kalamazoo Catalogue No. 543—and we'll send you our time-payment terms. You know what the Kalamazoo is—You can't beat it anywhere in the country—You can't find higher quality nor lower prices. Buy on time-payments and you get the same quality that you do for cash—the same saving by our direct-from-factory-to-you selling plan—the same 360 days' approval and the same guarantee of safe delivery—and

We Pay the Freight

Over 100,000 users of Kalamazoo stoves and ranges in this country will tell you the "Kalamazoo is King." Our catalogue explains everything fully. Better write for it now.

Kalamazoo Stove Co.

Mfrs.,
Kalamazoo, Mich.



"A Kalamazoo Direct to You"

TRADE MARK REGISTERED

Cure Yourself

Right at Home With Vibration



Health is waiting for you! Perfect, abounding, glowing health—such health as you have not known for years, perhaps. And without the aid of doctors, drugs or medicines! No matter what ails you; no matter even if your case has been pronounced incurable—don't give up hope! Vibration, the marvel of the 20th century has cured uncounted thousands of people who thought they were hopeless invalids.

The White Cross Electric VIBRATOR

Is the greatest boon that suffering humanity has ever known. It gives life and health, strength and beauty to all. It sends the good red blood leaping and coursing through your veins, puts new life into disused muscles and nerves. It shakes the disease right out of your system. The White Cross Electric Vibrator is the only instrument in the world which enables you to make use of the three great natural forces, Vibration, Faradic and Galvanic Electricity—right in your own home! It is a perfect Massage Vibrator and Medical Battery combined for less than the usual price of either.

VIBRATING CHAIR FREE with a simple attachment you can transform any chair into a perfect Vibrating Chair. You can take Vibratory treatments and Swedish Movements right in your own home, that physicians and sanitariums charge \$3 to \$5 apiece for.

CURES THESE DISEASES.

Head Ache	Weak Eyes
Cataract	Nervous Debility
Insomnia	Constipation
Indigestion	Heart Trouble
Weakness	Deafness
Rheumatism	Stomach Trouble
Asthma	Skin Diseases
Eczema	Scalp Diseases
Paralysis	Lunacy



All these and dozens of other chronic and acute diseases can be instantly relieved by Vibration and Electricity.

VALUABLE BOOK GIVEN AWAY

Send us your name and address on the attached coupon at once and we will mail you a copy of the famous book, "Health and Beauty," absolutely free and postpaid. Tells how to prevent and cure disease and become healthy, hearty, happy and beautiful in a natural way. No matter how well you are now, you need this book. It has saved thousands of lives—it may save yours. No obligations—just your name and address.

SIGN THE COUPON

Get the free book at once. Let us tell you about our Liberal Free Trial Offer. Get our special 60 day introductory discount. Learn how you and all your loved ones can get well without drugs or doctors. Remember, no obligations, just name and address. Get the free book today.

LINDSTROM, SMITH COMPANY

323 La Salle Street,
CHICAGO

Department
1216

Lindstrom,
Smith Co.,
Dept. 1216
323 La Salle St.,
CHICAGO, ILL.
Without obligations on me, please send me free your free book "Health and Beauty," Special Reduced Price Offer and Complete Catalog.

Name.....
Address.....

\$3000 TO \$10,000 A YEAR IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

We will teach you by mail the Real Estate, General Brokerage and Insurance Business, and appoint you

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

of the oldest and largest co-operative real estate and brokerage company in America. Representatives are making \$3,000 to \$10,000 a year without any investment or capital. Excellent opportunities open to YOU. By our system you can make money in a few weeks without interfering with your present occupation. Our co-operative department will give you more choice, salable property to handle than any other institution in the world. Get your name on your own Real Estate Signs—big money in it. **A Thorough Commercial Law Course FREE to Each Representative.** Write for 62-page book, Free.

THE CROSS COMPANY, 3073 Reaper Block, Chicago



MODEL LAUNDERED SHIRTS

Satisfaction guaranteed to the man who wears our brand of shirts. They are honestly made of the best materials and we cut each size on an individual size pattern, which assures you of a perfect fit.

The Model Royal Blue, our well known indigo Railroad Men's Shirt is *warranted* not to fade. It can be had in plain blue indigo, white pin dot, and white hair line stripe, made with either attached cuffs and attached collar or attached cuffs and two detached collars.



Union Made

Buy MODEL Shirts and convince yourself that they are the best. We make all kinds of fine laundered shirts at \$1.00 and \$1.50. If your dealer cannot supply you with our shirts, we will send on receipt of price, carrying charges prepaid.

Model Shirt Company

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

RED OR BLACK "VULCAN" STYLO PENS

AGENTS The ONLY perfect, non-leakable stylo pens at a moderate price. Two sizes, 4½ and 5½ inches.



WANTED Extra size, \$1.00 (black only), \$1.25. By mail, postpaid upon receipt of FIVE Mrs. of "Juno," "Independent," and "Vulcan" Stylographic and Fountain Pens, Thames Bldg., 185 Greenwich St., NEW YORK. Est. 1894

\$1.00

PATENTS C. L. PARKER

Attorney at Law and Solicitor of Patents
158 McGinn Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Patents secured promptly. Reports rendered as to patentability, validity and infringement. Hand Book for inventors sent upon request.

Variable Line-Spacer

¶ To write on ruled paper or special forms, press the variable line-spacer key. It brings the lines of typewriting to any position on the paper. One of the 28 features of the easy-action, light-running

MODEL 10

Smith Premier Typewriter

Circular about this and other features sent free.

THE SMITH PREMIER TYPEWRITER CO., (Inc.)

Syracuse, New York, U. S. A.

Branches Everywhere.



A BIGGER DAY'S EARNINGS—NOW



That's what you want. Isn't it?

You want to make more money at once. Without months or years of study. Without night work in addition to the everlasting daily grind. You want more money now.

Here's your opportunity. Here's your chance to get into business for yourself, to be your own boss, and to make from

\$5 to \$10 Per Day Net Profit

Dozens of men are now making this liberal income. They are stowing away a nice little fortune. They are living well, too. Are you grinding away trying to make both ends meet? Get into a real, live, permanent, growing, profitable business for yourself. Let us set you up in the card printing business with our

SUPERIOR AUTOMATIC CARD PRINTING PRESS

Men with no previous experience or knowledge of printing are now netting \$5 to \$10 per day with our press and the outfit pictured here. Read what Joseph Wallace, 278 State Street, Chicago, says, "I have been running a card printing business with the Superior Automatic Card Press for over a year and have taken in as high as \$30 per day—always over \$150 net profit per month."

Think of that! Always over \$150 net profit per month! How does that compare with your earnings?

If you have \$65 cash and want a profitable, independent business of your own, write at once for our booklet "A Bigger Day's Earnings" giving full details and showing how our outfit pays for itself. Write right now.

SUPERIOR BRASS & FIXTURE CO., 162 W. Jackson Boul., CHICAGO.



Get Busy, Boys!

If your townspeople contemplate putting in an exchange, or the farmers in your vicinity build a rural party line, write us about it and we will tell you how you can make a lot of money on the side.

Government experts pronounce our telephones better than all others.

SWEDISH-AMERICAN TELEPHONE CO.
CHICAGO, ILL. Div. 15.

Operators can guarantee fair treatment to prospective customers from the firm. The President and Treasurer is an O. R. C. man in good standing, Div. No. 110, Logansport, Indiana. Salesmanager is a B. L. E. man, No. 129, Pontoon Div., McGregor, Iowa.

Our Safety Three-Wheeler

**IS THE STRONGEST, LIGHTEST RUNNING CAR KNOWN.
IT IS THE IDEAL CAR FOR OPERATORS.**

"The Rider is Seated Inside of the Rail Instead of Directly over it."

By our original placing of the seat, the rider's weight is borne equally by each wheel. This gives the car the greatest possible strength with least possible weight and renders it absolutely safe in rounding curves at full speed.

It has
BALL BEARINGS
and
RUBBER TIRES
and is practically noiseless.

It can be folded into a package eighteen inches thick and weighs sixty pounds. The

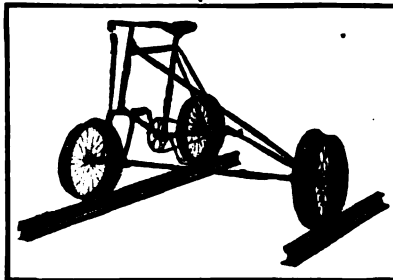
materials and workmanship are all of the best and fully covered by our guarantee.

B. M. Mahoney, B. & O. operator at Leslie, Md., says: "Am still riding my wheel purchased two years ago and it is giving perfect satisfaction."

**COULD
YOU WANT
MORE THAN THAT?**

We also make single and double seat four-wheel cars, tandem

four-wheelers, extra front seats—easily attachable to any of these models—and motor car



Write to day for catalog and prices.

Light Inspection Car Co., Hagerstown, Ind., U. S. A.



TYPEWRITER BARGAINS.

OLIVER REMINGTON SMITH PREMIER

} REBUILT new \$35.00, instead of \$100.00.
Other makes \$15.00.

Free Trial, Free Delivery, Monthly Payments.

ALBRIGHT BROS. REBUILT TYPEWRITER CO.

824 Holland Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. P.O. Box 372, San Francisco, Cal. 81 New St., New York, N.Y.

Pay Now & Then

Let us send you Watch or Ring upon terms indicated. Remit first payment with order or have goods shipped for inspection C. O. D. first payment.



Our Attractive Catalog Free.
Ask For No. H-7.



1/2 carat commercial white perfect diamond set in any style, 14 carat solid gold mounting... **\$30.00**
\$3 cash and \$3 per month.

Gents' O. F. 12, 16 or 18 size or ladies' 6 size plain or beautifully engraved 20-year, 14-kt. gold filled case fitted with genuine new Elgin or Waltham movement **\$12.50**

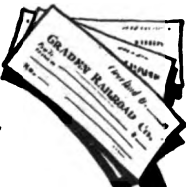
With hunting case, \$16.75.

\$2.00 cash and \$1.50 per month.

Herbert L. Joseph & Co.

Diamond Importers :: Watch Jobbers
217-219 [H-7.] State Street, Chicago

Increase your Earning Capacity



The **GRADEN SYSTEM OF RAILROAD TRAINING** gives men with ambition an opportunity to increase their earning capacity by securing a complete and practical knowledge of Railroad Station Work.

The **GRADEN COURSE** is so arranged that the study of it does not interfere with the present duties, no matter what they may be, affording energetic men an opportunity of increasing their knowledge of Railroad Work, thereby making their services more valuable.

The **GRADEN SYSTEM** does not include the teaching of telegraphy or the operation of trains. If you are interested in bettering your position and increasing your salary—send for Graden Booklet, "What It Does."

GRADEN SCHOOL OF RAILROAD TRAINING

510 Schofield Building,
CLEVELAND,
OHIO.

Six Months to Pay For Good Clothes

\$12.95



For this splendid
All - Wool Suit—
made in the latest
style. Your choice
of cloth.

\$3.35 Cash

\$1.60 Monthly

This Suit will be
sent on approval.

Dress in Clever Style.

Our free Fall Style Book shows photographic plates of the swellest suits and overcoats for fall and winter wear. We want to send it to you.

With it we send samples of all-wool clothes in thirty desirable patterns. We buy nothing but all-wool cloth. Every yard is guaranteed.

We also send a tape line, with simple instructions for taking your measure. We will fit you perfectly, as we have thousands of others.

This book quotes prices on high-grade clothes which are astounding. You never saw clothes like these sold so low. You have probably paid at least \$18 for such suits as we sell for \$12.95. The reason lies in our enormous output.

Any suit or overcoat, made in any cloth we show, will be sent you on approval. We guarantee the workmanship, the price and the fit. If not entirely satisfactory, send the garments back, and all your first payment will be returned.

We sell on six months' credit, without any security and without any interest. Our credit prices are exactly the same as for cash. You can pay a little down and a little each month, and dress just as well as the best dressed man you know.

We ask a chance to please you once, and secure your permanent trade. Please send this coupon—send it today—for our free Fall Style Book and samples.

THE CLEMENT CO.

355 Franklin St., Chicago.

Mail me your Style Book—free.

Name _____

Address _____



**Are YOU
Earning
\$100⁰⁰ per Week?**

If not, you *can*. Thousands of Traveling Salesmen earn double or treble that, and all their expenses besides. We teach them how. If you don't believe it, let us prove how we do it. Over half a million are employed in the United States and Canada, and the demand exceeds the supply. Scores of famous and wealthy men, such as Marshall Field, the great Chicago merchant, got their start by selling goods on the road. Salesmanship is the most independent, pleasant, well paid profession in the world, and you do not need to have any former experience to enter it. We will teach you in a few weeks by mail to be a high-grade salesman, and through our famous

Free Employment Bureau

we will assist you to secure a good position. We have assisted thousands of men to secure good positions or better salaries, hundreds of them who had no former experience as salesmen, and who formerly earned from \$40 to \$75 a month have since earned from \$100 to \$600 a month, and some of them even more than that. We have also helped thousands of experienced salesmen to secure better positions and salaries. Hundreds of good positions are now open. If you are ambitious and want to enter a profession where there is no limit to what you can earn, our free book "A Knight of the Grip" will show you how, write our nearest office for it today.

Address Dept. 218 National Salesmen's Training Association
Chicago New York Kansas City
Minneapolis San Francisco, U. S. A.



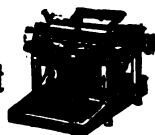
BROTHERS:

I will write your name on a dozen cards for 20c; 8 dozen 50c. Your money refunded if not satisfied. I also teach penmanship and card writing by mail. Terms reasonable.

ADDRESS

E. P. Waples, 2737 Ann Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
(CERT. 661, DIV. 2)

Rebuilt



New

REMINGTON TYPEWRITERS

To members of O. R. T. only

No. 6 REMINGTON REBUILT NEW.
LATEST IMPROVED with No. 9
Speed Escapement, Push-In Variable
Line Spacer.

	PRICE
Cash, with Order.....	\$50.00
\$5.00 Cash with Order, Balance	
C. O. D., with Examination..	55 00
\$10.00 Cash with Order,	
\$10.00 Monthly.....	60.00

**SPLENDID No. 6 REMINGTON
REBUILT NEW**

Cash with Order.....	\$35.00
\$5.00 with Order, Balance	
C. O. D., with Examination..	40.00
\$10.00 Cash with Order, Balance	
\$7.00 Monthly.....	45.00

FULLY GUARANTEED
All other makes cheap

GENERAL TYPEWRITER REBUILDERS
21 Murray St., NEW YORK CITY

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI.

An ideal
health resort,
especially
attractive
during the
fall and winter
months.

Now well equipped with first-class hotels.

The mineral waters here supply an invaluable remedial agent for Diabetes, Bright's Disease, Lumbago, and all forms of Rheumatism and Uric Diseases, Insomnia and Hysteria.

Excelsior Springs is thirty-three miles north-east of Kansas City on the **Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway**.

It is reached from Chicago by the famous **South West Limited**, leaving Chicago at 6 P. M. daily, reaching the Springs for breakfast the next morning. Descriptive book free.

F. A. MILLER,
General Passenger Agent, Chicago.

Agents Here is a Big Money Maker

The Never-Fail Razor Sharpener
Greatest order-getter on the market.
Most talked of article before the public.
Biggest success of the day. Makes old razors new.
Puts perfect edge on dull blades. Keeps sharp razors sharp. One stropping gives 3 to 40 delightful shaves. Guaranteed for life. 2 styles, one for any kind safety razor; one for old style razor. No man will be without one. All users praise it. Retail \$3.00, complete. No extras. Money back if dissatisfied. Territory given. Write today. Finest proposition ever made agents.
The Never-Fail Co., J. K. Nicholas Bldg., Toledo, O.



PANTS \$3.00 Made To Measure ALL WOOL

Our \$3.00 pants are absolutely guaranteed to be equal in style, fit, goods and workmanship to pants any tailor in your city charges \$6 to \$8 for. They are made of the handsomest patterns, finished in the best manner, cut in the latest fashionable styles and are guaranteed strictly all wool. **WE SEND PANTS ON APPROVAL.** You see just what you are getting.

Our \$12.50 Suits, Made To Measure, Equal Tailor's \$30 Goods

We will make strictly to your measure, hand tailored, the latest style sack business or dress suit, of fine woolens for only \$12.50. Such a suit could not be made for you by any local tailor for less than \$23 to \$30, and we guarantee fit and satisfaction. We make you two suits for what you now pay for one. Don't take our word for this. We send suits **On Approval.** Don't wear ready made clothes. Get garments made to give you a perfect figure and make you the best dressed man in your town. Send today for free samples and measurement blank, styles, etc., for pants and suits, if you want to save money.

BELL TAILORING COMPANY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.
Dept. C



We will MAKE you HEAR!

At last the perfect treatment for deafness. The genuine Pneumo-Oscillating method now ready for use, right in your own home. Our Free Book "Perfect Hearing" tells you how you can treat your own ears, just as well, yes, even better than the highest priced specialist.

Remember, the Pneumo-Oscillating Treatment has cured thousands of cases of deafness. For the first time the treatment is offered you right at home. So write today. Get Our Free Book which tells you all about

THE WHITE CROSS EAR OSCILLATOR
The wonderful machine which gives our famous Pneumo-Oscillating treatments. You should read about this marvelous instrument anyway. The road to perfect hearing is before you. Complete communication with the world. **WRITE TODAY FOR THE FREE BOOK, "PERFECT HEARING."** Sent free for just your name and address. Get details of our Special Introductory Offer, which lasts for a short time only. Just your name and address and we will send "Perfect Hearing."
LINDSTROM-SMITH CO., Dept. 1216, 253 La Salle St., Chicago

Good Cheap Montana Lands for Sale

IRRIGATED AND NON-IRRIGATED.
If interested, write us. :: :: :: ::

Montana Land & Investment Co. Incorporated
HELENA, MONTANA.

FIGHTING the Trust!

The Smashing Anti-Trust Fight Now On!



Trust Prices Eclipsed at Last!

An absolutely *first-class high-grade* watch at a price within the reach of the people—The Burlington Special No-Trust Watch.

The World's Masterpiece of watch manufacture—the Burlington Special—now sold direct to the public at the *rock-bottom, no-trust* price (and besides without middlemen's profits).

We do not care what it costs—we will uphold our independent line, and so we are making the most sweeping, baffling offer ever made on watches.

Some trusts are legal and some are not. We DO NOT SAY THAT THE WATCH TRUST IS ILLEGAL; but we do say that the METHODS of the giant factories in making "contracts" with dealers to UPHOLD DOUBLE PRICES on watches is very UNFAIR—unfair to us and unfair to YOU. Hence our DIRECT offer on the Burlington at the VERY SAME price the WHOLESALE Jeweler must pay.

This is *your* opportunity—**NOW**—while this great no-trust offer lasts—get the best watch made anywhere at one-third the price of other high-grade watches. Furthermore, in order to fight the Trust most effectually we even allow terms of **\$2.50 a month** on our finest watch—easiest possible payments at the rock-bottom price; the identical price the Wholesale jeweler must pay.

Watch Book on request

Now do not miss this opportunity. At least we want you to know about WATCHES and WATCH PRICES. Write Today.

Be posted.

Send a postal or letter or simply mail coupon without sending a letter and get the free book.

BURLINGTON WATCH CO.

Dept. 1216
Millard Sta.
Chicago

Please send me *without obligation* and prepaid your free book on watches and copy of your \$1,000.00 challenge—with full explanations of your cash or \$2.50 a month offer on the Burlington Watch.
Burlington Watch Co., Dept. 1216
Millard Station, Chicago
Name _____ Address _____
No Letter Necessary
Coupon will do

When addressing our advertisers, please mention The Railroad Telegrapher.



TYPEWRITERS, ALL MAKES.

At $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ manufacturer's prices
All the Standard Machines, Including

LATEST MODELS.

SOLD OR RENTED ANYWHERE.

Rental applied on price.

Write for Illustrated Catalogue.

TYPEWRITER EMPORIUM,

92-94 E. LAKE STREET,

CHICAGO

A few of our graduates.

S

TUDY

LAW

Established 1892.

Prepares for the bar. The course is thorough and practical. Moot Court and Department of Practice included in the course. Text-books same as are used in resident law schools. Classes begin the first Monday of each month. Approved by the bench and bar. We also have a Business law course that is not excelled anywhere.

Tuition Reasonable—School Exactly as Represented—The One-Priced School.

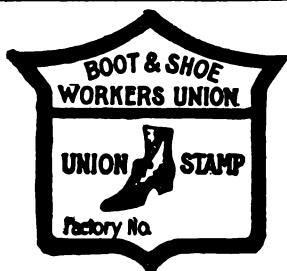
WE HAVE A LARGER NUMBER OF GRADUATES IN SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE
THAN ALL THE OTHER CORRESPONDENCE LAW SCHOOLS COMBINED

Write today for full particulars. We send a 48-page booklet which gives a synopsis of the courses, also gives the rules and requirements for the examination for admission to the Bar of the several States and Territories.

CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL OF LAW, 502 Reaper Block, Chicago

**LEADING LAW
SCHOOL IN COR-
RESPONDENCE
INSTRUCTION**

**STUDY
LAW
at Home**



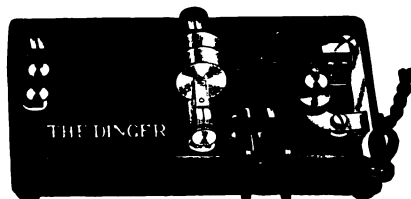
UNDERSTAND BROTHER UNIONIST

That the best made shoes—the shoes made under the best manufacturing conditions—the shoes that best stand wear—bear the Union Stamp, as shown herewith.

Ask your dealer for Union Stamp Shoes, and if he can not supply you write

BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' UNION

246 Summer Street, BOSTON, MASS.



The DINGER

SEE LAST
MONTH'S AD.

QUALITY COUNT

Get Catalogue.
8 Pages Testimonials.

D. & R. MFG. CO.,
2063 East 4th Street,
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Every Operator

Needs a card and pass case, and cards. Three unequalled offers.

No. 1—Genuine Cordovan Leather Case, black, smooth grain, with transparent pocket, buttoned pocket, and gusset pocket; and 100 finest cards, ladies' or gentlemen's, script or old English, with one or two following devices in color: wreath and sounder, key, relay, O. R. T. Monogram, railway clerks emblem, for \$35c. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, 45c.

No. 2—Genuine Levant Leather Case, black, seal grain, with transparent pocket, buttoned pocket and gusset pocket; and 100 cards, same as above, for \$1.30. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, \$1.00.

No. 3—Genuine English Calf Leather Case, russet, ribbed grain, with transparent pocket, flap pocket and three gusset pockets; and 100 cards, same as above, for \$1.45. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, \$1.15. Name on all cases.

Wedding Invitations or Announcements
Finest quality, 100 for \$3.50. 50 for \$2.50, express prepaid. Patronize the fraternity.

E. J. WILKINS, FRIENDSHIP, N. Y. Cert. 45 Div. 43

WEATHER PROPHET MARSH.

Brother Operators: Send 25c in Coin for my pretty Picture Calendar with 1910 Weather predictions covering United States. Beautiful alendar for home or office. Remit now. Limited number issued.

W. W. MARSH,

Pr. B. & O. S.-W. R. R. Winton Place, O.

Do You Typewrite?

The Andrews Eraser Key for Remington No. 6 erases single letters without lifting platen. Saves time and nerve wear. Attached quickly. Telegraphers correct without "BK;" phonograph and rapid writers without stopping dictation. Does not smut or change carbons. By return mail for \$2.00

**ANDREWS ERASER KEY COMPANY,
Box 516, St. Louis, Mo.**

Pay Us Just As Best Suits You

Take your pick of 300 beautiful styles of all-wool Suits and Overcoats offered in our big catalog—"Pay us as best suits you."

We are the world's largest and oldest outfitters and positively sell all goods at spot cash prices, allowing our customers long and liberal credit. Our garments are all men tailored and are distinctive style creations, designed by the world's foremost clothes craftsmen. Every article sold is guaranteed or money back.

Use Your Credit

Every honorable person has credit—they should use it. We extend the invitation to any honest person to open an account with us and pay as best suits their own convenience. We positively make no investigation of your employers or friends. Your honest word is sufficient. You need have no hesitancy in buying anything you want of us and paying for it as you are able. You ought to be well dressed and you can be if you buy everything of us.



Special Pre-Season Offer

This \$300, all wool, worsted suit in a variety of beautiful patterns—made to order and guaranteed a perfect fit. Cash value \$20. Our pre-season offer on easy terms **\$13.95**

Get this Book



FREE!

"Woolf's Great Encyclopedia of Bargains for Fall and Winter is ready. This great book contains 300 magnificent half tone illustrations, picturing as many styles of men's and women's man tailored garments. Every household ought to have this book and use it as a purchase guide for clothes. We save you about half and sell on liberal payments—small enough for any one to meet.

Sit down now—take your pen in hand—write a postal for this book. We send it absolutely free to everyone.

WOOLF'S (Inc.) Dept. 52, 2225-27 W. 12th Street, CHICAGO, U. S. A.

OPERATORS WANTED

And other sober experienced young railroad men to use our 1,000-eyes system of getting better jobs. As the O. R. T. Journal goes to press we want train dispatcher, \$140; general agent, \$125; electrical draftsman, \$125; 2 wire chiefs, \$100; civil engineer, concrete construction, \$200; tariff compiler, \$100; over 100 telegraphers, stenographers, clerks with R. R. experience, \$50 to \$85. Jobs are furnished O. R. T. boys every day who come to Chicago. Every single operator who has called on us during the last 90 days has got a satisfactory position. Write an outline of your experience today and ask for particulars. Employment department, **AMERICAN RAILWAY BUREAU, 132 Clark St., Chicago.**

DIAMONDS ON CREDIT

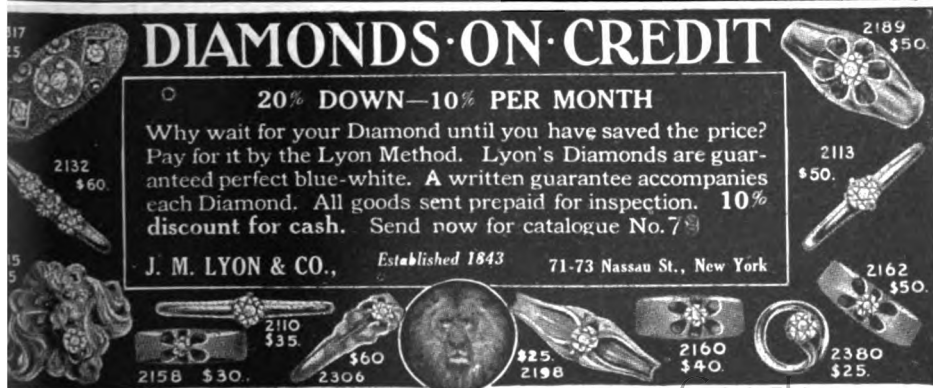
20% DOWN—10% PER MONTH

Why wait for your Diamond until you have saved the price? Pay for it by the Lyon Method. Lyon's Diamonds are guaranteed perfect blue-white. A written guarantee accompanies each Diamond. All goods sent prepaid for inspection. 10% discount for cash. Send now for catalogue No. 7

J. M. LYON & CO.,

Established 1843

71-73 Nassau St., New York



PRACTICAL BOOKS FOR RAILROAD MEN

Embracing Every Branch
Written by the Men
Who Do the Work.

Practical, Complete, Reliable and
Up-to-date.

CATALOGUE FREE UPON REQUEST.

SEND FOR IT TODAY.

FREDERICK J. DRAKE & CO.

Ry. Dept. 3

CHICAGO, U. S. A.

THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER

Subscription, \$1.00 Per Year.

PROTECT YOUR IDEAS

NO MATTER HOW SIMPLE
the invention, if it's good. Consultation free.

MILO B. STEVENS & CO., Attorneys
907 14th St., Washington, D. C.

Established 1864.

STUDY LAW AT HOME

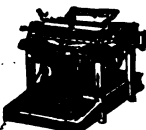
The oldest and best school. Instruction by mail adapted to every one. Recognized by courts and educators. Experienced and competent instructors. Takes spare time only. Three courses—Preparatory, Business, College. Prepares for practice. Will better your condition and prospects in business. Students and graduates everywhere. Full particulars and Easy Payment Plan free. *Springer Correspondence School of Law,* 700 Majestic Building Detroit, Mich.



BLOOD POISON

successfully treated in any stage. If you have ulcers, mucous patches in the mouth, sore throat, eruptions, copper colored spots on the body, falling hair, swollen glands, pains in the bones, or severe continued headaches, our special treatment will cure you. Our DR. PANTER, former chief physician of the original Cook, Kennedy Co., treated over 20,000 patients of that company in the last fifteen years ending May 15th, 1908, the date that company discontinued taking cases to treat. Booklet on Blood Poison, testimonials and full information about your case, FREE. Write **PANTER REMEDY CO.,** Suite 228, 67 Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.

TYPEWRITER VALUES



1491 Baldwin Building

That will interest you.

We Aim to Save You Money on every machine we send out. Exceptional offers on Smith Premier, Remington and Fay Sholes. We rent all makes, with rental allowance if purchased. Ask for particulars and catalog.

ROCKWELL-BARNES COMPANY
Chicago.

This Great Invention Works With Nature

Ever since I perfected my Anti-Tension Compress (pat. 8-19-02) I have advertised it as an improvement on the suspensory bandage and a positive aid to Nature in curing Varicocele and its attendant ailments. As proof I receive many letters of commendation. I would like to send you some facsimile copies free, plainly sealed, with a copy of my booklet on the Cause, Effect and Cure of this widespread complaint. May I do so? My Anti-Tension Compress included for \$2.00. Address—**MARK M. KERR, M.D.,** Station K 799 Cincinnati, Ohio.



PATENTS THAT PROTECT AND PAY

Advice and Books Free. Rates Reasonable.
Highest References. Best Services.

WATSON E. COLEMAN, Patent Lawyer
612 F St. N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE Railroad Telegrapher

IS PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE
ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS

Its offices are located on the seventh floor
of the Star Building, corner Twelfth
and Olive streets, St. Louis, Mo.

IF ITS BADGES

Our Organizations or Clubs you are interested in,
write for our catalogue and booklet.

STEINER ENGRAVING & BADGE CO.
8 NORTH 6TH ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.



FLASH LIKE GEMINI

Day or night. You can own a Diamond ring in brilliancy to any gemstone more at one-third the cost.

Baroda Diamonds in Solid Gold Rings stand solid test and expert examination. We guarantee them. See them first. See our Catalogue Free. Patent Ring Makers included for FIVE two-cent stamps.

THE BARODA COMPANY
Dept. 22, 200 North Main Street, St. Louis.



Mount Birds

We teach you by mail to stuff and mount all kinds of Birds, Animals, Game Heads. Also to tan skins and make rugs. Decorate your home with your beautiful trophies, or command big income selling specimens and mounting for others. Easily, quickly learned in spare time by men and women. Success guaranteed. Write today for our free book "How to Mount Birds and Animals"—absolutely free. N.W. SCHOOL OF TAXIDERM, Box 450 K, Omaha, Neb.

NOW!

Forget trouble, business and worry—once more feel the old time thrill—spend a few weeks at this "Home of Health."

This beautiful Fall is the time to go.

You can be "made over"

AT

French Lick West Baden Springs

Numerous indoor and outdoor pastimes, ideal accommodations, pleasant companions and the famous waters are the best in the world for stomach disorders.

In Southern Indiana on the "Monon."

Write for booklet to

FRANK J. REED, G. P. A.

E. P. COCKRELL, A. G. P. A.

CHICAGO.

MONON ROUTE



I WILL MAKE YOU PROSPEROUS

If you are honest and ambitious write me today. No matter where you live or what your occupation, I will teach you the Real Estate business by mail; appoint you Special Representative of my Company in your town; start you in a profitable business of your own, and help you make big money at once.

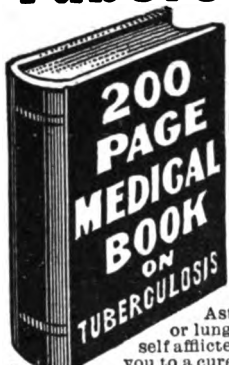
Unusual opportunity for men without capital to become independent for life. Valuable Book and full particulars FREE. Write today.

NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE REALTY CO.

112 Marden Building
Washington, D. C.

E. R. MARDEN
President

Tuberculosis Book FREE



This valuable medical book tells in plain, simple language how Tuberculosis can be cured in your own home. If you know of any one suffering from Tuberculosis, Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma or any throat or lung trouble, or are yourself afflicted, this book will help you to a cure. Even if you are in the advanced stage of the disease and feel there is no hope, this book will show you how others have cured themselves after all remedies they had tried failed, and they believed their case hopeless.

Write at once to the Yonkerman Company, 3261 Water Street, Kalamazoo, Mich., and they will gladly send you the book by return mail free, and also a generous supply of the New Treatment, absolutely free, for they want every sufferer to have this wonderful remedy before it is too late. Don't wait—write today. It may mean the saving of your life.

How Harriman Dominates

THE POWER TO CONTROL

is the secret of the rule and sway of this mighty monarch of the rails. It is the power to control his fellow men that has placed him at the head of the mighty trunk lines of the country—that has



made him the dominating factor in the world of rails and dollars and has placed him in command of thousands of his fellow men throughout the country.

And this power to control he gained by cultivating and exercising his personal magnetism, a faculty possessed by you the same as Mr. Harriman. But you have allowed this, the most vital of all your faculties, to remain dormant, useless and profitless. You have never cultivated and exercised it as it is meant to be; Harriman has cultivated his, so that his presence and influence is felt as soon as he appears. Why not possess this great power yourself?

This Great Book Tells You How To Do It.

Cultivate and exercise your own personal magnetism. Then you can make men see things as you see them, believe as you believe, and can make them buy what you have to sell.

Prof. J. C. Leonard, in his invaluable book, "The Power to Control," tells how, by exercising your personal magnetism you can stand out from among the crowd, can do bigger things, can be more and can earn more. So don't delay any longer, cultivate this valuable power. Send **One Dollar** today for the book and learn how.

If it is not all that we claim it to be—if you are not perfectly satisfied, say so and your money will be cheerfully refunded.

THE ACME PUBLISHING CO.,

749 First National Bank Bldg. Dept. R. T. Chicago, Ill.

REGULATION UNIFORM CAP



\$2.50

Express
Prepaid

B LACK ribbed silk (best quality), heavy patent leather visor. Gold embroidered letters, two rows gold tape. Mention correct size. Prompt shipments. Light weight. Forwarded express prepaid on receipt of express or P. O. money order. \$2.50 catalogue mailed free.
GOETTLER HAT CO., 1260 S. Broadway, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Learn Watch Repairing

Be a watchmaker—you can learn this profitable trade by correspondence in a few weeks in your own home by the DeSels Watch System. After you complete the course you will know a watch from A to Z. You will know just what the matter is and how to repair it. When you graduate you will be a graduated watchmaker and repairer and competent to fill any position. Positions for our graduates.

Ask for our Free Book. It explains our system and terms.

THE DESSELS WATCH SCHOOL

10 Perry St. ATTICA, INDIANA



Be a R. R. Mail Clerk

R. R. Mail Clerks, P. O. Clerks, City and R. F. D. Carriers receive high salaries for easy work. Many examinations soon. Let us prepare you. Free't of our College conducted Gov't examinations for years. Write to-day for our Free Book about Government Positions.

OSMENT'S CIVIL SERVICE COLLEGE.

Dept. 33, St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. DOCTOR of Mechano-Therapy

\$3000 to \$5000 A YEAR

WE TEACH YOU BY MAIL

In six months you can begin practicing Mechano-Therapy—an elevating and highly paid profession for men and women. More comprehensive than Osteopathy. Endorsed by physicians. A fascinating study, easy to learn and equal to college course—we guarantee success—an ordinary education and our course of instruction fits you for a professional life. Authorized diplomas to graduates. Work absorbingly interesting. Vast opportunities for social and financial betterment. Special terms now. Write today for prospectus—free.



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MECHANO-THERAPY
Department 500, - 120-122 Randolph St., Chicago

READ THIS, BOYS!

We want to sell 25,000 pairs of half sleeves in the next 30 days. This sleeve is made of good Black Sateen, lettered O. R. T., Agents, or plain, as you wish. Sent to any address for 25c in coin, or express or P. O. order. Send your order today. Address,

M. E. CARTER, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

FREE SAFETY POCKET-HOLDER

Give us the name of some dealer, not now handling our line, that you asked to show you a Laughlin Non-leakable Fountain Pen, either the standard or self-filling style, and we will send you free of charge a handsome New Safety Pocket Fountain Penholder, guarding your pen against loss.

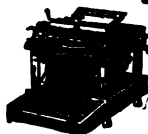
In addition to this, for each such dealer (not now handling our line) that we interest to the extent of securing his order for a dozen or more of our Non-leakable Fountain Pens, we will send you free of charge a Solid 14-Kt. Gold Fountain Pen, with our compliments.

Any list containing name of a dealer now handling our line will not be considered.

ADDRESS,

LAUGHLIN MFG. CO., Detroit, Mich.

Stolen Typewriters



could not be sold as cheap as we sell them. Remingtons, \$12.00, \$25.00; Smiths, \$14.00, \$25.00; Underwoods, \$28.00, \$35.00, \$40.00; Oliverts, \$19.00, \$28.00; Sholes, \$8.00; Century, \$10.00; Williams Visible, \$5.00; Postal, \$2.00; Chicago, \$.80. Rent, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, applies; get list.

—KNIGHT'S—

209 Twelfth St. St. Louis, Mo

Uses Kerosene
BURNS

GAS LIGHT
FROM KEROSENE

A
MANTLE

The Sunbeam Lamp burning a mantle, produces white light of 100 candle power. Free from danger of gas or gasoline—the ideal light. You can have gas light at less cost than ordinary kerosene lamp. Write for booklet and prices. 30 Days Free Trial. Pearl Light Co., Dept. 17 Baraboo, Wis.



PAY 50 CENTS A WEEK

NOTHING DOWN



I will sell you the best DROP HEAD OAK CABINET HIGH ARM SEWING MACHINE made. Pay me nothing until you get it, try it and decide if you want it; after that pay me 50 cents a week (or if more convenient you may pay monthly). To married railroad men I require no contract or lease of any kind. Deal is strictly confidential and, further, I will save you one-half in cost. If you are a railroad man and can use a sewing machine I will make you a marvellously low price and liberal terms offer. Just write me a postal card and say, "Mail me your offer." R. 165

FRED BIFFAR,

40 Dearborn St.

CHICAGO, ILL.

WRITE ME



For special price list on telegraphers' mills before buying. I give the best values to be had and personally inspect and pass every machine before it goes out of my shop. When writing mention O. R. T. certificate number.

ALL MAKES

W. A. WHITEHEAD

36 LASALLE STREET

CHICAGO

**Hostler to Engineer—
Round House to Engine
Cab—Everyone
along the line
must have an
accurate time-
keeper.**

Every railroad man takes pride in the accuracy of his watch. The accuracy of the Elgin is well known—it is recognized by the watch inspectors' service of the principal R. R. systems.

The Elgin

for railroad men has the longest and most resilient spring ever put into a watch the same size. It will run 42 hours with one winding.

The dial makes a hit with everyone out on the line. Broad, black figures of inlaid enamel—big, thick hands and a face of silver-finished metal that catches the faintest light. This dial is called the "No. 49 Silver"—the white enamel face is "No. 49 Enamel."

Ask your dealer to show it to you. Four grades—

GRADE		20 YEAR	25 YEAR
		GOLD-FILLED CASE.	GOLD-FILLED CASE.
VERITAS	23 JEWELS	\$48.00	\$48.00
VERITAS	21 JEWELS	\$43.00	\$45.00
FATHER TIME (VERITAS MODEL)	21 JEWELS	\$38.00	\$40.00
B. W. RAYMOND (VERITAS MODEL)	19 JEWELS	\$34.00	\$36.00

Screw back and bezel model.
Solid gold crowns and bows.
Cased and timed at the factory.

Write for further information about railroad watches.

ELGIN NATIONAL WATCH CO., ELGIN, ILL.



Note the broad hands and heavy figures.



FOR WEARERS OF
KNEE DRAWERS
THERE'S A

Needraw

BOSTON GARTER

DELIGHTFULLY COMFORTABLE
TO THE BARE LEG



NON-ELASTIC, TUBULAR
KNIT LEG BAND
ELASTIC, ADJUSTABLE
PENDANT

Made With
The *Vetrol Grip*
Cushion
Rubber Button
CLASP

Sample Pair
Cotton Pend't, Nic. Plate, 25c.
Silk Pend't, Gold Plate, 50c.
Mailed on Receipt of Price

GEORGE FROST CO.
MAKERS BOSTON
GOOD ALL THE YEAR ROUND



YOU WIPE THEM CLEAN

Litholin Waterproofed Linen
Collars and Cuffs

The greatest daily money saver for Railroad men—Have the dull finish—no shiny surface like Celluloid—Do not wilt or fray, and when soiled, wipe white as new with a damp cloth. Figure out saving in laundry bills alone. Four collars and two pairs of cuffs will last a year, and you will always look neat and clean. Stylish too, as they are made in all the latest fashions. You can have the same collar you have always worn, only **waterproofed**.

Collars 25c. Cuffs 50c.

Always sold from a RED box! Avoid substitutes!

If not at your dealer's, send, giving styles, size, how many, with remittance, and we will mail postpaid. Styles Booklet free on request.

THE FIBERLOID COMPANY

Dept. 24 7 Waverly Place, New York



Vose PIANOS

The tone, touch and magnificent wearing qualities of the Vose Piano are only explained by the exclusive patented features and the high grade material and superb workmanship that enter into their construction. The Vose is an ideal piano for the home. Over 60,000 sold. Delivered in the United States free of charge. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Liberal allowance for old pianos and time payments accepted.

FREE—If you are interested in pianos, let us send you our beautifully illustrated catalog, that gives full information. **VOSE & SONS PIANO CO.**
61 Boylston St. BOSTON, MASS.



After Shaving

USE

MENNEN'S
BORATED TALCUM
TOILET POWDER

and insist that your barber use it also. It is Antiseptic, and will prevent any of the skin diseases often contracted.

A positive relief for **SUNBURN, Chafing**, and all afflictions of the skin. Removes all odor of perspiration.

Get Mennen's—the original. Put up in non-refillable boxes—the "Box that Lox." Sold everywhere or mailed for 25 cents. Sample free.

Try Mennen's Violet (Borated) Talcum. Sample free.

Gerhard Mennen, Newark, N. J. Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. 1544.

The Railroad Telegrapher

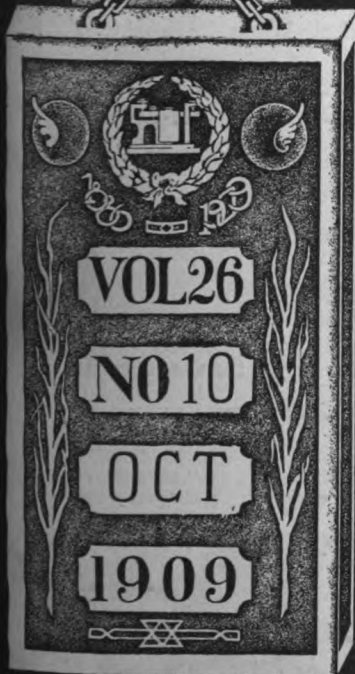


Published

At St Louis Mo

By The Order of

Railroad Telegraphers



A Clear Track for New Model Oliver "No. 5"

The wonderful new Oliver Model "No. 5" is humming down the track of Popularity.

The clumsy, complicated, "blind" and antiquated typewriters are hugging the sidings.

"No. 5" has the right of way because it's the best machine that ever came down the line.

O. R. T. men everywhere greet the New Model "No. 5" with tremendous enthusiasm.

They like its looks and its smooth, easy-running qualities—its speed and its perfect work.

They like it because of its noiselessness—it doesn't drown the sounder.

They like its new Balance Shift, its new Disappearing Indicator, its new Ruling Device, its new Non-Vibrating Base.

They like the cut of its new Steel Coat, that keeps its working parts free from dust.

They like its Automatic Spacer, which leaves the "key" hand free.

They like its Visible Writing and its many other Time-and-Labor-Saving Features.

Thousands of "the boys" are using



The **OLIVER**
Typewriter

You can't help liking the Oliver when you see how easy it runs and how it reels off the work.

If you are pounding away on an old-style machine, it's because you never tried the OLIVER.

You can buy a brand new, up-to-the-minute Oliver "No. 5" on little monthly payments—not a cent more than you would pay if you rented a new machine.

The Oliver is easy to pay for, easy to understand, easy to operate, easy to keep in order.

Write for the Oliver Book, and mention in your letter that you are a member of the O. R. T. Address

The Oliver Typewriter Company
55 Oliver Typewriter Building, Chicago

\$650

Buys the Material Needed to Build This Home!

Price includes Blue Prints; Architect's Specifications; Full Details; Working Plans and Itemized List of Material.

OUR HOUSE DESIGN NO. 6

This is our leader, the best seller of any house ever designed anywhere, by anybody, at any price. Why? Because it comes nearer to filling the requirements of a home than any house of its size ever built. It is 21 ft. wide and 33 ft. 6 in. long, not including the porch. It has seven rooms, bath, pantry and a large front porch. It is of handsome appearance and symmetrical proportions. It is magnificently lighted and perfectly ventilated. Embodies every modern comfort and convenience. Our extremely low price makes it the best bargain proposition on the market. We cannot recommend this design too highly. Even if you don't need a home, build this house for an investment. You can sell it ten times over before it is finished.



We Save You Big Money on Lumber and Building Material!

The Chicago House Wrecking Co. is the largest concern in the world devoted to the sale of Lumber, Plumbing, Heating Apparatus and Building Material direct to the consumer. No one else can make you an offer like the one shown above. We propose to furnish you everything needed for the construction of this building except Plumbing, Heating and Masonry material. Write for exact details of what we furnish. It will be in accordance with our specifications, which are so clear that there will be no possible misunderstanding.

How We Operate:

We purchase at Sheriffs' Sales, Receivers' Sales and Manufacturers' Sales, besides owning outright sawmills and lumber yards. Usually when you purchase your building material for the complete home shown above, elsewhere, it will cost you from 50 to 60 per cent more than we ask for it. By our "direct to you" methods we eliminate several middlemen's profits. We can prove this to you.

What our Stock Consists of:

We have everything needed in Building Material for a building of any sort. Lumber, Sash, Doors, Millwork, Structural Iron, Pipe, Valves and Fittings, Steel and Prepared Roofing. We also have Machinery, Hardware, Furniture, Household Goods, Office Fixtures, Wire Fencing—in fact, anything required to build or equip. Everything for the Home, the Office, the Factory or the Field. Send us your carpenter's or contractor's bill for our low estimate. We will prove our ability to save you money. WRITE US TODAY, giving a complete list of everything you need.

Free Book of Plans!

We publish a handsome, illustrated book containing designs of Cottages, Bungalows, Barns, Houses, etc. We can furnish the material complete for any of these designs. This book is mailed free to those who correctly fill in the coupon below. Even if you have no immediate intention of building, we advise that you obtain a copy of our FREE BOOK OF PLANS. It's a valuable book.

Our Guarantee!

This company has a capital stock and surplus of over \$1,000,000.00. We guarantee absolute satisfaction in every detail. If you buy any material from us not as represented, we will take it back at our freight expense and return your money. We recognize the virtue of a satisfied customer. We will in every instance "Make Good." Thousands of satisfied customers prove this. We refer you to any bank or banker anywhere. Look us up in the Mercantile Agencies, Ask any Express Company. Write to the publisher of this publication. Our responsibility is unquestioned.

High Grade Bathroom Outfits!



Price of this Bathroom Outfit, \$37.50

Strictly new and as good as anyone sells. We have everything needed in Plumbing Material. Our prices mean a saving to you of 30 to 60 per cent. We can easily prove it if you will give us a chance. Here is an illustration of a bathroom outfit we are selling at \$37.50. Your plumber would ask you about \$60.00 for this same outfit. This is a positive fact. It's only one of ten other complete outfits that we are offering at prices ranging from \$25.00 to \$100.00. Our catalog describes them in detail. You need the book if you want to keep posted on up-to-date business methods. Get our prices on Pipe and Fittings. Write us today.

Hot Water Heating Plants!

We furnish new complete hot water heating outfits at half the usual prices. Our proposition includes all necessary plans, specifications, blue prints and detailed instructions, so that any ordinary mechanic handy with the use of tools can easily install it. You can't go wrong when you deal with us. We stand back of every sale. You send us today a sketch of your building and we will make you a proposition to furnish you a complete steam or hot water heating outfit. We also have hot air furnaces. Our booklet on heating plants tells every feature of the heating question. We can quote radiators and heaters separately. Whether you buy from us or not it is a valuable book for you to own. Write us today.



Send Us This Coupon

Chicago House Wrecking Co.,
I saw this ad. in Railroad Telegrapher. —
I am interested in —
Name —
Town —

Free Publications!

Fill in the coupon to the left and we will send you such literature as best suits your needs. We publish a 600 page mammoth catalog fully illustrated, giving our business history and showing all the vast lines of merchandise that we have for sale. We buy our goods at Sheriffs', Receivers' and Manufacturers' Sales. Ask for Catalog No. 325 Our Book on Plumbing and Heating Apparatus contains 150 pages of useful information. Our free "Book of Plans" is described elsewhere in this advertisement.

Water Supply Outfits!

Modern Air Pressure Water Supply Systems at prices ranging from \$48.00 to \$600.00. They are strictly new, first-class and complete in every detail. It makes no difference whether you live in the country, you can enjoy every city comfort at little expense. Why not investigate this! We are ready to furnish you with all facts free of charge. All material fully guaranteed. We also have a complete stock of Pipe, Valves and Fittings at 40 to 60 per cent saving. Gasoline Engines at low prices.

A YEAR TO PAY

We will furnish your home completely and attractively and save you one-fourth to one-half in the cost of the furnishings. Then we'll give you from 10 to 30 months in which to pay for the goods. It's the most liberal, the most confidential, and the most thoroughly satisfactory plan of credit offered by any home-furnishing institution in America today. You enjoy the full use of the furnishings while paying for them in small amounts from month to month as you earn the money. Only a small payment accompanies your order—the balance you pay at your convenience. We charge absolutely nothing for this credit accommodation—no interest—no extras of any kind.

LARGEST HOME FURNISHING CONCERN ON EARTH. Twenty-two big stores throughout the United States—the greatest furniture organization in the world—the largest buyers—underselling every other firm in the business. We are backed by a reputation of 54 years for reliability—our capital and surplus is greater than any other similar institution in existence.

CATALOG FREE

clocks, silverware and pianos, a portion of the goods being beautifully illustrated in colors. Our special **Stove Catalog** is also an immense volume of world-beater bargains—positively the biggest values ever offered. Write for these two big catalogs at once—Write for them today.

Our new fall **Furniture Catalog** is the largest and handsomest book of its kind ever published. It is an immense volume, just filled with unmatched bargains in everything to furnish and beautify the home, including furniture, carpets, rugs, draperies, crockery, sewing machines,

HARTMAN FURNITURE and CARPET CO.

CHICAGO, U. S. A.

Cut out
the
Coupon

THIS GREAT CATALOG IS FILLED
WITH BARGAINS
LIKE THIS



Satisfaction or Your
Money Back

Our guarantee of satisfaction is not limited to 30 days, but is given for an indefinite period. We refund money and freight charges on all purchases not entirely satisfactory. Our policies are broad, liberal and generous



Elegant Rocker, frame in American quartered oak finish, full spring seat, fancy back large rosettes and pleated top and seat front, upholstered in Nantucket leather. A world-beater at the price.

TERMS: 75c CASH, 50c MONTHLY

HARTMAN FURNITURE AND CARPET CO. 54
223-225-227 AND 229 WABASH AVE.
CHICAGO, U. S. A.

State whether you wish catalog of Furniture, catalog of Stoves, or both catalogs.

Please mail me Big
Free Catalog of _____

Name _____

Town _____

St. No.
or R.F.D. _____

State _____

HARTMAN FURNITURE and CARPET CO., Chicago, U. S. A.

THE Publishers Failure

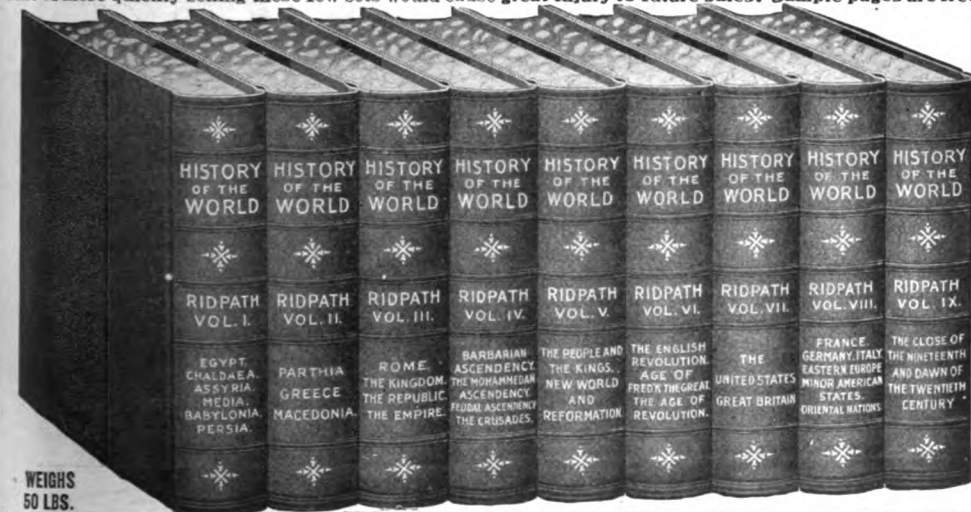
Places in our hands the remainder of Their Greatest Publication

Ridpath's History of the World

9 Massive Royal Octavo Volumes; 4,000 double-column pages, 2,000 superb illustrations. Brand New, latest edition, down to date, including peace treaty of the Russia-Japan War, beautifully bound in half Morocco,

At LESS than even DAMAGED SETS were ever sold

We will name our price only in direct letters to those sending us the Coupon below. Tear off the Coupon, write name and address plainly, and mail to us now before you forget it. Dr. Ridpath is dead, his work is done, but his family derive an income from his history, and to print our price broadcast for the sake of more quickly selling these few sets would cause great injury to future sales. Sample pages are free.



Review of Review says: The reader feels himself in the hands of an author who possesses not only a wide acquaintance with books, but also the corrective of a keen knowledge of men and human nature, and a singular breadth of view and sanity of judgment.

The New York Christian Advocate says: Ridpath's "History of the World" is the only general history which may justly be ranked as a classic. The reader will find in it more solid and authentic information relating to historical questions than could be gleaned from a whole library of more diffuse but less valuable works.

The Boston Post says: John Clark Ridpath is above all things a historian. His historical works are accepted as standards in schools and colleges as well as in business houses and homes. His style is simple, his manner charming.

The New York Independent says: It will be a great addition to any library. In the variety and arrangement of its materials it is encyclopedic and its illustrations have been taken from the highest sources.

Bishop Newman says: In reading Ridpath I experienced the pleasure often realized when looking at some grand panorama. The superb pictures of temples, palaces, scenes, events and men add a charm to the clear and vigorous style of the learned author.

RIDPATH takes you back to the dawn of history, long before the Pyramids of Egypt were built; down through the romantic, troubled times of Chaldea's grandeur and Assyria's magnificence; of Babylonia's wealth and luxury; of Greek and Roman splendor; of Mohammedan culture and refinement; of French elegance and British power; to the rise of the Western world, including the complete history of the United States and all other nations down to the close of the Russia-Japan War.

RIDPATH'S enviable position as an historian is due to his wonderfully beautiful style, a style no other historian has ever equaled. He pictures the great historical events as though they were happening before your eyes; he carries you with him to see the battles of old; to meet kings and queens and warriors; to sit in the Roman Senate; to march against Saladin and his dark-skinned followers; to sail the southern seas with Drake; to circumnavigate the globe with Magellan; to watch that thin line of Greek spearmen work havoc with the Persian hordes on the field of Marathon; to know Napoleon as you know Roosevelt. He combines absorbing interest with supreme reliability, and makes the heroes of history real living men and women and about them he weaves the rise and fall of empires in such a fascinating style that history becomes as absorbingly interesting as the greatest of fiction.

RIDPATH'S is considered the Greatest History ever written. It is so beautifully written your children will learn to love it. It will add to your store of knowledge which is power, and to the richness of your life.

SEND COUPON TO-DAY AND WE WILL MAIL SAMPLE PAGES FREE

WESTERN NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION CHICAGO

10
'09

FREE COUPON

WESTERN NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION
204 Dearborn St.,
CHICAGO, ILL.

Please mail, without cost to me, sample pages of Ridpath's History containing photogravures of Napoleon, Queen Elizabeth, Socrates, Caesar and Shakespeare, map of China and Japan, diagram of Panama Canal, etc., and write me full particulars of your special offer to Railroad Telegrapher readers.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

\$1 BRINGS COMPLETE SET
Balance Small Sums Monthly

LIFEBUOY SOAP



ONLY 5 CENTS

Protects the Hands

LIFEBUOY SOAP heals the cuts and scratches which, when infected, are often poisoned. It cleans and disinfects at the same time.

5c. At Your Grocers

LEVER BROTHERS COMPANY, Cambridge, Mass.

PRESIDENT SUSPENDERS

Insure absolute comfort and freedom of motion. The sliding cord in the back permits instant adjustment to every movement of your body and takes all strain off the shoulders and trouser buttons.



President Suspenders lie flat on the back and feel so easy you do not realize you have suspenders on. There is never any tugging or pulling when you move, as in the case of the old-style rigid back suspenders.

Light weight for office and dress wear, medium and heavy weights for workers. Extra lengths for tall men. Maker's guarantee on every pair—Satisfaction. New Pair or Money Back. If your dealer can't supply you, we will, postpaid, upon receipt of price, 50 cents. Convenience suggests a pair for each suit. Get them today.

The C. A. EDGARTON MFG. CO.
748 Main Street SHIRLEY, MASS.

EVERY OPERATOR



Needs a card and pass case and cards. These cards and cases should claim your particular attention because of their high quality and appropriateness. They are designed by a railroad man who understands the needs of railroad men. The cards are the finest wedding briest and correct in style. The cases the highest grade leather and the right size for O. R. T. card and pass card.

No. 1. Genuine Cordovan Leather Case, black, with transparent pocket, buttoned pocket and gusset pocket; and 100 finest cards, ladies' or gentlemen's, in script, old English or engravers' letter, with one or two following devices in color on cards: Wreath and sounder, telegraph sounder, O. R. T. monogram, railway clerks emblems, for 95c.

Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, 55c.
No. 2. Genuine Cordovan Leather Case, black, with two transparent pockets, four card pockets, and secret bill pocket, and 100 cards, same as described above, for \$1.40. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, \$1.10.

No. 3. Genuine English Calf Leather Case, russet, with transparent pocket, flap pocket and three gusset pockets; and 100 cards, same as described above, for \$1.50. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, \$1.20.

Wedding Announcements or Invitations, the finest quality, 100 for \$3.50; 50 for \$2.50, express prepaid.

Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers.—Why not keep the O. R. T. printing in the Order? Let me print your letterheads, envelopes, etc. I will furnish letterheads and envelopes of the finest bond paper, and send them to you express prepaid, at the following prices: 500 letterheads for \$2.25, 1,000 for \$3.25, 500 envelopes for \$1.75, 1,000 for \$2.50. Postal cards, statements or anything you need in the printing line will be furnished at reasonable prices. Printers' Union Label on all work. Patronize the fraternity and ask for the label.

E. J. Wilkins, Friendship, N. Y. Cert. 45, Div. 42, O.R.T.,



Perfect physical development depends on nerves as well as muscles. The athlete may be paralyzed!

If your nerves are out of order it will soon tell on your strength. Disordered nerves sap vitality in man or woman.

ZELL Nerve Tablets

are the only perfect nerve tonic put on the market with a guarantee. Your money back if they do not produce the desired result.

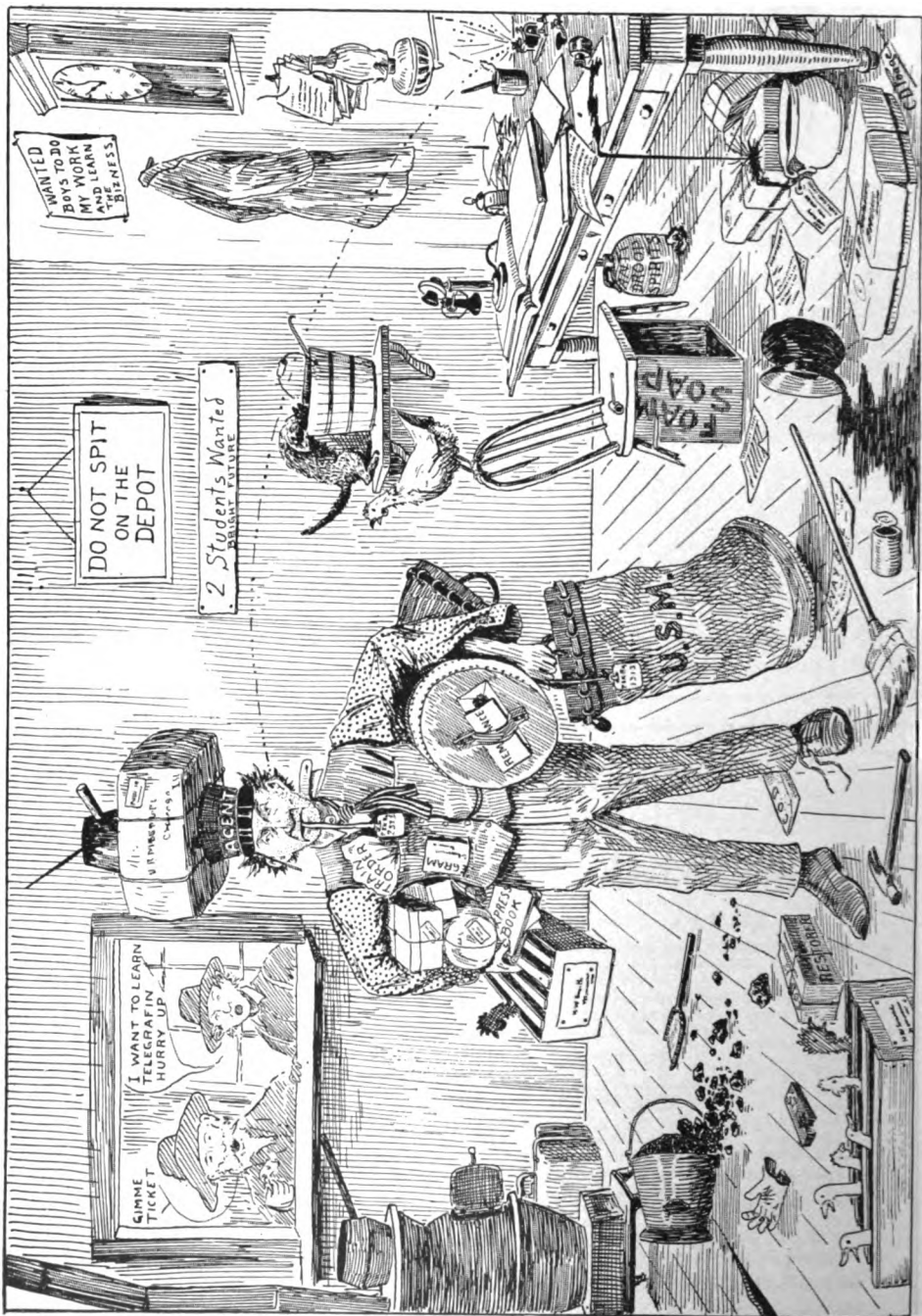
If you are all run down, if you are losing strength and natural vigor, take Zell Nerve Tablets and regain your perfect physical strength.

50 CENTS A BOX

to any address, in plain package.

THE ZELL DRUG CO., Gallon, O.

O. K. Is the decision of Telegraphers who have used Zell Nerve Tablets. The Remedy that stands every test—and is especially compounded to meet the requirements of Nervous and care worn Telegraphers.



WHAT IS IT?

THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE ORDER OF
RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.

L. W. QUICK - EDITOR AND MANAGER.



70

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE . . . \$1.00 PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT THE POST-OFFICE AT ST. LOUIS,
MO., AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER.

ENTERED AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER AT THE
POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA

Vol. XXVI.

OCTOBER, 1909.

No. 10.

EDITORIAL



INVESTIGATION OF TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

IT will be remembered that some months ago, by direction of Congress, the Bureau of Labor made a general investigation of the Commercial Telegraph Companies, and submitted a voluminous report of their findings, extracts from which have appeared in these columns from time to time. The Hon. Wm. J. Cary, an old telegrapher and member of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, who is Congressman from Wisconsin, in a speech delivered in Congress, just prior to its adjournment, took occasion to refer to that report and also to conditions existing in the Commercial Telegraph Service, as observed by him while working as a telegrapher, and his speech makes very interesting reading.

That part of Congressman Cary's speech regarding Commercial Telegraph Companies was as follows:

During the closing hours of the last session the Senate passed a resolution, intro-

duced by La Follette, of Wisconsin, to investigate the telegraph and telephone companies. The scope of the investigation embraced the methods of handling the public business, the wages paid to the operators, the conditions under which they are working, and a statement of receipts and expenditures for the last five years. The investigation was made by the Bureau of Labor, and its report has recently been printed. It is a voluminous and illuminating document. No one can read it without feeling that the work has been done in a careful and judicial manner and with a manifest desire to get at the facts without regard to consequences.

Speaking generally, the report shows that the Western Union Company compels its operators to work for a lower wage scale than they received two years ago, and still less than they received a decade ago. And this, notwithstanding the cost of living has materially increased and the wages of every other branch of skilled labor considerably advanced. It shows fur-

ther that many operators, in order to maintain themselves and their families in even modest comfort, are compelled to work an equivalent of fifteen days additional each month. An average of all the large city offices shows that two years ago 45 per cent of the operators were earning a monthly wage of \$75 or less, while last year more than 75 per cent were earning less than \$75. From trustworthy information I have received, it is quite apparent that the average rate of pay to Western Union employees is not more than \$55 a month. And it must be remembered, Mr. Speaker, that these men are skilled in their vocation, and that an apprenticeship of four or five years must be served before one is regarded as a strictly first-class operator with ability to handle press and cable dispatches with accuracy and speed. Compared with their wages, a hod carrier becomes a very aristocrat of labor.

Nor am I now reflecting upon the hod carrier, for his work also requires skill and intelligence. Of the two, however, his work is the more healthful, for he labors in the open air and his fatigue is physical. He sleeps soundly and well and rises the next morning entirely refreshed. The telegrapher, on the other hand, sits within closed walls from from eight o'clock in the morning until half past five in the evening, with thirty minutes only for luncheon. For him there is no interval of rest, as there is with the government clerk and with other persons engaged in clerical work. Hour after hour he bends over his desk or his typewriter with scarcely a moment's cessation. Both brain and nerve are steadily employed, and when his day's work is ended he finds himself mentally and physically exhausted.

In this condition of mind and body he is compelled, as I have said, to work "extra" the equivalent of fifteen days in the month to earn a fair living. When one remembers the intelligence required to perform his duties, it can truly be said that of all skilled labor his is the most poorly remunerated. In middle life he is confronted with a physical breakdown, the result of the continuous drafts upon his mental and ner-

vous energy, and when that condition is reached his days of usefulness are ended.

The reason given for the low wages paid by the Western Union and Postal companies—although the Postal average is somewhat higher than that of the Western Union—is that the expense of operating the lines will not permit a higher rate. Yet for many years—until the last year, to be exact—the Western Union has paid annual dividends of \$5,000,000 on its capital stock and \$1,500,000 additional on its bonds. If its stock were not "watered" to an extent that recalls the days of Noah's flood, the dividends could easily be paid, leaving a sufficient sum in the treasury to give every employee a substantial wage increase.

If the Western Union should cease giving members of Congress, members of state legislatures, railway officials, newspaper publishers and correspondents, and others in authority the privilege of using its lines free, it would measurably increase its receipts. For what purpose does the Western Union—for the Postal has abolished the privilege—issue these franks? Is it to curry favor with state and federal officials and with other gentlemen possessing political influence? And why should it desire the influence of these gentlemen? Is it not to smother any sentiment that may arise in Congress for a telegraph owned and operated by the Government at reasonable rates and in the interest of the public? There is not a gentleman on this floor who does not know that this is the sole purpose of the Western Union, and that but for this privilege the Government would now be operating the telegraph in conjunction with the postal service, where it properly belongs.

The report states that an effort was made to learn from the telegraph companies the exact extent of business done by them on free passes, and what percentage this bore to the total business; the number of annual passes issued, the number of frank books issued, and the number of persons who received such books.

The Postal Company reported that it had abolished its dead-head business and consequently had no figures to give. The

Western Union which still dispenses these favors, naively reported that it could not give the information desired for past years, as the only record was that supplied by the messages themselves, and that these were destroyed at stated intervals. Asked as to the last six months of 1908, the reply was that this would necessitate going over the files of the messages themselves, and would require an amount of time and labor that would prevent the information being given for a long time!

Does not this answer tax one's credulity? Does any man of ordinary intelligence believe that the Western Union Company's methods are so lax that this information could not be given within thirty minutes? Is it conceivable that this company would issue passes and frank books without a careful record of the persons receiving them? The answer, however, is quite in keeping with all the Western Union's answers when they are the subject of an investigation either by special agents of the Government or by Congress itself. It reminds me of the company's dextrous tumbling and twisting when its representatives appeared two years ago before the House Commerce Committee to oppose my bill requiring telegraph companies to send with dispatches the time they were filed for transmission. I shall refer to this matter later.

Returning now to the subject of wages, I shall describe briefly a rule enforced by both companies that is closely related to it. This rule requires the use of typewriters on all important lines. Instead of supplying the operators with typewriters, the employment of which facilitates the handling of business, the companies require them to furnish their own machines. This is a manifest injustice, though quite in keeping with their usual methods. The cost of a new typewriter is about \$100, but second-hand machines can sometimes be bought for \$50. The rental price is usually \$36 a year. The report shows that the operators regard this as a special hardship, for they contend that the companies equip their offices with machines for less than half the amount paid by themselves.

The report further shows that one machine only would be needed for a wire or

for a receiving position. The same machine would do for day and night operators, for relief and extra operators, whereas, as now, each operator must have his own machine, move it from table to table when he changes wires, and put it away when "tricks" change, while the man taking his place must bring with him his own machine. It is plain that four times as many machines are owned by the operators as are ever in actual use at one time in the operating room; that by buying them by wholesale the companies can get them at a relatively lower rate; and, finally, when the companies require their use they become a part of the office equipment which the company and not the employees ought to furnish.

The companies claim that the operators' preferences for certain machines would make their purchase of them unsatisfactory and that the operators would not take reasonable care of the machines if they were owned by the company. They say also that when typewriters were first introduced those having machines were paid \$5 more a month than operators without machines.

To this the operators reply that a typewriter enables the receiving operator to take messages from the wire more rapidly than by hand. As messages can be sent with greater speed than they can be received and transcribed, any increase in the speed of the receiving operator results in a larger volume of business each hour, and it is contended, therefore, that the company was compensated for the increase in wages by its ability to handle an increased traffic with the same force of operators.

Moreover the operators say, while it is true that the \$5 increase was granted when machines were being introduced, subsequently, when all the operators had machines, they were transferred from position to position, with salary changes, until finally the increases granted were practically withdrawn, and that, on the whole, the wages of those using machines are today less than they were before the typewriters were put in use.

Considerable space is given in the report to the subject of a "black list." Starting with the proposition that nothing is more difficult to establish than the matter of a

"black list," the agent who made the investigation says that many operators sincerely believe they have been blacklisted by the telegraph company for their activity in the strike of two years ago.

What is usually termed a "blacklist," is an agreement among certain employers not to employ a person objectionable to any of the others. Where the parties to such understandings are limited in number and control only a few of the avenues of employment open to a workman, the agreement is of little consequence to him, since he can readily find work with employers not in the agreement. Where the combination is large, or where, even though small, it controls practically all the opportunities of employment at his trade, it becomes to the wage-earner a serious matter. A commercial telegraph operator, for example, has practically two employers only, the Western Union and the Postal companies. If either company dismissed him for good cause and, for perfectly valid reasons, were unwilling to employ him in one office, it might easily follow that they would not wish to employ him in any of their offices, and all managers, accordingly, would be notified.

The action of a single company, therefore, would close to the operator many opportunities for work. If each company chose to include activity in union matters or participation in a strike as reasons for barring a man from its service, it could by merely notifying its own offices create a condition which, so far as that man was concerned, would result in practically the same thing as a black list in another line of industry. In a word, the commercial-telegraph operator, wherever he goes, finds everywhere practically the same two employers. If these enter into an agreement, the situation is practically hopeless to him.

But, Mr. Speaker, all the results of a black list can be obtained by a purely negative process that practically defies detection. There need be no actual exchange between the representatives of the companies of any name or list of names of those whom either is not to employ. A mere understanding that neither will employ an operator who has worked for the other unless

such operator has a recommendation from his last employer would evidently create the precise condition brought about by the positive and cruder form of black list. Further, as the contracts for leased wires with both companies provide that a lessee shall not employ an operator objectionable to the company, the power of the company to prevent discharged men from securing employment as commercial telegraphers extends far beyond their own offices. In the same way, the close relationship between the commercial companies and the railroads using their wires and maintaining joint offices makes the telegraph field one peculiarly open to the operation of an effective and disastrous black list.

I shall now turn, Mr. Speaker, from the relations of the telegraph companies to their operatives to the broader question of their duties to the public. In this connection, I desire to call the attention of the House to a brief but significant paragraph in the report.

In this paragraph the announcement is made that the Western Union Company is the principal owner of leased wires, and one of its officials said that this business was so much more profitable than handling messages that the company had considered a suggestion that it cease entirely to handle messages and turn its attention to the leasing of wires. There you have it. Here is a company that for fifty years has enjoyed every advantage within the gift of state and federal authorities. Forced by an indignant public, upon whom it has fattened for years, to reduce its rates to something like a reasonable figure, it is now considering the suggestion of ignoring the public and devoting its entire energies to the leasing of its lines to the newspapers and to stock brokers for gambling purposes.

A certain New Yorker, formerly well known in the word of finance and transportation once said in answer to the query what the public would say to a railway deal then on the tapis, "The public be damned!" It looks as if the Western Union has reached a point where it purposes to make the same declaration to everybody except the favored few that are able to lease its lines. However, out of this defiant

attitude some good may come. If the Western Union decides to ignore the rights of the public, it will hasten the day of a government telegraph, with its cheaper rates, better service, and better pay for its operators.

I have reserved until the closing part of my remarks reference to one subject, which the report treats briefly, but which to my mind is the most important of all the subjects it contains. This is the suggestion that the filing time shall be made a part of each telegram. In other words, that the hour and the minute the telegram is filed for transmission shall be forwarded with it, so that the person addressed will know how long it has been in transit. Every person that receives a telegram is entitled to this information.

The Government post mark on a letter, both at the point of origination and receipt, furnishes relatively the same information, and there is no reason why the telegraph companies, with their ample facilities for handling business, should not do likewise. A year ago, however, when my bill was introduced in this House requiring telegraph companies to send the filing time, the Western Union hurried to Washington two of their ablest representatives, and at the hearing upon it before the Commerce Committee they opposed the proposition with such vigor that one would have imagined its enactment into law would force both companies into bankruptcy. Yet in Europe, where the telegraph is operated by the government, this is the invariable rule. In a private letter from the editor of a telegrapher's journal in London, the writer says that "the only message coming into this country (Great Britain) without the filing time marked thereon are those from the American cable companies."

The contention set up by the Western Union officials was that to send the filing time with telegrams would so increase the number of words as to wipe out their narrow margin of profit. The ridiculous argument was advanced that "10 a. m." represented four words; "10:30 a. m." six words, and so on. As a matter of fact the average number of letters in the words of any printed page is five, and at the utmost "10:30

a. m.," which could be reduced to "10:30 a." or "10:30 p.," would be exactly one word. To carry the illustration still further, "1 p. m." would represent two letters, for it would be necessary only to say "1 p.," which would be less than half a word. Yet the Western Union officials stoutly insisted that such a law would work them an irreparable injury.

Now, let us see by a reference to the report just why the telegraph companies so persistently opposed the filing time proposition. I quote from page 17:

"Most of the operators interviewed, or from whom schedules were secured, stated that the messages most seriously discriminated against were those classed as ordinary messages. It was claimed that in the beginning of this investigation these messages were held back and gradually accumulated until the leased wires were released after 3 o'clock p. m., or until messages on certain wires had piled up to such an extent that an extra man would be put on. It was argued by them that if the filing time was compelled to be transmitted and placed on every message delivered, this piling up of ordinary business would be automatically eliminated, as the delay in the transmission of a message would be made evident on the face of the message. The use of the telegraph by a patron is for the purpose of a prompt transmission of his message, and it would seem a perfectly reasonable proposition that the companies themselves should furnish the evidence of their promptness with each message without charge. This appears to be the practice everywhere except in the United States, and it is probable that this requirement would itself be sufficient to insure promptness in the transmission of messages."

There you have the milk in the cocoanut. It is not the extra words the company fears, for every telegrapher knows that that argument is puerile. It is the light let in upon their methods or lack of methods that they fear. If the filing time were made a part of each telegram, and the person addressed saw that it had been delayed beyond all reason he would naturally complain, and these complaints would be so numerous that the company would be compelled to em-

ploy additional operators to handle their business promptly. And this is what they do not propose to do, if they can avoid it.

What I have said, Mr. Speaker, is not based on insufficient knowledge, for I am thoroughly familiar with this subject. I began life as telegraph messenger and when I became proficient in the art of telegraphy I was employed for many years as operator and manager by the Western Union and Postal companies. I speak therefore by the card and with a thorough insight into the business in all its phases. There is no body of wage-earners more intelligent or worthy of encouragement than those who handle the telegraph business of the country. They are underpaid and overworked to a shameful degree, and their only salvation, in my judgment, will be the taking over of the lines by the Government, thus insuring better pay and treatment for the operators and a greatly improved service for the public.

THE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

PROBABLY the most hostile association to organized labor in the world, is the Manufacturers' Association. In fact, its only apparent reason for existing is to fight organized labor. J. W. Van Cleave of the Buck Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis, was for several years its president, one of its chief lieutenants being D. M. Parry, of Indianapolis, Ind. It will be remembered that the Buck Stove and Range Company was the concern that secured the injunction against the officers of the American Federation of Labor, which had for its purpose the preventing of a boycott against the products of that company, and for the alleged violation of which injunction, President Gompers, Secretary Morrison, and Member of the Executive Council, John Mitchell, were given jail sentences of one year, six months and three months respectively and which case is still pending on an appeal. Van Cleave resigned as president last April, and John Kirby, Jr., was elected in his stead, and in accepting the position, left no room to doubt his attitude towards organized labor.

In commenting on Kirby's election, President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor in an editorial in *The Federationist*, says:

Mr. John Kirby, Jr., the new president of the manufacturers' association, was most bellicose in his attitude toward organized labor in his inaugural address at the time of his recent election. He said among other absurd things. "The way to handle the animal that we have been fighting, is to take him by the horns and shake the cussedness out of him."

That is not exactly a new policy; Mr. Van Cleave has been trying that and Mr. Post and Mr. Parry before him, and yet the Organized Labor "animal" so far from hanging to existence by a mere thread as Mr. Kirby asserts in another part of his speech is really stronger and lustier than ever. It may not be entirely safe to take the "animal" by the horns. Someone else might be thrown.

Mr. Kirby waxed very abusive and, as usual with such attempts, resorted to misrepresentation instead of stating facts. He seemed especially angry that representatives of the American Federation of Labor had accepted invitations to speak before women's clubs and that the Y. M. C. A. even desired information on the labor movement and that men of standing in the community should associate with leaders of organized labor. Such wild abuse might contain possibilities for grave public mischief were it not neutralized by its own vicious stupidity.

Mr. Kirby as the Bombastes Furioso of the manufacturers' association is likely to do more harm to his own class and colleagues than to the hosts of labor. He is likely to complete the revolt which started with an outburst in his convention against Van Cleave's abuse of organized labor. Some employers have been wont to charge labor unions with harboring the fire-eating type of demagogue whose speech savored of recklessness and exaggeration. But if this were ever in a degree true of labor's representatives it might have been accounted for by the burning sense of wrong which conceivably would render a man bitter and violent in his statements; but we

hear very little nowadays of this type of labor orator. Strangely enough the manufacturers' association adopts the irresponsible, bitter, reckless tone and its hated opponent, the labor union, manages to keep sweet tempered even under remarkable provocation.

Mr. Kirby forgets that under our American institutions the workers are not in a separate class, there is not the old time status of master and servant, but all are in some sense masters of their own destiny and all equally valuable as citizens of our country. None may gainsay the right of the workers to organize for self-improvement and for the uplift of the whole people. Mr. Kirby makes the mistaken assumption that labor has no rights except those accorded by the employers and that the organization of labor is maliciously mischievous.

But the people of our country know better. They know that the labor union is an economic necessity, that it is here to stay and that the mouthings of the Kirbys and Van Cleaves but discredit the cause which they profess to represent.

The labor union was born of the impositions and injustice of employers, who, confident of their strength, treated the workers just as Mr. Kirby would have them treated now. He would have them regarded as slaves and criminals. He would deny them all rights before the law, and then grossly misrepresent their effort to obtain justice.

We fear that Mr. Kirby suffered somewhat from exasperation and trepidation. He finds that the sensible and fair-minded employers of the country are not to be fooled by the bitter, vindictive, and virulent abuse which the Van Cleavites delight in heaping upon the labor unions. There are a good many employers who have met the labor unions at close quarters and who like them. They have dealt with unions for a period of years and find dealing satisfactory. Such men can not be fooled or coerced into joining the manufacturers' association and contributing money in order that the labor unions may be vilified and hounded out of existence.

While the labor unions much prefer to spend their resources in the constructive

work of organization, and regret the expenditures made necessary in court proceedings and unjust injunction cases, yet we can say truthfully that the fierce attacks of the hirelings of manufacturers' association in last two years have but raised up friends for the labor movement on every side. Despite the depression of the past year and a half the unions have held their own and there is no trace of any ill effect from the attacks of the Van Cleavites, and they are now moving forward. Such persecution has always made the persecuted flourish. The result seems to worry Mr. Kirby. It looks as though he were not too cheerful or too hopeful in taking up the bad job where Van Cleave left it off.

If the manufacturers' association had any desire to become a force for good or to range itself with the constructive and progressive organizations of our time it should pray for a president who would evidence a sufficient amount of well-balanced gray matter in his cranium to refrain from such mouthings as those by which Mr. Kirby immensely amused the whole country recently.

We said in our editorial last month:

"It is needless to say that we entertain neither hope nor desire that the National Association of Manufacturers shall elect as its president some supine employer who has neither the courage, intelligence, nor the honesty of his convictions; but he need not be an extremist or a fanatic or centuries behind the times. A man filling so responsible a position should be an employer representative in character, representative in business, and representative of the best conceptions of American manhood and citizenship."

Mr. Kirby is none of those things, we regret to say, but the effect of his time-worn tactics will be to make his own colleagues ridiculous rather than to inflict any great damage on the workers.

Meanwhile the labor movement goes serenely on its way, building up and perfecting its organization, co-operating with every civic, reform and educational force which makes for progress. A comparison of the work achieved by the labor union in its constructive efforts and the destructive tac-

tics of the Kirbys and Van Cleaves should draw a parallel which no sensible employer can afford to ignore.

John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, who is one of the most successful labor leaders in the country, in a contributed article to *The Federationist*, under the caption, "Hostility of Manufacturers' Association" sums up the attitude of that association in the following terse manner:

The radical policy adopted at the recent convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, emphasized by the rabid declarations of its newly elected president, has suggested a theme for considerable thought and much discussion, and it is interesting to observe that, with little exception, profound regret is expressed that an association of manufacturers, depending upon the good will and patronage of the public, should countenance or permit the denunciation of millions of American citizens whose loyalty and fidelity to the institutions of our country are acknowledged and proclaimed by all right-thinking, unselfish men.

It is not my purpose to enter into an extended analysis of the unwarranted charges and aspersions which have been cast upon the organized wage-earners, or a defense of the religious, educational, and philanthropic associations which have recognized the organized labor movement as a natural and rational development of the industrial life of our time. Nor is it necessary to defend the really important employers of labor who, in keeping with the spirit of the generation in which they live, recognize the right of workingmen to combine their strength in organizations and through such organizations to contract as to the conditions under which labor shall be performed.

In connection with this subject, however, it may not be uninteresting to contrast the utterances of the president-elect of the National Association of Manufacturers with those of many great and important men from various walks of life, whose words can not fail to carry conviction to the unprejudiced mind.

When his election as president of the National Association of Manufacturers was announced, Mr. Kirby declared:

"My policy is the policy of David M. Parry and J. W. Van Cleave. The question that is uppermost in our minds today is the labor question. I have been selected as your president not on account of my ability; not on account of my national reputation, but because you know where I stand on the labor question."

As an illustration of the methods to be pursued, Mr. Kirby referred to an incident of the civil war in which Governor Seymour, of New York, attempted unsuccessfully to quell with a pacific speech a riot in Troy. "Then," said Mr. Kirby, "a captain wheeled a twelve-pound gun into line and the rioters dispersed in every direction. That's my way of dealing with a criminal! The only way to handle that animal" (the organized wage-earner) "is to take him by the horns and shake the cussedness out of him. The labor question involves a great principle that should not be compromised if America is to stay America. * * * We find men of prominence who ought to be ashamed of themselves, harboring the leaders of that organization" (the American Federation of Labor) "and sending them out over the country to address women's clubs. That is the greatest danger we have. If it had not been for that class of people, organized labor of the militant type would be as dead as a mackerel today."

Contrast the above with the following utterances:

Said William H. Taft, addressing the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, last December:

"Time was when everybody who employed labor was opposed to the labor unions, when it was regarded as a menace. That time. I am glad to say, has largely passed away. and the man today who objects to the organization of labor should be relegated to the last century. It has done marvels for labor and will doubtless do more. It will, I doubt not, avoid the reduction to a dead level of all workingmen."

Pope Leo XIII., in his Encyclical "On the Condition of the Laboring Classes," advocated the formation of workingmen's unions—

"To better the condition, both of families and individuals; to infuse a spirit of equity in the mutual relations of employers and employed; to keep before the eyes of both classes the precepts of duty and the law of the gospel."

Said Potter Palmer:

"For ten years I made as desperate a fight against organized labor as was ever made by mortal man. It cost me considerable more than a million dollars to learn that there is no labor so skilled, so intelligent, so faithful, as that which is governed by organizations whose officials are well-balanced, level-headed men. I now employ none but organized labor and never have the least trouble, each believing that the one has no right to oppress the other."

Said the late Bishop Potter:

"Organization, co-ordination, co-operation, are the right of every body of men whose aims are worthy and equitable, and must needs be the resource of those who, individually, are unable to persuade their fellow-men to recognize the justice of their claims and principles. If employed within lawful and peaceful limits, it may rightly hope to be a means of educating society in a spirit of fairness and practical brotherhood."

Said Melville E. Ingalls, chairman of the board of directors of the Big Four Railroad:

"For 35 years of my life I have been what you might call a large employer of labor, as a railroad manager. I have seen these modern conditions grow up under my eye. My first experience was in controlling a railroad of 175 miles and three or four hundred employees. I knew every man on the road; I could call him by name and shake hands with him, and we could make all the trade agreements we needed between hours. There was no trouble. If anybody had a grievance he could come in to see the Old Man, and the door was always open. When I left the active management of the road we had some 7,000 miles of

railroad and some 30,000 employes, and the man who worked on the railroad would have stood just as much chance to see any one with his grievance as he would to get into the Kingdom of Heaven. His only chance was to join an organization and deal through committees. We were always in favor of that; in fact, it seems to me that your trade agreement is just as much a protection to capital as to labor."

Said Wendell Phillips:

"I rejoice at every effort workmen make to organize; I hail the labor movement; it is the only hope for democracy. Organize and stand together; let the nation hear a united demand from the laboring voice."

Said the late Senator M. A. Hanna:

"Don't organize for any other purpose than mutual benefit to the employer and the employe. Don't organize in the spirit of antagonism; that should be beneath your consideration. If you are the stronger or the abler, much less excuse you have to show resentment, because the other side is simply asking that they have their share. * * * If we can by any method establish a relation of mutual trust between the laborer and the employer, we shall lay the foundation stone of a structure that will endure for all time. * * * It is all wrong to suppose that the laboring element of this country is not ready and willing to join in this movement. I speak from experience. I have found the labor organizations ready and willing to go more than half way."

Said Cardinal Manning:

"Labor is capital. Labor has the same right to protect itself by trade unions as any other form of capital might claim for itself."

Said William E. Gladstone:

"Trade unions are the bulwarks of modern democracies."

One has but to read the reported utterances of the chosen spokesman of the National Association of Manufacturers, to become quite fully convinced that the only truthful and sane declaration made by him was that in which he says: "I have not been selected as your president because of my ability."

I am sure that I shall not be charged with transgressing the rules of propriety if I suggest that the National Association of Manufacturers should take counsel from and profit by the experiences of the great industrial enterprises of our country, the owners and managers of which work in harmony and co-operation with the organized workmen they employ. On every hand workingmen and employers are seen peacefully at work developing, conducting and expanding the industrial enterprises in which they are both interested and upon the success and prosperity of which their mutual welfare depends. Unless one's mind is distorted by unreasonable prejudice, unless his eyes be blinded by insatiable greed or passion, unless he be incapable of learning the lesson which history teaches, he will understand that a movement which has done so much to improve the conditions of life and labor, to protect the womanhood and childhood of the nation, to elevate the moral and intellectual standards of the people, and to improve the relations between employer and employed, can not be destroyed or impeded permanently by the irrational and intemperate declarations of men who are in their generation, but not of it.

Paradoxical as it may appear, the representatives of this employers' association in one breath decry and denounce what they term "class divisions" and "class hatreds," and in the next breath malign and berate their fellow-citizens who are workingmen, and all other groups in society in sympathy with the legitimate purposes and high ideals of the labor movement. They claim and proclaim the right and necessity of organization among the employers, yet deny to workingmen the right of organization and combination. They prate about law and order, yet advocate violence and anarchy; they suggest the use of the cannon as a means of dispersing the workingmen; they malign and traduce the great majority of employers of labor who refuse to join them in carrying forward their unholy and un-American designs to destroy the organized labor movement; and to cap the climax of their inconsistency, they impugn the motives and question the intelligence of the religious, educational and

philanthropic institutions of the country, simply because these institutions have opened their doors to the representatives of the organized labor movement and have listened respectfully to the claims made in behalf of the working men and women whose brain and brawn have contributed in no small degree to the commercial, intellectual and moral supremacy of the nation.

How much better would it be for themselves, how much more would it contribute to the honor and glory of our common country if these gentlemen of the National Association of Manufacturers would examine with open minds and intelligent discernment the real purpose, policy and philosophy of the American labor movement.

COURT DECISIONS.

THE decision of the Federal Court for the District of Columbia in the Gompers-Morrison-Mitchell case and the comment thereon, has brought to light many important documents, among the most important of which is excerpts from a speech delivered by Judge Seymour D. Thompson in an address delivered to the State Bar Association in Texas in 1896. Judge Thompson was an eminent jurist and at one time was Judge of the Court of Appeals of Missouri, and later, for many years was editor of *The American Law Review*. He dwelt at considerable length upon the duties of the Court toward the people, and concluded by sounding the following warning:

"There is danger, real danger, that the people will see at one sweeping glance that all the powers of their Government, Federal and State, lie at the feet of us lawyers; that is to say, at the feet of a judicial oligarchy: that those powers are being steadily exercised in behalf of the wealthy and powerful classes, and to the prejudice of the scattered and segregated people; that the power thus seized includes the power of amending the Constitution; the power of superintending the action, not merely of Congress, but also of the State Legislatures; the power of degrading the powers of the two houses of Congress, in making those investigations which they may deem accessory to wise

legislation, to the powers which an English court has ascribed to British Colonial legislatures; the power of superintending the judiciary of the States, of annulling their judgments and commanding them what judgments to render; the power of denying to Congress the power to raise revenue by a method employed by all governments; making the fundamental sovereign powers of government, such as the power of taxation, the subject of barter between corrupt legislatures and private adventurers; holding that a venal legislature, temporarily invested with power, may corruptly bargain away those essential attributes of sovereignty and for all time; that corporate franchises bought from corrupt legislatures are sanctified and placed forever beyond recall by the people; that great trusts and combinations may place their yokes upon the necks of the people of the United States, who must groan forever under the weight, without remedy and without hope; that trial by jury and the ordinary criminal justice of the States, which ought to be kept near the people, are to be set aside, and Federal Court injunctions substituted therefor; that those injunctions extend to preventing laboring men quitting their employment, although they are liable to be discharged by their employers at any time, thus creating and perpetuating a state of slavery. There is danger that the people will see these things all at once; see their enrobed judges doing their thinking on the side of the rich and powerful; see them look with solemn cynicism upon the sufferings of the masses, nor heed the earthquake when it begins to rock beneath their feet; see them present a spectacle not unlike that of Nero fiddling while Rome burns. There is danger that the people will see all this at one sudden glance, and that the furies will then break loose and that all hell will ride on their wings."

COMPETENT LABOR.

THAT organized labor has not received the support of the great daily newspapers of the country to the extent that they should have received it, is a fact well known to those familiar

with existing conditions, but it is an encouraging sign to see that the great dailies are one by one becoming more liberal in their views and are more inclined to appreciate the importance of the laborer and to concede that he at least has some rights. The *Houston Post*, in a recent editorial under the caption "Waste of Incompetent Labor," takes the corporations to task for their miserly policy toward laboring men, and shows the inconsistency of such a course. The *Post's* editorial follows:

"It is a well-known fact that many of the larger corporations have stubbornly resisted one of the most palpable truths of political economy, to-wit, that it pays to employ a superior class of labor and to pay it the best wages such labor can command. It is one of the weaknesses of greed that it is short-sighted in correctly appraising the value of being liberal in the payment of wages to employes, hence it makes no difference how high profits pile up, it rarely invites the latter to share in them through a rising scale of wages. On the contrary, it is a habit with most corporations to resist all demands to that effect, no odds how modest, even to the extent of spending double the amount of such proposed increase in prolonging the needless waste that every strike involves.

"In this connection, the announcement was made in Wednesday's issue of the daily press that the strike of the employes of the Pressed Steel Car Company at McKees Rocks had been settled, and that the workmen, numbering over 5,000, would return to work at the rate of 1,000 a day. This strike was in progress fifty-three days and, besides costing the company a tremendous sum of money; resulted in a conflict in which many lives were needlessly sacrificed. In the settlement, the dispatches state that the workmen won a complete victory, the company agreeing to require no Sunday work hereafter, to a half holiday on Saturday, to an increase in wages, and guaranteeing that better conditions are to prevail throughout the big mill.

"On the face of things, none of these demands which have finally been acceded to were unreasonable, and only short-sighted

greed prevented their acceptance in the outset, thus avoiding the enormous waste the strike subsequently entailed both upon the company and its 5,000 employees.

"In his recently published book on the 'Principles of Mining,' H. C. Hoover presents some statistics which strongly bear out the contention that the policy which employs pauper or low-priced labor is essentially wasteful. The figures given, since similar results could no doubt be shown in other activities, are well deserving the study of every employer of labor. It is shown that the American white miner can produce ten times the results of the low-priced rice-fed Hindoo, and yet the labor cost of production is only half that of Indian gold. He can produce nearly four times as much as the Kaffir laborer in spite of the latter's expert white supervision. The Australian white man can produce nine times as much as the Indian native at two-thirds of the cost, and three and a half times as much as the Kaffir, and still achieve cheaper results.

"Here," says the *Wall Street Journal*, 'is another blow to the old high protection fetich of the "competition of pauper labor." Such labor is paid by results and those results make the labor dear. It might be thought that the German workman was as good a man as the British. But the British shipbuilders can pay higher wages on free trade than the Germans can on protection, and, moreover, the workman is worth the higher wages. He is better fed and housed and his condition is reflected in his greater productivity.'

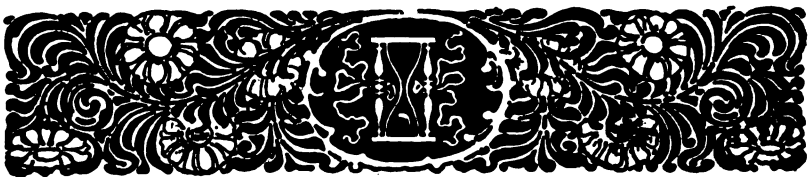
"As the rising standard of intelligence slowly makes its way into the darkest corners of the earth, the power of greed to

monopolize the profits of intelligent, well-directed labor, which should be universally diffused, is gradually being broken, and toward the dawn of the happy era when every man shall enjoy the just returns of his own labor, everyone who loves his fellow man should turn his face hopefully. The world is fast coming into a knowledge of the truth, and we have the assurance of the Nazarene Teacher that the truth shall make us free."

ROLL OF HONOR.

SINCE the last announcement, the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

- S. T. Aiken (3), F. A. Arnold.
- H. L. Baker, Chas. Bolick, I. I. Burfield (2).
- C. A. Case (2), C. D. Carleton, C. E. Carpenter.
- I. P. Diefenderfer, J. F. Denny, C. J. Deidrick (2), H. M. Dykes (2).
- G. W. Hagle, I. N. Holmes (3), C. E. Hosler (2), Geo. Hunt.
- S. E. Jones.
- J. H. King.
- Geo. Lavengood (3).
- W. S. McCormack (2), D. B. McGinn.
- G. B. Newbill, T. F. Noon (2).
- W. H. Polsgrove (3), E. E. Pierron.
- D. M. Rogers (4), D. C. Root, J. C. Resiboro, T. A. Robinson, J. E. Robertson (2), J. H. Rogers, Jr.
- W. M. Skinner (2), Thos. Sasser (2).
- J. H. Smith (2), L. D. Stabler (3).
- M. H. Smith (2), A. P. Sundet.
- C. A. Tompkins, H. C. Treadwell, T. J. Tedder (2).
- L. J. White, D. H. Wilson (7).



EDITORIAL NOTES

Six hundred and nineteen new members were initiated into the Order during the month of September.

All correspondence for **THE TELEGRAPHER** must be in the hands of the Editor not later than the 28th day of the month, in order to insure insertion in the following issue.

The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, which has been in the hands of receivers for the last three or four years, has passed to the control of the Baltimore & Ohio.

President Stillwell is authority for the statement that the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad will soon be completed to San Angelo, Texas, shortening the distance between that point and Kansas City 240 miles.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for \$4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



Articles of incorporation of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company were recently filed with the Secretary of State of Illinois. This road has been in the hands of a receiver since early in 1908, and the filing of the articles of incorporation is a step toward the reorganization of the

company, and the taking of the road out of the hands of the receiver.

The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is again called to the fact that the last session of the Grand Division changed the laws governing that department so as to make assessments payable six months at a time, in advance, instead of monthly as heretofore. **PARTIAL REMITTANCES DO NOT PLACE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.**

S. J. Egelston, an old-time member of the organization and now a member of System Division No. 8, has embarked in the printing business, being one of the proprietors of the Union Printing Company of Rochester, N. Y. P. E. Ahrig, a member of Division No. 138, has gone into the jewelry business at Sunman, Ind. J. E. Rosseau, of Division No. 43, has embarked in the mercantile business.

In accordance with the recommendation of the last session of the Grand Division, a booklet containing laws enacted in the United States and Canada affecting railroad telegraphers has been compiled and published. It contains about one hundred pages of interesting matter and will be sent to any member remitting 25c to L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

France, Germany and England have for many years maintained bureaus created to look after the welfare of child life in the factories, dangerous occupations, accidents and diseases of children of the industrial classes. A bill to establish a National Children's Bureau was introduced in the Congress of the United States during the winter of 1905-06, at the request of the National Child Labor Committee, but it never came to a vote. The need for such a bureau seems apparent.

An exchange says that little gophers and moles are the cause of endless trouble and constant expense to the Southern Pacific Railroad, especially in the Willamette Valley, where the land is rich. They burrow holes under the track, which gradually sinks. During January and February it is stated that the section crews were kept constantly at work on the mushy spots in the track caused by the little pests.

The Editor is "all piled up" with photographs, having something like five hundred on hand at the present time. Members are requested to observe the following rule in regard to sending in photographs for publication in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER: Only photographs of groups of members of the Order, General Committees, deceased members and members who have attained distinction by being elected to an important office, should be sent in. Group photographs must contain at least three members of the Order, and must not contain others than members of the Order.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of July, 1909, shows that there were 66,218 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 2,330 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, imbeciles and feeble-minded, 19; insane and epileptics, 23; loathesome or dangerous contagious diseases, 181; likely to become public charges, 1,850; contract laborers, 64; mentally or physically defective, 25; accompanying aliens, 20; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parent, 17; assisted aliens, 4; criminals, 35; polygamists, 1; anarchists, 1; prostitutes and procurers, 38; without passport, 3; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 49. The report also shows that there were 218 aliens returned after landing.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of June, 1909, shows that there were 85,470 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during the month; that there were 1,646 debarred from entrance, classified as

follows: Idiots, imbeciles and feeble-minded, 22; insane and epileptics, 29; tuberculosis (non-contagious), 1; loathesome or dangerous contagious diseases, 270; likely to become public charges, 919; mentally or physically defective, 61; contract laborers, 96; accompanying aliens, 43; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parent, 41; assisted aliens, 1; criminals, 49; polygamists, 1; prostitutes and procurers, 69; without passport, 8; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 36. The report also shows that there were 252 aliens returned after landing.

The Editor's request for information regarding members of the Order who have been elected or appointed to offices of trust in their respective localities, has developed the fact that many members of the Order have been honored by their fellow-citizens. Hon. A. P. Murphy, a member of the Grand Division, and father of the telegraphers' nine-hour law, is serving a second term as Congressman from the 16th District of Missouri; R. P. Rubin, of Division 49, is a member of the State Legislature of Colorado; L. A. Tanquary, of Division 128, is Superintendent of the Free Employment Bureau of Colorado; W. L. Mead, of Division 74, is postmaster at Bridgeport, Ill.; W. Muzzy, of Division 2, is mayor of Ramsey, Ill.; C. F. Stauffer, of Division 32, is mayor of Winslow, Ark.; L. E. Crandall, of Division 59, is treasurer of the Board of School Trustees of Chrisney, Ind.; W. F. Sawrey, of Division 31, is clerk of the City Board of Bronaugh, Mo.; W. R. Vaughan, of Division 97, is a member of the Warren County, N. C., Board of Education; R. J. O'Brien, of Division 129, is town clerk of Harbor Creek, Pa.; G. H. Clavin, of Division 129, is assistant postmaster at Northeast, Pa.; J. S. Johnson, of Division 76, is justice of the peace in Elroy, Wis.; E. B. Baldwin, of Division 46, is alderman and treasurer of Coffey Springs, Ala.; H. J. Mohler, of Division 31, is a member of the City Council in Kingman, Kan.; G. W. Carter, of Division 40, is justice of the peace in Summers County, W. Va.; C. T. Yates, of Division 124, is town clerk of Groton, N. Y.

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. E. D. Thomas, of Paines Falls, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. P. Linton, of Fitzgerald, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. N. Getz, of Oran, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. J. Brouillard, of Moosup, Vt., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. E. Peavy, of Chunky, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. E. Hill, of Ingelow, Man., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. H. Arter, of Aurora, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. R. Morlan, of Plymouth, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. V. Arndt, of Ramsey, Ida., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. G. White, of Hartstown, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Jno. H. Miller, of Spruce Creek, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. B. Lamm, of Elrod, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Earl Garber, of Diamond Bluff, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Saveria, of Woonsocket, R. I., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Montgomery, of Saint Clair, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. C. Menchio, of Karthans, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Campbell, of Pittsburg, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. N. Williams, of Oakmont, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. L. Berwinkle, of Red Raven, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. B. Kinnard, of Div. 93, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Jno. Kelly, of Roxbury, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. P. Destroismaisons, of St. Philippe de Laprairie, Quebec, a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At New York, N. Y., Bro. Jas. A. Stinson, of Div. 8, to Miss Grace A. Deady.

At Somerset, Ky., Bro. H. C. Young, of Div. 138, to Miss Bertha Taylor.

At St. Paris, Ohio, Bro. Carl Martz, of Div. 138, to Miss Roxie Moore.

At Greencastle, Ind., Bro. R. W. Roller, of Div. 138, to Miss Isa Combs.

At Alburnett, Ia., Bro. Bert F. Laity, of Div. 76, to Miss Mabel F. Stebbins.

At Bloomburg, Pa., Bro. C. L. Hawbecker, of Div. 12, to Miss Lizzie Lutz.

Bro. C. G. Marshall, of Div. 8, to Miss Olive Graham.

At Cedar Bluff, Ga., Bro. Chas. Neely, of Div. 59, to Miss Eva Daniel.

At Brechin, Ont., Bro. W. L. Black, of Div. 7, to Miss Jessie Turnbull.

Bro. R. A. Snyder, of Div. 1, to Miss Vera Selkirk.

At Abingdon, Ill., Bro. J. H. Botkins, of Div. 130, to Miss Sarah Simmons.

At Utica, N. Y., Bro. Ralph H. Laraway, of Div. 8, to Miss Florence Barber.

At Laclede, Ida., Bro. F. W. Morrison, of Div. 70, to Miss Lillie Busy.

At Eskota, Texas, Bro. W. G. Leach, of Div. 88, to Miss Millie Millicean.

At Hillsboro, Ill., Bro. Andy Leitch, of Div. 138, to Miss Mae Olive.

At McElhattan, Pa., Bro. Harry Taylor, of Div. 24, to Miss Sarah Rochlimer.

At Rockville, Md., Bro. L. O. Moss, of Div. 125, to Miss Edna Fink.

At Jordan, Ky., Bro. A. W. Polsgrove, of Div. 2, to Miss Linda Harpole.

At Coldwater, Miss., Bro. T. D. Howell, of Div. 93, to Miss Helen Eason.

At Catawba, Ohio, Bro. Frank M. Haines, of Div. 138, to Miss Anna B. Fleming.

At Erlanger, Ky., Bro. G. W. Arnold, of Div. 62, to Miss Lutie Pearl Gardner.

At Birmingham, Pa., Bro. C. R. Banks, of Div. 3, to Miss Blanche Wright.

At Birmingham, Pa., Bro. R. C. Banks, of Div. 3, to Miss Cora Billet.

Bro. H. F. McDowell, of Div. 118, to Miss Verna Arras.

At Gloucester City, N. J., Bro. F. C. Ackroyd, of Div. 84, to Miss Christianson.

At Perry, N. Y., Bro. Jas. T. Nolan, of the Grand Div., to Mrs. Martha Gayton.

At Providence, Maryland, Bro. W. S. Hartman, of Div. 33, to Miss May Carson Densmore.

At Leadville, Colo., Bro. Louis P. Delsole, of Div. 81, to Miss Marguerite Beechner.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

At Warren, R. I., Bro. S. H. Sturtevant, of Div. 35.

At Denver, Colo., Bro. Percy Price, of Div. 26.

At St. Joseph Hospital, Baltimore, Md., Bro. J. J. Gallagher, of Div. 8.

At Janesville, Wis., wife of Bro. Geo. S. Davey, of Div. 23.

At Erwin, N. Y., mother of Bro. Harry Dunham, of Div. 42.

At Harrisonville, Ind., infant daughter of Bro. G. E. Smith, of Div. 138.

At Toledo, Ohio, Bro. H. Cudaback, of Div. 48.

At Crossett, Ark., wife of Bro. N. C. Cagle, of Div. 126.

At Dodson, La., Bro. W. L. Clark, of Div. 126.

At Houston, Texas, mother of Bro. W. O. Sherwood, of Div. 53.

At Auburn, R. I., infant son of Bro. J. R. Maxwell, of Div. 35.

At Sebois, Maine, Irva A. McLeod, daughter of Bro. J. I. McLeod, of Div. 7.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of Henry A. Davis.

J. A. BERNARD, Covington, Okla.

Present address of G. W. Banister, working on Milwaukee in S. D. last spring. If you see this, write

L. E. DOWNEY,
Almena, Kansas.

Present address of J. H. Atchison, formerly on the Fort Wayne. Joe, if you see this, please write your old "Bunkie."

STATZ, Nathrop, Colo.

Present address of W. C. Corbus, last heard of in Company Hospital at Springfield, Mo.

W. H. BLACKWELL,
Ravenden, Ark.

Present address of Julia McGinnis, last worked for Q. & C. Ry. at Richwood, Ky. Sister, if you see this, write.

H. A. HUCKEY, Sikeston, Mo.

Present address of L. L. James, last heard of on B. & O. S. W. John, if you see this, write me at Colby, Ohio, care Nickel Plate.

DUDDIE MORRISON.

Present address of J. F. Shipton, last heard of was at Bozeman and Belgrade, Mont. Address reply to I. N. HOLMES, 1615 Tenth St., Olympia, Wash.

Present address of R. C. Miller, of Div. 134. "R," if you see this, write me here.

J. S. HOUSTON, Jr.,
East Palatka, Fla.

Present address of J. B. Davis, formerly a member of Div. 130. Have important mail for him.

F. A. ANDERSON,
Preston, Neb.

Present address of R. B. Sutton, last heard of with the O. R. & N. at Pleasant Valley, Ore. "SN," if you see this, write me.

J. G. WYATT,

Care Dispatchers' Office, Helper, Utah.

Present address of W. H. Donovan (known as Red Donovan), last heard of working as relief agent at Dawson, N. D., on N. P. R. R.

EARL P. SMITH,
R. F. D. 1, Billings, Mont.

Present address of Sister O. G. Wilson, last heard of working for Santa Fe Ry. at Frontenac, Kan., in 1902. "OG," if you see this, write your old friend of Independence, Kansas, now East Palatka, Fla.

Present address of J. L. Sparrow, last heard of was leaving Little Rock, Ark, for Denver, Colo. J. G. WYATT,

Care Dispatchers' Office, Helper, Utah.

Present address of J. J. Wesson, last heard of was at Eagle Mills, Ark., with Cotton Belt Ry. Old Sport, if you see this, write me here. J. G. WYATT,

Care Dispatchers' Office, Helper, Utah.

Present address of Jno. Burrough Davis, last heard of working for C. B. & Q. at Rulo, Neb. Any one knowing his whereabouts will confer a great favor by addressing F. A. ANDERSON,

Preston, Neb.

Present address of Walter Quinn. Any one knowing of his whereabouts will confer a great favor on his mother by writing her at 25 Center St., Saginaw, Mich. Last heard of working at Gold Creek, Mont., for U. P. about three months ago.

J. E. CHAMBERS, Vassar, Mich.

Present address of R. W. Lilly, last heard of was working in or about Little Rock, Ark., eight months ago. Any information leading to his present address will be very much appreciated by his mother, Mrs. G. W. Lilly, Point Rock, Frederick Co., Maryland.

G. C. LILLY.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

C. T. Strouse, Cherry Run, West Vt.

Roy C. Stanford, 656 N. Springfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

B. H. Knoz, 211 S. Carroll St., Natchez, Miss.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 12881, Cert. 1, Div. 34, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 4245, Cert. 1427, Div. 23, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 4800, Cert. 97, Div. 79, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 24854, Cert. 2380, Div. 130, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 18028, Cert. 1772, Div. 7, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 20134, Cert. 2278, Div. 59, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 13567, Cert. 1954, Div. 126, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 22071, Cert. 1971, Div. 32, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 1846, Cert. 2515, Div. 53, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 7144, Cert. 582, Div. 29, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 12523, Cert. 2234, Div. 53, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 14915, Cert. 143, Div. 38, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 19252, Cert. 1893, Div. 54, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 9364, Cert. 1944, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 10774, Cert. 158, Div. 5, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 14126, Cert. 1839, Div. 130, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 19936, Cert. 521, Div. 91, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 14056, Cert. 6795, Grand Div., for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 14719, Cert. 207, Div. 57, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 9345, Cert. 1618, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 14888, Cert. 864, Div. 76, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 2389, Cert. 2446, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 3378, Cert. 4, Div. 134, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 18615, Cert. 2620, Div. 53, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 22865, Cert. 1841, Div. 23, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 19393, Cert. 16, Div. 135, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 23430, Cert. 251, Div. 135, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 5239, Cert. 1954, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 26581, Cert. 600, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 2389, Cert. 2446, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 22966, Cert. 208, Div. 33, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 15661, Cert. 1753, Div. 33, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 20566, Cert. 2327, Div. 23, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 11800, Cert. 1122, Div. 70, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 3938, Cert. 1175, Div. 42, for term ending December 31, 1909.

Card 5000, Cert. 2107, Div. 126, for term ending December 31, 1909.

NOTICE.

Stolen—Purse on September 21st, in Chicago, Ill., from room, containing express money order for \$10.00 and O. R. T. cards dating from December, 1908, to December 31, 1909, issued to Certificate No. 3029, Division 2.

O. E. KOEHN,
3940-A St. Louis Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.



G. A. Hinman.

Ass't Local Ch'n.

W. L. Kesinger,

Ass't Local Ch'n.

J. P. Meehan,

Loc. Chairman.

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILWAY.

LADIES AUXILIARY

DIRECTORY.

MRS. E. B. SMITH.....President P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.	MRS. J. J. CAMPBELL....Third Vice-President North Bay, Ontario, Canada.
MRS. G. W. MALONE, Grand Secretary-Treasurer 580 East Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.	MRS. HENRY HURR.....Third Vice-President Engle, Texas.
MRS. E. L. MATHIS.....First Vice-President Greenfield, Tenn.	MRS. CHAS. M. SANFORD....Grand Chaperone Hobart, N. Y.
MRS. W. J. LIDDANE.....Second Vice-President 227 West Central Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	MISS DITA MAY WEST, Assistant to President 319 E. Ga. Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mrs. J. F. Brady, Chairman, No. 1 Pond St., Auburn, R. I.	Miss Frances E. Edwards, West Port, Pa. (Clinton County).
Mrs. W. F. Denton, Sterling, Neb.	Mrs. L. E. Crandall, Chrisney, Ind.
Mrs. Chas. M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.	

All correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER must be addressed to the President, so that it will reach her not later than the 20th day of the month.

GET BUSY.

Notice to All Members of Division 132:

I have been elected Secretary and Treasurer of the A. C. L. Division of the Ladies' Auxiliary. With your assistance I want to make this one of the largest and strongest divisions. The first thing I want to ask you to do is to send me the names of your relatives who are eligible for membership in the Auxiliary. The following is a copy of Section 1, Article VII of our constitution, which shows who are eligible:

"Persons eligible for membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers are mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and lady members of the O. R. T., and also mothers, wives and daughters and sisters of deceased members of the Order."

A member must be in good standing before a card will be issued in the Auxiliary, and when a member of the O. R. T. drops behind in his dues, the card of his relative is cancelled in the Auxiliary.

I want you to talk to the lady members of your family and get them interested in this work. There is a great deal we can do as soon as we get organized. Everything else will have to wait, however, until we get members. Send me the names asked for and we will commence to work on them. Of course, it would be better if you sent their applications, as we would then have a worker.

The cost to become a member and carry a card is small—only 50 cents initiation fee and 10 cents per month dues.

I am especially anxious that you should get the younger members of your family interested and take out a card for the little girls. You can train them up as members and they will be better workers than some of the older members. One brother in Atlanta took a card for a six-weeks-old baby, another for his grandmother, who is ninety years old. You can, therefore, see there is no age limit. You will be surprised to know how much interest and how much good work can be done by a little encour-

agement from you in your home circle. Try it and give us the benefit of your influence.

MRS. J. H. WILLIAMS,
Secretary and Treasurer, Div. No. 3.



SISTER FANNIE M. PAULSEN,
General Chairman of the Ladies' Auxiliary, on
the Chicago and North Western Rail-way.

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY.

FOUR months have passed since the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was organized and started out, one hundred and twenty-five strong, to fight for the cause of unionism, and no one is better satisfied with the work it has accomplished than myself. We have already passed the one hundred and seventy-five mark and are nearing the two hundred goal, and since our cards are out things are moving along nicely. Too much praise can not be given Bro. Quick for the work he has done for us, and all he has done has been of the very best. Did you notice your card? It is just as good as the Grand Division furnishes the O. R. T. boys. Does not that prove that our Grand Officers of the O. R. T. are interested in the families of their membership and want them to have the best there is going. Now, let us show our appreciation by bringing some non into the

O. R. T., and his wife, mother or sister into the L. A.

Several samples of the emblem pins have been submitted by Bro. Quick, and we have decided on one that I think will meet the approval of the entire membership. The order has been placed with the button house, and by the time this appears in print the pins will be ready to mail to all our members. Now, let us be union from the heart out, and when we are spending the money that has been earned by a union wage scale, demand the union label and help some other union to prosper. This is one of the greatest works we can perform. And, just remember, if coffee hurts your stomach, you don't have to drink a substitute; water will do just as well, and you may rest assured that you are not drinking the product of a non-union shop and helping to pay for a four-column advertisement in some newspaper, telling about the evils of unionism. You should always bear these things in mind and use nothing but union made goods. If your dealer does not carry what you want, do not take a substitute. and the next time you are looking for the article you will find he has it in stock, for they are there to sell the goods and it matters little to them what the label is, so demand the union label and you will get it.

Let me urge every member of the Auxiliary to try and get at least one new member, or if you know of some one that you think would become a member, write me and I will be glad to mail them a set of application blanks. And, remember, that we are making a hard fight for the five hundred mark, and if we grow as rapidly in the next month as we have in the past four, we will not be disappointed.

MRS. G. W. MALONE,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

GREAT INTEREST ON C. & N. W.

IT gives me great pleasure to be able to announce that the Ladies' Auxiliary is making good headway on the Northwestern System. The ladies have taken hold with a great deal of vigor, and the C. & N. W. has the honor of securing Charter No. 2, for the second local division

of the auxiliary. Mrs. Paulsen, of Centerville, S. D., has been elected President, and Mrs. Hackbert, of Appleton, Wis., has been elected Secretary and Treasurer of Division No. 2, and we are now fairly started on the road to success.

With the fine charter membership which Division No. 2 has, there is no reason why we should not triple or quadruple our membership during the coming winter. The Ladies' Auxiliary is something which should appeal to every wife, sister, daughter or mother of an O. R. T. man, as it gives them an opportunity to assist their brothers in the struggle for better wages and working conditions, and, of course, anything which tends to increase the salary or lighten the burden of the telegrapher is of vital interest to those at home. All the other railroad organizations have had Ladies' Auxiliaries for years, and though the ladies of the O. R. T. have been somewhat slow in getting started, we can all work together to increase our membership, and make up for the valuable time which we have lost in the past. The very small rate of initiation and dues make it possible for every lady to join the auxiliary without any hardship. The initiation fee is 50 cents, and the dues 10 cents per month. As soon as we are fairly started, there is no doubt that we can make ourselves very helpful to our brothers, who are working for better homes and more of the comforts of life for us.

MRS. W. J. LIDDANE,
Second Vice-President.

GREATER INTEREST.

FOR a number of years I have looked for and read THE TELEGRAPHER each month, but not with the interest that I do now, as every issue brings new and helpful ideas that assist in the work of the Auxiliary.

Already I know that for the short time we have been organized, the ladies have a better understanding of what the O. R. T. means to their homes and families. There is one thing the Auxiliary will do, it will enlighten the members in such a way that

they will be convinced there is more to the O. R. T. than the members paying their dues and occasionally attending the meetings.

After the Auxiliary movement is thoroughly understood, I feel that we will grow faster, as we have plenty of intelligent ladies who ought to be with us.

In the past I have often wondered why the O. R. T. boys were so choice and proud of their up-to-date cards, but since carrying one myself, I understand what it means to have one. Yet what must it mean to a Brother to feel, should he get into any difficulty, that he has a strong organization behind him, to see justice done.

Now, that the warm weather has passed, let us set to work with a will and show the



SISTER MRS. PAUL L. HACKBERT,

General Secretary and Treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers on the Chicago and North Western Ry.

eligible ladies what being united means. How much pleasanter it is to be greeted by the cheery "Hello, Sister," or "How are

you, Sister," instead of the stiff and formal, "How are you Mrs. So and So."

All this requires is an up-to-date card.

MRS. J. F. BRADY,
Chairman Board of Directors.

HOW THE AUXILIARY BENEFITS.

I THINK it would be well for us to tell the readers of THE TELEGRAPHER how the Auxiliary can and does benefit its members. The best way to do this would be for each member to give her views on the subject.

It has benefited me intellectually by the discussions and talks at the time of organization and by added correspondence.

It has broadened my social circle, not only to include members of our own union, but to every working man and woman on the globe that is trying to better his or her condition in life. Before becoming a member of the Auxiliary I felt that all work tending to raise the condition of the working class was out of my range, now I feel that it is a part of my life-work.

Last, but not least, it has increased my interest in the welfare of the O. R. T. I have been reading THE TELEGRAPHER regularly for about twelve years, and was always glad to hear that the boys had succeeded in getting better schedules, etc., but there my interest ceased. While I never discouraged any one in joining the Order, I never encouraged them.

Now, that I have an up-to-date union card of my own, I deem it my duty and take pleasure in doing every thing in my power to induce them to join, and hasten the day when all operators can spend at least two Sundays in the month with their families; work nine hours per day in pleasant quarters and receive a salary that will enable them to own homes, and be able to lay up funds for a happy, and care-free old age.

Let us all live to be an honor to the Order, and show by our daily lives that we are being benefited morally, intellectually, socially and (probably) financially.

MRS. L. E. CRANDALL,
Director.

PUSH.

By MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

AS time goes on, my opinion of the Ladies' Auxiliary is still very "bullish," and I am a firm believer that the Auxiliary is going to go up in membership in such a manner as to soon eclipse any Auxiliary of any of the railroad crafts. What we want is business, attention to the Constitution, attention to the rules and the most strict attention paid to the meetings of both O. R. T. and L. A.

There is one thing certain, without O. R. T. members there will be no Auxiliary. By landing a new member for the O. R. T. you stand a chance of landing a new member for the Auxiliary. Let us all get busy now; let us not stand back on formalities. We don't stand back in church affairs, let us not stand back in our Auxiliary affairs, as the Auxiliary affairs means "bread and butter," without which no soul is able to live. Let us band together and help give ourselves bread to give life, and then look to the life! You cannot separate one from the other—without bread there is no life; without life there is no need for bread. To get the bread (that all-important thing) the operators must organize and their wives must organize and help to bear the burden and push along the movement.

Ladies, awake to your duty. The time is now! If you haven't joined, send in your application to Sister Malone. Get your up-to-date card! Get in line! After you get in line—PUSH!

You will hear something drop some of these days, and that will be the countenances of those who say the "women can't organize." Get busy and show them it can be done and then show them what can be accomplished.

A TIMELY ADDRESS.

HURRAH for woman! Hurrah for Sister Smith's address in the July TELEGRAPHER! It was so timely and to the point, laying aside the pretty compliments paid our sex. I do hope all the brothers read it, but still more, I hope it was read by the wives and daughters, sisters and mothers.

We sorely need education along union lines. Also that the accusation of Sister Smith's that too few of us even know the label is true. We have not gotten our division organized yet, but we don't expect to give up. Things will be easier after a while—at least we are hopeful. Some say all the money comes from the man's pocket and it is enough for him to belong. So does all the money come from the man's pocket which we women have. But could we spend this amount to better advantage than with the Order? Wouldn't it be nice to be a really, truly helpmeet. To know the label and demand it? Ah! Then they would feel the union power ten-fold when the women demand the label. The workingman needs the co-operation of wife, daughter, mother and sister more than any other man.

Let him then enlighten her upon union topics and have her join the Auxiliary, and he may trust her to do her part. Women are very conscientious about performing what they believe to be their duty. It would be an unworthy spirit for one to belong simply to be carried along. The spirit of "Let others do the work while I do the rest," but rather

"Let us be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

MRS E. L. MATHIS,
First Vice-Pres.

SYRACUSE MEETING.

MEETING at Syracuse, September 18, 1909, called to order at 9 p. m. This was a meeting that had been widely advertised for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary. Bro. Morey acted as chairman of the meeting. There were between twenty-five and thirty present. Letters of regret at not being able to attend, and best wishes for the Ladies' Auxiliary were read from Second Vice-President Pierson, General Chairman Woolley, Local Chairman of Signalman Huff and Bro. Hoyt.

The question of the evening was then taken up, and well discussed. Then a recess was held for the signing of application blanks, and refreshments were served.

Meeting again called to order and it was announced that the first Ladies' Auxiliary to Division No. 8 was organized with nine charter members. The first application blank was signed by Mrs. E. D. Warner. The names of the charter members are as follows: Mrs. S. J. Egelston, Mrs. B. J. Hart, Mrs. T. J. Joyce, Mrs. H. B. Morey, Mrs. W. F. Naatz, Mrs. A. Warner, Mrs. E. M. Warner, Mrs. E. D. Warner, Sister Gorman. Mrs. F. B. Huff, as organizer, was present. She and Mrs. Egelston came from Churchville, leaving their homes at 1 p. m. Saturday, owing to an accident to the train on which they came to Syracuse, they were delayed until a late hour, and we had given up all hopes of their being with us when they appeared. After the meeting they had to wait until after 2 a. m. for a train, and would not reach their homes until about 8 a. m. Sunday. Who of us would have done as much? That is the true spirit of unionism. It was a matter of general regret that Bros. Egelston and Huff could not be with us, owing to inability to secure relief.

Election of officers for Ladies' Auxiliary resulted as follows: President, Mrs. S. J. Egelston; vice-president, Mrs. T. J. Joyce; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Warner; chaperon, Mrs. F. B. Huff. As the hour was late, meeting adjourned until third Saturday in November, which is regular meeting night of the O. R. T. That will be Nov. 20, and the ball will be Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 24. Tickets will be sent out soon as received, and it is desired that remittances be made in money order to the chairman of committee, Miss Gorman, East Syracuse, N. Y. Money order is specified, as it is not safe to send money in an ordinary letter. Letters and post cards have been sent me which I never received. Now, let us all work together for another great success, both financially and socially.

NOTES.

A meeting of Local No. 1, Division No. 29, was held September 3d, 1909. Sister M. F. McCormack was elected General Chairman, and Sister J. J. Dodan, General Secretary and Treasurer; Sister G. H.

Foster, First Assistant General Chairman; Sister O. F. Culver, Second Assistant General Chairman, and Sister R. Y. Leonard, Third Assistant General Chairman.

Local No. 2, Division No. 76, had an election by mail-ballot. Sister Fannie M. Paulsen, of Centerville, S. D., was elected General Chairman, and Sister Paul Hackbert, of Appleton, Wis., was elected General Secretary and Treasurer. Any one from Division No. 76 wishing to enroll in the Auxiliary will send their applications to Sister Hackbert.

Local No. 3, Division No. 132—Sister J. H. Williams, of Wilson, N. C., is acting as General Secretary and Treasurer, and she is doing a wonderful work, as applications from that division are plentiful.

A rousing meeting was held at Auburn, R. I., Saturday, August 21st, and a local was organized with twelve charter members, to be known as Local No. 4, Division No. 35. Sister J. F. Brady, of Auburn, R. I., who is also Chairman of the Board of Directors, was elected General Chairman; Sister Emma C. Welch was elected General Secretary and Treasurer; Sister A. L. Conant was elected First Assistant General Chairman; Sister H. P. Haley was elected Second Assistant General Chairman, and Sister Bessie Mehring, elected Chaperrone.

Sister J. E. Blackford, of Towel, Cal., has been appointed Local Chairman and Or-

ganizer of the Sacramento District. She writes she has twenty ladies who will fill application blanks; the blanks have been mailed her, and there will soon be a local on that division.

Sister W. V. Hobbs has just returned home, after spending the summer at Seattle. Bro. Hobbs, of the O. R. T., writes that they are going to organize a local on the Maine Central Railway when they convene their General Committee in October.

Sister A. Houston, of Kleinburg, Ont., writes that shortly after their arrival home from Atlanta, their eldest boy was stricken with scarlet fever, and later the baby contracted the disease, and they were promptly put in quarantine, being liberated only a few days ago.

Our Grand Secretary and Treasurer has just returned home, after a month's stay at Kalamazoo, Mich., being called there on account of the illness of Mr. Malone's father, who died August 8th. Her absence caused some delay in correspondence, as all mail had to be forwarded to that address.

We extend to Brother and Sister E. F. Todd, of Sandwich, Ill., our congratulations on the arrival of a new boy. Sister Todd is one of our charter members. Nor would we forget to extend our congratulations to Brother and Sister W. H. Polsgrove, of Jordan, Ky., the latter being a charter member, on the arrival of a new operator at their house.



GLEANNINGS

Long hours of labor lessen your pay.

* * *

Thorough organization means better conditions.

* * *

A cut in wages is never restored, until demanded.

* * *

In Australia, Great Britain and Germany, labor holds the balance of power.

* * *

The wages of organized labor are steadily advancing and the hours shortening.

* * *

If all wage earners were organized, panics would be less frequent and less severe.

* * *

Wages reduced in times of panic never rise again, among unorganized workers.

* * *

All alien clerical employes of the Panama Canal are to be replaced with Americans.

* * *

Be a ray of sunshine in the life of your fellow-worker. It will do you both good.

* * *

Oklahoma has passed a law prohibiting Pinkerton detectives from working in the State.

* * *

It is a duty you owe your family and your fellow-craftsmen to join the union of your craft.

* * *

The total membership of the unions in Austria in 1892 was 44,606. In 1907 it was 501,094.

* * *

A bill to provide for regulating trade unions has been introduced in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly.

The Federal High Court of Australia, has decided that the union label is not a trade-mark.

* * *

Do you know that today you can purchase every kind of manufactured article that bears the label?

* * *

Organized labor must, in the future, elect its own representatives. Union men are learning the game slowly.

* * *

The Governor of Porto Rico has recommended to the Legislature a law creating a labor bureau on the island.

* * *

The bill-posters of Boston, on strike for an increase in wages and better working conditions, have won a complete victory.

* * *

The laws of New York State forbid newsboys under fourteen years of age from selling papers between 10 p. m. and 6 a. m.

* * *

Employes of all the navy yards and arsenals throughout the country are to be paid weekly hereafter, instead of semi-monthly.

* * *

Some 75,000 employes come under the provisions of the Government Employes' Compensation Act, which Secretary Straus has promulgated rules to put into effect.

* * *

The California State Federation of Labor will present bills to the next Legislature in regard to employment agencies, child labor and the initiative and referendum.

* * *

Seamen's compensation laws, for injuries received in the service of shipowners, are in

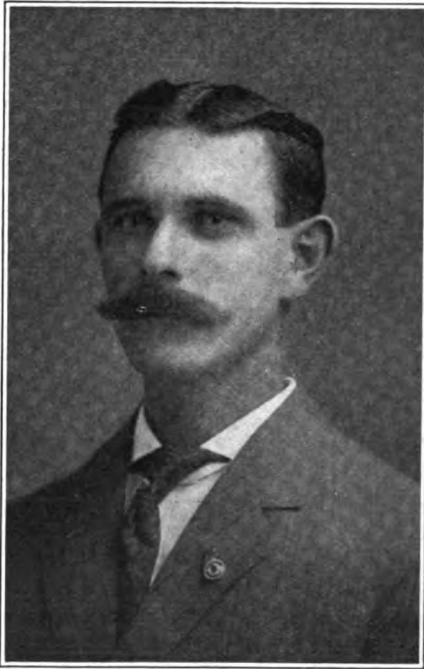
operation in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Russia, Italy and Spain.

* * *

There is no restriction in Spain against the employment of women and children in certain harmful branches of industry.

* * *

Every time you make a demand for the union label you give the labor crusher a knock that he feels. Give him plenty of such knocks and he will soon be down and out.



J. EDWARD ASHER,
Member Division No. 33. Candidate for Legislature in Maryland.

In Italy no children of either sex under twelve years of age can engage in building operations, outside work of any kind, in mines or tunnels, nor in industrial establishments.

* * *

Judge Lanman, in the county court at Victoria, B. C., has decided that a labor union is liable for damages if it calls its men out because a workman is not a member of the union.

You should have the courage of your convictions, and the manhood to express them, regardless of whom it may please, but you need not be a "knocker" or a "croaker."

* * *

The longer you delay joining the union of your craft the longer you will be in bettering your present condition, shortening your hours of labor per day, and increasing your pay.

* * *

About 80 per cent of our exchanges carry the ad of the Douglas Shoe Company, and at the same time tell their readers to buy union label shoes. Consistency!—*Iron City Trades Journal*.

* * *

Now, more than any other time, there is greater need of persistent label agitation. When competition is keen the temptation on the part of the dealer to handle the non-union product is also greater.

* * *

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, with a membership of over 200,000, now has its permanent headquarters in the \$70,000 building owned by that Order in Indianapolis.

* * *

Courts may assume that employers have a property right in the labor or patronage of the wage-earner, but union men will continue to buy goods produced under fair conditions, and refuse to buy goods produced in unfair shops.

* * *

The United Hatters of America Local of Newark, N. J., has induced the police commissioners of that city to hereafter refuse to accept any helmets for the police force which were not made in Essex County union hat factories.

* * *

A new interpretation of the eight-hour law was given by the appellate division of the Supreme Court of New York recently, it having been contended that municipal construction work should be erected from manufactures of firms which recognize that law.

MISCELLANY

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

A NIGHT DISPATCHER'S LOVE AFFAIR, OR THE WRECK AT RICKETS.

“WHERE have you been? I've been calling you the last half-hour; go ahead, Extra 1038, south.”

The immediate answer was only a broken rattle of the key, during which time Harry Norton, night dispatcher on the Highland division of the D. & V. R. R., gave vent to his feelings in a manner that the “Old Man” was wont to call a blue column of white oaths. This was not the first time Norton had paid his respects in this way to the night owl at Rickets.

“Confound his trick knot!” he exclaimed, trying to break in on the rattling wire, only to have the line thrown open entirely.

“Flyer closing in on 1038,” he continued aloud to himself; “if Extra isn't by Rickets, I'll have to put a 'lookout' in at Tilburg for her. With no block system, no protection, but these—”

The circuit closed with a metallic click. Instantly grasping the key, he dropped Rickets and called Tilburg. Twice the operator at Rickets attempted to interrupt him, but his efforts were in vain. Finally he tried again.

“Well!” the dispatcher flashed at him.

“Extra 1038 by at 4:23.” And again the line became silent.

“You're perfectly sure about that?” Norton asked.

“You heard me,” was the brief reply, to which Norton made no answer; he did not think it worth the while.

“Copy a '19' for Flyer,” he said.

“Signal displayed—a long pause—Say, can you catch Flyer at Tilburg? 1038's coming over the hill now; she's crippled; I can tell it by her exhaust.”

“You said that she was by!”

“I didn't see her; I—”

“Yes, I know, you were asleep and made a guess. Get off!” And then he called Tilburg in a frantic effort to catch Flyer there, only to be met with: “Flyer by at 4:31,” from the operator at Tilburg.

He took his hand from the key and passed it through his wavy hair, then threw himself forward on the desk. He felt a choking sensation in his throat and his eyes seemed to start from their sockets. Then anger took possession of him.

“Do you know,” he clicked, addressing Rickets, “that a wreck is inevitable, and that you will be the cause of it all?”

“In that case you had better order the wreck train, hadn't you?” was the only reply he received.

“You are the most pig-headed man I've ever run across,” the dispatcher hurled at him, then he let the key open and rushed over into the chief's room. There was no night chief. The message operator was sitting beside the instrument table, half asleep.

“Jimmie, go over and take the key,” he said, “there's going to be a big wreck at Rickets.” Then he picked up the 'phone and got the round-house. “Have the wreck train ready immediately to go to Rickets!” he called.

The operator had tarried at the door. “Shall I call the Old Man?” he asked.

“No, I'm going out myself. I want to get a smack at that pig-headed Dutchman of an operator and then quit.” Then he caught up his hat and hurried down to the round-house. When he came back to the dispatcher's office for orders, the operator had already copied the wreck reports.

"Not one hurt, Harry," he said. "One caboose smashed and an engine and six cars ditched."

"Alright, Jimmie, we're off. You can handle it: Relief will be along in half an hour. Is that Rickets you have there?" Then he reached over to the key. "I'm coming out there on the wreck train to see if I can't pound a little sense into that old block of yours. Look out for me!" he said.

With a clear track it was but a fifty minute run to Rickets, but it seemed an hour and fifty minutes to Norton, and the longer he sat in the cab and thought of the accident, the more angry he became. He was still a young man—barely twenty-eight—and he prided himself as being the best boxer in the dispatcher's office. So when the train drew up at the little depot at Rickets, he was off it with a single bound, determined to carry his threat into execution before his anger would abate. Through the window he saw someone sitting at the instrument table. He rushed into the waiting room and pushed open the office door. Then he stopped short and tried to back out again, but he was too late; already the operator had risen to greet him.

"Mr. Norton, I believe," said a silvery voice.

"I—I beg your pardon, Miss, but I—I didn't—er—know. You musn't mind what I—I said to you on the wire," he stammered, his anger giving way to embarrassment.

Norton was noted for his iron nerves; but there was one thing that could put them to riot, and that one thing was a pretty woman's face.

Harry was handsome. He was twenty-eight, and unmarried. There was a reason—he didn't have the nerve. So he stammered a few more weak apologies to the golden-haired, blue-eyed fairy before him, and then made his exit more crestfallen than had he received a trouncing at the hands of the operator he had meant to humble.

In a few hours the track was cleared and he took the first passenger train home. But all the while he was haunted by a pair

of laughing blue eyes that sparkled from a face that was neither pink nor white and yet was both.

He had not yet recovered his usual steady nerve that afternoon when he went up to the Old Man's office, and the next minute he found himself defending the night operator at Rickets. The result of it all was that they both got "thirty days," a very light sentence for an accident of that magnitude. But Norton was a trusted employe, a valuable man, and he had shouldered much of the blame to save the operator at Rickets, for whom the Old Man cared not a tinker's darn.

After that all the owls on the division were envious of the night man at Rickets. He was seldom on hand when wanted and yet the dispatcher gave never a word of reproof. Then some of the wiser heads, who never slept on duty, often heard bits of conversation flashed to and fro between Rickets and the dispatcher's office in the wee, small hours of the morning.

As time wore on these conversations became more frequent and of such an endearing nature that the owls finally concluded that, either, the night operator at Rickets must be a lady or the dispatcher had gone "daffy."

As for Harry Norton, he found it infinitely more easy to make love when thirty broad miles of country intervened, than if his lady-love stood before him, and besides he had so much more control over his fingers than he could possibly have over his tongue which always had a habit of clinging to the roof of his mouth on such occasions.

Before long there was a daily letter, too, from Rickets, and when the boys in the dispatcher's office began to hold whispered conversations Harry only chuckled to himself. They had said so often that he was too bashful to enter into a love affair, and now he had them all guessing. He even made no secret of the fact that Harder, the tailor, was burning midnight oil in an effort to complete a forty-dollar outfit before his next relief night, when it was understood he was going out to Rickets to pop the immortal question.

Norton slept but little on the day preceding his relief night. He spent most of the time, sitting on the edge of his bed, trying to think out a pretty little speech, even going so far as to take notes on an envelope. These notes he studied as he went speeding along on the eight-thirty train to Rickets that night, attired in his new suit, neat fitting shoes and a flashy tie—everything to the queen's taste.

He had not informed the night operator of his coming. No doubt he would surprise her, and perhaps she would be a little confused. He hoped so; that would give him a chance to break the ice.

He was the only passenger for Rickets, and when he alighted, he hurried directly to the rear of the station to brush the dust and wrinkles from his clothing, then he went into the waiting room. Some one was whistling in the adjoining telegraph office. He hated girls who whistled. He hoped she was not in the habit of whistling.

He cleared his throat before opening the door into the office, then he braced himself and entered. The sight that met his gaze made him gasp for breath. Sitting indolently in his chair was a short, fat, ungainly boy perhaps eighteen years of age. He was smoking a cigarette. He looked up long enough to bid good evening to Norton, who was a stranger to him, then he went on smoking and whistling alternately, while the night dispatcher, standing there, became more angry as each second slipped away, to think that he had been making love to a squint-eyed shapeless kid of a boy. Fool that he had been. He felt like bouncing upon the operator as he sat there in his chair. But, what satisfaction could there be in whipping a cripple? So he walked to the table beside the operator.

"My name's Norton, the night dispatcher. I suppose you are 'XR'?" he said.

"Why, hello, Nort!" the operator exclaimed, rising and extending his hand. "Yes, that's me. Glad to see you. Your night off, eh?"

"Yes, and I came down to settle an old score with you, but—well, I don't fight cripples."

"With me, Norton? Why, what in thunder,—oh, I see, the wreck! Well maybe I was the fault of that, but you see I was asleep and sis was running the job, so you'd better go over to the house and have it out with her. She'd sort o' expecting you anyway; she's all toggged up for fair. Yes, I never see a key here after midnight. Sis runs the job. She's a better operator than I am anyway, but she said she wouldn't be out tonight. I guess because she knew it was your night off." He gave the night dispatcher a knowing look, and Norton, greatly relieved felt like taking the cripple in his arms, but that worthy was going on: "Now don't you get to comparing sis with me, because she's just the finest girl in America, not because she's my sister, but because it's God's truth. You'll say so yourself after you've married her, which by the way, will be before long, eh? I can't leave the office just now, but you go right over to the house—the first one to your left. Sis'll be the happiest girl in this town when she sees you."

And the cripple, running trains on his brother-in-law's old trick, since Norton has been promoted to chief dispatcher, still insists that a wreck has its bright side as well as does anything else.

THE GRAY-HAIRED DISPATCHER.

THE ponderous town clock of the lumbering village of L——, had just tolled the hour of ten, and simultaneously with it my alarm clock, set one hour too early, rang out clear in apparent ecstasy of delight in arousing me at that hour of the night. It was still two hours yet before I went on duty as third trick dispatcher, in which capacity I had been employed by the Q. & R. R. R. for about one year. Knowing that further sleep was now impossible, I arose and looked out upon the dismal street, now made more disagreeable by a drizzling November rain, augmented by a dense fog, the horror of all railroad men both in the office and on the rail. I decided to go down to the office and spend an hour or so chatting with the night chief dispatcher. "Hank," Gormley, who had always been

rather friendly with me. Sunday night, there is always a dearth of business, even on the largest trunk lines. I found Gormley making himself comfortable in the enjoyment of his meerschaum pipe, which was going at a furious rate, and feet cocked upon the table, evidently lost in meditations over future prospects or past opportunities. "Hello, Mont., you're early tonight," was his kindly greeting as I entered his office and shook the rain from my outer garments.

The second trick man was a mystery to all the office force, and had been ever since he had taken service with the company some two years prior to my coming to L———. Owing to his premature gray hair they had named him "Old Man Bailey." Although his face was rather well preserved, yet his hair was snow white, and this fact coupled with his quiet and retiring disposition and his absolute refusal to discuss his past life made him an object of interest not accorded to all men. However, I have never yet seen a railroad general office in which there was not some eccentric character which aroused special interest by their peculiarities, and in this office "Old Man Bailey" filled the bill. Gormley suggested that we invite Bailey in for a smoke and gradually make an effort to have him tell us the story of his life, which we were burning up with curiosity to learn. It being Sunday night, Bailey had nothing of any consequence on the road, so we had no difficulty in persuading him to accept the invitation to join us.

"Bailey, Montgomery and I are curious to know something of your history as a railroad man," queried Gormley.

"Well, gentlemen," said Bailey, "I have always been adverse to discussing my past life, the recalling of which has a tendency to make me morose and fault-finding with the world in general, although I realize that the world has nothing whatever to do with my past difficulties. I presume you two gentlemen, like myself, were brought up in the east and for some unknown cause have drifted to the great west." To this query, both nodded our assent. "My older brother and I," said Bailey, "were

dispatchers in the same office, and worked the first tricks on two districts of a road that was located in a mountainous region. We also had a still older brother, an engineer, on this line who was pulling freight at the time of which I shall relate. About fifty miles west of the division headquarters there was a grade sloping to the west which required pushers to help trains moving east for a distance of five miles. I had three sections of No. 8 that morning, and No. 10, local freight, sandwiched in between second and third No. 8. A day telegraph office was located at G——, the summit where the pushers turned back to the foot of the hill again at V——. One pusher helped second No. 8 to G——, and had received an extra order back to V——, and went in on the passing siding at G—— and drifted down to the west end of the siding to wait on No. 10, which soon showed up. Signals had been put up on second No. 8 after this pusher had gone behind the train at V——, consequently he knew nothing of a third No. 8, and as soon as No. 10 cleared the west end of the siding he 'high balled' west against third No. 8. The operator at G—— told me that he had gone, and I burned the wire up trying to catch third No. 8 at an intermediate station, not much used as a train order office, only to get a report that third No. 8 was by. The pusher backing up struck third No. 8 in a deep cut; the entire crews of both engines jumped off, and the engineer of the light engine reversed his engine before jumping. The impact was not very great, as the loaded train was on a heavy grade. When they struck, however, it derailed the tank and the pusher engine began to leap and bound in the eastward direction, dragging the now derailed tank with it until the east end of the cut was reached, when it broke the drawbar between tank and engine, and the engine started at a fifty miles per hour gait for the east. Second No. 8 had met first and second No. 3, west-bound empty trains, at a point east of G——, the summit, and our brother was engineer on first No. 3. The operator at G—— reported engine 9 coming back—this was the pusher—and he said he was flying, but

when he was approaching the west end of the siding at G——, the operator was notified by the conductor of No. 10, which had backed in on the siding, that engine 9 was running away, and you can imagine my feelings when the operator said, 'My God, engine 9 is running away.' I said stop her, but he replied 'she has gone by.' There we were walking the office, brother and I, both firmly convinced that nothing could save our brother from instant death, as the line east of that point was full of curves, and, also, a down grade, which would naturally increase the momentum of the now flying engine. The crew on the local at G—— took their engine and followed the run-away carefully eastward, and we waited for the fatal tidings which we felt were sure to come. The wreck force, with the superintendent and all minor officials aboard, were already called and about ready to start for the scene of the accident. I kept calling the operator at G—— every few minutes asking for any news, while we sweat blood as only a nerve-racked dispatcher does on such occasions, and after an hour or more he called us, saying that first No. 3 had arrived at G——. All there was to first No. 3 was my brother and his fireman, both hatless and begrimed with the exciting experience they had just passed through. Our hearts went up in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the delivery of those men. They were coming west, after having passed second No. 8, and on the only short straight line in that piece of track, when they saw engine 9 coming at a high rate of speed. My brother said, in relating it afterwards, that he whistled brakes, but upon getting no reply he and his fireman both jumped in time to save themselves. Their engine was simply reduced to scrap, and was hauled to the shops on trucks. The runaway suffered less than might have been expected, and aside from the front end, which was knocked in, was in fair shape.

"This shocked my nerves, and for a time I was unfit for duty, but later resumed my old place at the key, although my hair had already begun to turn white from this experience. Two years later my brother was engineer on an east-bound

freight at G——, and dropped to sleep and ran by this meet and met the west-bound train not half a mile from the scene of the former accident, killing himself and both engineer and fireman of the opposing train, causing one of the worst accidents that ever occurred on the road. Is it any wonder I changed my name and shook the dust of that line from my feet? My real name is Bennett, not Bailey—however, Bailey is my middle name, and on hiring here I gave it as the former, having had so many unpleasant associations connected with it, yet there is nothing that I ever need be ashamed of."

This narrative had interested me at the beginning, but it now explained one thing which I had never been able to explain, and that was the familiarity of the sending of Bailey. All who are familiar with the telegraph service will understand that once you have become familiar with the sending of an operator you will remember its characteristic for years afterward. I was the operator at G——, and had in mind the triumphant arrival of Bailey's brother when he reported to me the arrival of first No. 3 at G——, with a big bunch of dirty waste in his hand. The picture of that runaway engine with the absence of a tank and fire door open will always remain in my memory as the most thrilling experience in the now nearly a quarter of a century in the railroad service. When I had made the facts known to Bailey, he clasped my hand in silence while tears coursed down his cheek; and we understood why the history of his past was so painful. It was now time for me to take charge of the train sheet, so Bailey bade the chief and I good night—By H. MONTGOMERY.

THE CONVALESCENCE OF JOHN GALE.

THE old phaeton had experienced much rough usage. It had outlasted a half dozen horses of various degrees of speed and energy. But it wasn't to blame for its present awkward predicament. One of the wheels had dropped into a rut so deep that the hub was quite buried. There had been heavy rains and the ground was still soft and

yielding. The soil seemed to close in on the prisoned wheel and hold it fast.

The driver of the phaeton, a little woman of perhaps, 30, stepped down and surveyed the situation with a lengthening face. The pony looked at her and whinnied. He wanted to get home to his oats. The little woman looked up and down the road. There was no one in sight. The village was two miles away.

She puckered her brows and softly whistled. She had a way of whistling when things bothered her. She was a good deal bothered just at present. There was a sick child in the village who needed her attentions.

She stooped and looked again at the imprisoned wheel.

"In trouble, ma'am?" said a voice at the roadside.

She turned quickly. A man was looking at her from a little distance. As he turned he took off his soft hat. He was a man of a year or two past 30, perhaps, a clean faced man of scarcely middle height, but who held his head up and his shoulders well squared.

"I am in a little trouble," she answered. "Can you suggest any way to help me?"

He came forward briskly and gave a quick glance at the wheel.

"Rather frail," he said.

"Perhaps you could take a rail from the fence and pry it out," she suggested.

He looked at her quickly and smiled.

Then he stooped a little and putting his right hand under the hub slowly drew the wheel from the rut and gently pushed the phaeton a little to one side and let the wheel down on solid ground.

The woman gave a quick gasp. Then she frowned.

"You shouldn't do that?" she said.

He looked at her and then at the wheel.

"Why not?" he asked.

"You might strain yourself," she answered. "There is always a risk in unaccustomed exercises." She saw that he was smiling. "Are you in the habit of lifting weights?"

"Yes, ma'am," he said. Then he suddenly turned away from her. A sharp cough

seized him and held him in a brief paroxysm. The woman frowned again.

"That was foolish exhibition of strength," she said.

He turned to her when the paroxysm had passed.

"The cough has nothing to do with the lifting," he smilingly explained. "I have it pretty often now."

She looked at him searchingly.

"Are you going to the village?" she asked.

"I guess so," he answered. "I haven't any very clear idea where I am going."

She stepped into the phaeton and picked up the lines.

"Get in," she said. "I will take you there."

He seemed about to decline and then suddenly accepted.

"Can you wait a moment?" he asked, and hurrying to the roadside picked up some fallen branches and broke them into pieces and crowding them into the rut pressed them down and pushed the earth over them.

"That was well considered," said the woman. "Get in, please." He took the seat beside her and she started the pony. "How long have you had that cough?"

"Six months, I guess."

"Cold?"

"Hurt."

"Your chest?"

"Yes, ma'am. I had a fall from a swing. Trapeze, you know. I'm one of the Colonna Brothers. My right name's John Gale."

"Have you had any treatment?"

"Saw a doctor last week. He told me I must quit the show. I know that. Said it might help me if I went to Arizona. I've been in Arizona and I don't like it."

"And what are you doing now?"

"Just wandering round. Falling into bad ways, I guess. I suppose you notice I've been drinkink? Took more than was good for me in the town back there. Been asleep in a field. First whisky I've touched in a dozen years. Never drank a drop while I was with the show. I was a fool to touch it. Had a letter from my old partner and it made me feel blue." He

suddenly straightened up. "I don't know why I'm telling you all this," he said. "Guess I'm getting maudlin."

The woman stopped the pony.

"Take a long breath," she commanded, "and exhale slowly."

She bent her head quickly and listened with her ear close to his broad chest.

Then she nodded and started the pony.

"Are—are you a doctor?" the man stammered.

"Yes. Why not?"

"I beg your pardon, ma'am. You see you're the first one I ever met."

The woman faintly smiled.

"I am not as dangerous as the title might imply. My father was a doctor. So was my grandfather." She looked at him with her eyes half closed. "You need treatment," she said. "Your case interests me. I have made a close study of pulmonary troubles. Do you want to let me try my treatment on you?"

"You? But what's the use? That other doctor said there was no hope for me."

"I think I can help you. Will you let me try?" Noting her appeal, the man suddenly felt a flutter of hope in his breast.

"Why, yes," he answered, "I'll be glad to be your patient."

The woman nodded.

"Then you will have to do exactly what I tell you. Do you want employment? It will be better for you to have something to do."

"Very well, ma'am."

"I don't know anything concerning your circumstances, but I am in need of a man to drive me about and to look after the horse."

"That suits me, ma'am."

"You will have a room over my office and my housekeeper will look after your meals. Do you know anything about horses?"

"I was brought up with them, ma'am."

"Good. We will arrange about the financial matters later on. Here is the village. I have a call to make before I return to the office."

She drove down one of the poorer streets and stopped before a shabby cot-

tage. A woman was waiting at the door. She waved her hand to the doctor. The latter gave the lines to John Gale and hurriedly entered the cottage. In a moment or two she came out again and took a black box from the phaeton.

"The child is very ill," she hurriedly said. "An operation is the only hope. I must not be interrupted. The child's father may be here at any moment. Keep him out and keep him quiet."

"Yes, ma'am," said John Gale.

He stepped from the phaeton and stood by the gate. Then he saw a big hulking figure come round the corner. It was the figure of a man and the man was the worse for liquor.

"You can't come in here," said John Gale in a low tone as the man faced him.

"Can't come in?" growled the man. "Why, who in the blazes are you?"

He pushed forward, but John Gale caught him by the throat with one hand and by the wrist with the other and so pushed and forced him away from the house and up the street. When they were at a safe distance he released his hold.

"The doctor is in there trying to save your child's life," he explained. "She must not be disturbed."

The big man was still gasping for breath.

"B-but you can't keep me out of my own house," he snarled.

"Oh yes, I can," said John Gale pleasantly. Then his eyes suddenly gleamed. "And another thing," he said; "don't you dare to come back here again until you are sober."

"I'll see you again," the fellow threatened.

"You'll probably have the chance to see me tomorrow morning," said John Gale. "And if I find you've been making trouble I'll hunt you down and break you in pieces. Now go away and sober up."

The fellow slunk around the corner and John Gale went back to the gate.

After what seemed a long time the doctor came out. Her face was pale, but her voice was steady.

"Then the father didn't come back?" she said as she stepped into the phaeton.

"He didn't stay," John Gale answered.

"Did you have trouble with him?" she quickly asked.

"No," replied John. "He understood he couldn't come in and went away to sober up."

She looked at him curiously.

"He is a degraded brute when he is drunk," she said. "I'm afraid he will come back and annoy them."

John shook his head.

"No," he said. "I don't think there's any danger of that. We have a little understanding to that effect."

She looked at him again in the same curious fashion.

"I think the child will get well," she said.

He felt that this information was an acknowledgment of their new relations.

"Thank you," he said in his simple way.

Three months later John Gale wrote a long letter to his old partner of the trapeze team.

"Jim, old man," he wrote, "I'm getting better. That's right. I wouldn't admit it at first. I know it now. I cough less and the night sweats are a long ways apart. I told you about the little platform outside my window where I sleep on a cot in the open air. Well, I'm still sleeping there, and I'm taking that gas treatment she gives me—though not so often, and I'm eating what she tells me to eat. She's a great woman all right, and she's saved your old pal's life. And there was a time when I thought a woman doctor was a joke. You ask me if I don't want to get back where I can sniff the sawdust again. Yes, I do, sometimes. But, of course, I ain't fit to go back yet, and it's pleasant here—and I'm making myself useful. I'm making friends, too, and I believe most of them think I'm a pretty good fellow. The doctor knows everybody in town, and the doctor's coachman comes pretty near being a public character. I'm something a little better than just a coachman now. I'm getting so I can help the doctor in many ways. The other day a boy was run over by a car and I happened to be near by. Well, I got him out from under the truck and ran with him in my arms back to our office. And we laid him on the book table, and I held him

while the doctor did the rest. It was a bad fracture of the skull and it took a long time to fix things. But her hand never trembled—and it's a little hand, at that; but when it was all over what do you think she did? She suddenly put her face against the wall and cried. Just a moment, you know. When she turned round she was as hard as nails again. But she's a woman all right.

"You're wrong about this being a dull place, Jim. We've got a pretty lively lot of people here and can get up a good deal of excitement at times. To illustrate, I was coming home after carrying a package of medicine to one of the doctor's poor patients—she's got a lot of 'em that she never gets a cent out of—when I ran into a little crowd that was watching a house. It seems that some crazy brute of a fellow had cut another fellow with a knife and had then retreated to this particular house and was cavorting around in it threatening to shoot anybody who came near. He was armed with a pair of revolvers and had managed to shoot a small boy in the leg and just missed hitting the priest of the parish—a most excellent old man—who had tried to reason with him. Well, I saw that he was likely to do some serious mischief if he wasn't stopped and so—as soon as I got a good chance—I rushed him. He was so surprised by my suddenness that I nearly nabbed him without getting a scratch. But somehow he managed to get one gun up and raked me across the shoulder—not much more than a big scratch. Then I was on him like a flash and had him down and helpless, and tied his hands behind him—there wasn't any real fight in the fellow—and dragged him outside and turned him over to the police. Then I ran all the way to the doctor's office. 'Patient,' I said to her. 'Where?' she asked. 'Here,' I said as I tried to pull off my coat. Then she helped me, and stitched up the gash and plastered it over. When she had it all in shape she looked at me inquiringly. 'Fighting,' I answered. She didn't say any more then, but the next day when she looked at the hurt she said in her quiet way, 'I heard about the fighting.' And that was all.

"Write to me soon, old man. I want to hear all about the missus and the wonderful kid, and how the new turn is catching on."

John Gale had been in Minturn nearly a year. He had almost recovered his health, the cough bothered him at rare intervals only. He was still an inmate of the doctor's household and still under treatment, and he was happy and contented.

One day the doctor looked at him sharply.

"If you keep on improving," she said, "I will have to discharge you."

"Discharge me?" he echoed.

"As cured."

He nodded.

"I understand."

"And now," she said, "to talk of your future. Of course you can't continue as a handy man, although you are remarkably handy. What have you thought about doing?"

"There's the old business," said John.

"Yes. But do you really want to go back to it?"

"I would rather stay here," he answered.

She smiled, and the doctor had a very pleasant face when she smiled.

"That's a high compliment to Minturn."

"To you," he corrected.

The doctor flushed.

"Now I have a little surprise for you," she said. "Next Monday evening the selectmen will elect you town marshal. They think you are the very man for the place. Those people across the inlet both admire and fear you. Nobody can control them as you can. It will give you a chance to be still more useful."

He looked at her steadily.

"Do you wish me to take it?"

"Yes."

"Then I will. You know best."

And he abruptly turned away.

But a day later he faced the doctor in her office.

"I can't take that place," he said.

"Why not?"

"It's hard to tell you. But I must go away."

"Why?"

"Don't think me ungrateful. I owe everything to you. This is the dearest place on earth. But I must go."

"Haven't I earned your confidence?" she gently asked.

"Yes, yes. I know I appear like a brute. Wait." He drew himself up. Then he slowly said, "It is presumptuous, I know, but I love you."

There was a little silence. The woman's eyes met him.

"Is there another reason?" she softly asked.

"Yes. I could have kept my secret to myself, but something has happened that makes it impossible for me to stay. You will understand when I tell you I met Henry Martin this morning and he put out his hand. 'You are a doubly lucky man, John Gale,' he said. 'They are going to make you town marshal, and now everybody expects you to marry the doctor.'"

It hurt him to say this, and he turned and stared through the window.

Again there was a little silence. Presently he looked around at her. She met his gaze with a charming smile.

"Brave men don't run away," she said.

He stared at her. His face suddenly flushed.

He came a little nearer.

"B-but you heard what Henry Martin said," he stammered. "The town expects me to marry you."

Her face was quite radiant. She put out her hands.

"Then why disappoint it, John?" she said.

—W. R. ROSE, in *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

THE BANKER'S DAUGHTER.

SALEM'S bank was the solid financial institution of the Maritime provinces. It was supposed to be next to the Bank of England in its resources, and strong as Gibraltar. Mr. Squartree, the manager, thought more of it than he did of his lovely wife and five charming daughters. In all its long history there had never been a defaulter among its score of clerks. It was safe from the burglar; at least, they had never attempted to crack its safe, and they were operating in other directions in the near neighborhood.

One day Ike Beswick, the old watchman for a quarter of a century, sent word that his rheumatism was so bad he could not be at the bank again for some time. The manager was in a dilemma. He felt there must be a trustworthy person around, or in that bank, or farewell to sleep. Walking down to the docks, he met the harbor master who knew everybody and who soon got him a man who could fill the bill to the king's taste. Charlie Lawson, an A. B. on the "Pollux," which had just come in for the winter, was the very man for the place. He was a Hercules in strength, the best living sailor coming into the port, and was slated to be mate next year on the old ship on which he had sailed for three years. Twenty-five years of age, well educated for a sailor, and afraid of nothing under heaven but the fair sex, he was soon engaged as watchman for the bank, and general lookout for the entire dock.

Charlie took quarters in the nearby Golden Quoit Hotel, so as to be near his work. The bank proper faced on the main street, east, and the rear of the large building was the home of the manager, its front doors opening on a street to the north. Between the bank and the residence proper there was a large hallway used by the family, and in this hallway there was a doorway communicating with the manager's office. This door, front doors on the east side, vault and safe were put under the watchful care of the sailor; besides, a lookout had to be kept for suspicious characters, or fire on the whole square, consisting of the largest business houses in the city.

Of the banker's daughters Gertrude was a beautiful specimen of Canadian womanhood; golden haired, with a good figure and a heart large enough to sympathize with the black in Africa, the yellow in Asia, and the white man in the slums of Salem, not forgetting the handsome watchman at her father's bank.

"Poor fellow," she thought, "he must be awfully lonesome all alone every night."

So, one evening after Charlie was getting used to his new task a tasty little lunch was on the table in the hallway near the manager's private door. On the plate

was Gerty's card, and on the back of the card just one sentence, "For our watchman."

In the morning when the plate found its way into the kitchen there was "Thanks" written on it.

This went on for a week; then a card was addressed to Mr. Chas. Lawson. A few weeks more and it was "Charlie," and then it was "Our Charlie." On this day the sailor, in spite of his bashfulness, wrote on the bottom of the plate, "Please make it 'My Charlie.'" Then he was sorry, for after that for some time it was "Chas. Lawson, Esq." However, he wrote his thanks every night, and was extremely sorry he had given offense.

The winter had come with its usual severe weather, and in many towns there had been bank robberies, and the manager asked Charlie to be particularly careful while the hard weather lasted.

The watchman was anxious for a tussle with burglars or anybody else, for two reasons—he wanted the fun and excitement, and he also wanted to stand in with the manager on Gerty's account.

About this time there were two stylishly dressed guests at the Golden Quoit who were supposed to be horse buyers; but they did not buy any; the horses were not good enough or were too dear; but these young fellows spent their money freely over the bar and were exceedingly popular. They tried to ingratiate themselves with the watchman, but did not succeed, for the sailor would drink only very rarely and then just a little, like the grog they had on shipboard.

It so happened these young fellows slept together in the next room to our hero. Their baggage consisted of two valises, and the chambermaid told Charlie they must keep their gold in a carpet bag, for one of them was so heavy she could not move it.

One forenoon shortly after, the door of the next room was standing open and, "accidentally on purpose," the watchman went in and examined the old black suitcase, and no wonder it was heavy,—its contents (which could be felt through its worn sides) consisted of chisels, drills, hammers

and burglars' tools generally. The watchman went to bed to think. He saw now why they were so kind to him and why they wanted him to drink. So, getting his knife, he cut a small hole in the paper covering a stove-pipe hole in the wall, and then was prepared to watch his would-be friends.

For a day or two he took a little whisky with them, so as to lead them on to whatever action they contemplated. One morning he heard some talk in the next room and getting to his peep-hole he watched and listened to everything. He saw one take out a whisky flask, from which they both took a pull, and then the bigger of the men emptied about 50 drops of a dark liquid into it, shook it well, then put it into the pocket of an old overcoat that hung on the wall.

Charlie heard the whole program, which was to meet the sailor Christmas eve, give him a "swig," take his key, do up the safe, and get out of town before anyone was up. The watchman would be frozen to death, but it did not make any odds about him.

After the burglars got out Charlie went to the bar, purchased a flask of whisky and changed it for the one in the overcoat and went to bed. "Forewarned is forearmed."

On going to his work he called at the drug store and asked how long it would take a man to get to sleep after a drink of the contents of the bottle. The druggist's verdict was that five minutes would close your eyes in spite of your best efforts, and if you would drink a wine glass full of that stuff you would never open them until resurrection morning.

About 10 p. m. Charlie got the town marshal into the bank, showed him the vault, and how everything of value was in the safe; then let him see the drink he had been expected to partake of.

"Now, Mr. Marshal, you and I are going to capture these men and this is my plan: I will leave the vault door open. You must stand behind it. I will be on the street and will be asked to take a drink, and I am supposed to take the front door key with me wherever I go. The side door

will be unlocked and after they get me sound asleep, they will take my key, make for the front doors, let themselves in, and will be sure to lock the doors behind them. I will come in the side door, but the moment these fellows enter the vault, swing the big iron door shut; then keep them there until they are half dead for want of air, when we will put on the handcuffs and the sleekest job of the year is done."

All this time Miss Gerty was in trouble. Nobody would go to bed, and she wanted to get the lunch and a Christmas box into the hallway. By and by, though it is the night when the stockings are hung up, the lights go out one by one, and the little autocrat of the home leaves her donation in its accustomed place. On the card was "My Charlie," but altered to "Our Charlie."

There was a lavender neck-tie and a large silk handkerchief with Charlie's name embroidered on it.

About 1 a. m. the watchman locked the front door, took the key under his coat sleeve, and started for his usual walk around the block. There was a howling storm, the wind whistled up from the bay, feeling like ice itself, and the snow was piled in huge mounds on the sidewalks.

About half way around the block the two "popular guests" from the Golden Quoit came into view and, stopping, they made a lot of the watchman, insisted on his having one good big swig to keep out the cold, and to "celebrate the Merry Christmas, my boy." Charlie took a small sip and made as if he would drink more; then bracing himself against a lamp post said he felt so sleepy. In a minute or two he was down on the curbstone, and the key and burglars nearing the bank. Jumping to his feet, he raced around the block and came in at the north entrance and, as he entered the hallway, he saw the lunch and the dear girl's gift, but just at that moment the door of the vault went shut with a bang, and the burglars were captured.

Taking the lunch inside, the captors had their little Christmas feast, while the prisoners kicked and hammered on the door.

When all was quiet, Charlie opened the vault, and the prisoners were very near "another door," the date of whose opening has never been revealed to men.

Putting on the handcuffs, the marshal brought the patrol sleigh with a couple of policemen—and prisoners, tools and fire-arms were soon safe under lock and key.

Then Charlie opened up his Christmas gifts and saw the mistake on Gerty's card, and he wrote on the china plate, "My was all right if you had left it. I wish you the best and happiest year of your life and a Merry, Merry Christmas."

In the morning he left a note for her father asking his presence in the police court at 10 a. m.

There was no banking done on holidays, and the banker got up late and knew nothing of what had happened until he heard the evidence of the watchman before the magistrate.

There was the drugged whisky, the tools, revolvers, and the prisoners, who were weak from their partial suffocation.

The banker trembled when he heard the story. There was more money in that vault than in all the banks of the town.

Charlie was complimented by the magistrate, police and nearly everybody, and taken almost forcibly to the banker's for Christmas dinner.

His debut into "swell-dom" was very trying because they made a lion of him. Gerty blushed up to her ears when introduced by her father. As if they needed anything of that sort!

Then at dinner he had to tell the whole story over again, about the peep-hole, bag of tools and the sham slumber on the curbstone. About 3 p. m. the old folks left the room and the young people paired off, as they always do (when there are pairs), and our young couple landed in a little alcove, when Charlie insisted that a needle and thread was the only thing necessary to bring him sweet content. The thread was required to put the little word "My" on the silk handkerchief, and when the task was finished he pulled out another with "My Gerty" sewn on it, for sailors do their own sewing.

Taking farewell, he said:

"I'm coming for my own next Christmas Day." But the little girl would not consent until she had asked her father.

"Never mind asking him. I'll perform that task, and it is going to be all right," was Charlie's answer.

The winter went on, and there were no more burglars around, but many little meetings in the hallway when the lunch was brought down.

A meeting of the directors was held, when a vote of thanks was given the careful watchman, along with a well-filled purse.

In the spring, through the influence of the bank, Charlie took command of a three-master to Europe and South America.

The year was a very successful one, and in the fall the captain, dressed in his natty uniform, approached Mr. Squartree about the subject so dear to his heart.

The old banker knew what was coming. He thanked the young man for the honorable way he had approached him and promised an early consideration of the question.

Once more navigation is closed and the ships are tied up, but the verdict has been given.

"Put this winter in at college, and take Gerty on a wedding trip to South America in May."

This was agreeable to all concerned. A new ship was coming out of the docks and the manager, who had an interest in her, had her christened "Gertrude," and, of course, Charlie was to be captain.

May Day came. The wedding bells ring a glad peal. The ship is decked out with flags, as are most of the vessels in the harbor. The wind springs up four points abaft the beam, which fills every sail, and away they go on their journey of life.—By GEORGE MARTINDALE in *Locomotive Engineers' Jour.*

LOCATING EVELYN.

JOHN BENNETT looked at his watch and yawned wearily. It was two hours before the eastbound train would leave Chicago. With an expression of boredom he strolled leisurely up the street, his eyes straying listlessly from side to side. He had the air of a man whom life has ceased to interest.

The hurrying crowds met and passed him. A pretty, fair-haired girl brushed by, and he glanced at her with the quickening of sudden interest, then his face settled into its former expression.

Every light-haired woman he had met for the past two months had gained from him that quick look. It had become a habit with the man; but he looked in vain for the face of Evelyn Chester.

They had met in Denver the latter part of the winter, and had become engaged. She was traveling with her mother and father. The latter was in the last stages of an illness.

Finding no relief in the western climate, Mr. Chester had suddenly decided to return East by easy stages. They had no permanent home, and Evelyn, in view of this, had promised to write as soon as she had arrived in New York.

Weeks slipped away, then months, and still no word from Evelyn. Bennett had at last started East in the hope of getting some trace of the Chesters.

The thought of Evelyn and her unaccountable silence was so constantly in his mind that the sight of every fair-haired girl stirred his heart with a forlorn hope.

On his way up the street he had reached one of the moving picture theatrums, and thinking that he might as well kill time in one way as another he entered.

The performance had begun, and he listened half-heartedly to the illustrated song, his thoughts still on the vanished Evelyn. Had she repented of her promise to him? He could not believe that. Had she been swallowed up by some dreadful trouble? He must find her.

Bennett raised his eyes to the canvas. The song had ended and a panoramic view of the Massachusetts coast followed. He watched the irregular shore line, the boats, the quaint villages and towns, the children enjoying their summer playground by the sea. Then there flashed to view a bit of beach. Two girls sat by an old boat that was half buried in the sand. Their faces were turned toward him, and there, upon the canvas her wistful eyes gazing straight into his own, was the lost Evelyn.

He sprang to his feet, then as hurriedly reseated himself. The view had passed, and he doubted the evidence of his eyes. Had he reached the point where every pretty face looked like the girl? He pulled himself together. He would see the view again.

There was no mistake this time; the girl was Evelyn Chester beyond a doubt. Again he allowed the picture to pass without noticing the face of her companion. Once more he waited through the interim.

When the view flashed out he was rewarded, for the features of the other girl were decidedly familiar. The face was not as clear as Evelyn's, but it was certainly a picture of Claude Aylmer's sister, Eileen, and the Aylmers lived in New York. He had not seen Eileen for two years, but the clue was certainly worth following up. Bennett left the place with hope in his heart.

He made some inquiries of the manager of the theater, but the man could tell him only that the reel was one sent to the regular circuit, and that the picture had probably been taken that summer.

Two days later found Bennett in New York. He would hunt up Eileen Aylmer, and if she were not the girl in the picture he would seek through every town on the Massachusetts coast for news of Evelyn.

The Aylmers were occupying their cottage on the Hudson, and Bennett took the first train for their home.

Their cottage lay on the outskirts of the village, and a few minutes of brisk walking brought Bennett in sight of it. As he mounted the steps of the broad piazza Claude Aylmer pounced upon him.

"Why, Bennett, old man," he cried; "how good of you! I thought you were in the wild and woolly West."

Bennett shook hands.

"I don't want you, Aylmer," he cried, "I want your sister."

"Great snakes, man!" he exclaimed, "don't try any Lochinvar stunt on the banks of the historic Hudson! Besides, Eileen's engaged."

There was an amused laugh from a tall girl in white, who rose from a hammock and came forward with hand cordially outstretched. Bennett regarded her with silent

anxiety, then his face brightened. She was surely the girl of the picture.

"What nonsense, Claude," she cried; "Mr. Bennett isn't dangerous—at least, he wasn't formerly. He wouldn't carry off a bride-to-be from the midst of her astonished relatives."

"Miss Aylmer," cried Bennett, "do you know Evelyn Chester? For heaven's sake tell me."

Eileen laughed. "Know my college chum!" she exclaimed. "Know the girl who is to be my bridesmaid in two weeks? Well, rather."

"Where is she now?"

"She and her mother are spending the summer in the little village on the Massachusetts coast. They went there to be quiet after her father's death. I spent a week with them two months ago. Why, Mr. Bennett, what in the world is the matter?"

Jack Bennett had sunk down upon a chair, his face very white, and had covered his eyes with his hand.

Then the story came out, and Eileen was greatly interested.

"Isn't it romantic," she cried. "Evelyn has been so unlike herself all summer—she is usually the brightest, most cheerful girl in the world—but of course I laid the change on her father's death. She cried when I asked her to be my bridesmaid. It is all some unfortunate mistake. Well, it will soon be set right. She won't fly away before tomorrow."

It was late in the afternoon of the following day when Bennett walked down the strip of beach that he had first seen pictured on the canvas in Chicago. He had found Evelyn's mother, who had bidden him seek the girl in her favorite haunt on the beach. As he advanced, it seemed to him that every object was fixed forever upon his memory.

Some distance ahead he caught the gleam of a woman's white gown. It was Evelyn. She was seated by the old boat, gazing out to sea with a world of wistful sadness in her eyes. She did not hear him until he spoke.

"Evelyn!"

She sprang to her feet with a little sobbing cry.

"Jack!"

Three days later, in the midst of their wonderment as to what had become of the letter that Evelyn had written and that Jack had never received, the following note arrived, and with it the lost letter:

"Mr. John Bennett," it ran. "Dear sir—Pardon the unintentional delay of your mail. I am John I. Bennett—you are John J. Bennett. By mistake your letter was held for me six weeks in Denver. Very truly yours, J. I. B."

"So, I should have found you, after all," said Jack, thoughtfully.

"Yes," answered Evelyn, "but it would have been three days later, and—the days have been so long."

Jack drew her head against his shoulder and looked down into her eyes.

"Dear," he said, tenderly, "I wish I could shake hands with the man who saw in you a good subject for a moving picture."—By FANNIE MEDBURY PENDLETON, in *Kansas City Journal*.

THEY SHAN'T BLUSH FOR FATHER.

TWO men had entered into an agreement to rob one of their neighbors.

Everything was planned. They were to enter his house at midnight, break open his chests and drawers, and carry off all the silver and gold they could find. "He is rich, and we are poor," said they, by way of encouragement in the evil they were about to perform. "He will never miss a little gold, while its possession will make us happy. Besides, what right has one man to all this world's goods?" Thus they talked together. One of these men had a wife and children, but the other none in the world to care for but himself. The man who had children went home and joined his family, after agreeing upon a place of meeting with the other at the darkest hour of the coming night. "Dear father," said one of the children, climbing upon his knee, "I am so glad you have come home." The presence of his child troubled the man, and he tried to push him away; but his arms clung tightly about his neck, and he laid his face against his cheek, and said in a sweet and gentle voice: "I love you, father." Involuntarily the man drew the innocent and

loving one to his bosom and kissed him. There were two older children in the man's dwelling, a boy and girl. They were poor, and these children worked daily to keep up the supply of bread, made deficient more through idleness in the father than from lack of employment. These children came home soon after their father's return and brought him their earnings for the day. "O Father!" said the boy, "such a dreadful thing has happened. Henry Lee's father was arrested today for robbing. They took him out of our shop when Henry was there, and carried him off to prison. I was so sad when I saw Henry weeping. And he hung his head for shame of his own father." "Only think of that! Ashamed of his father!" thought he. "And will my children hang their heads also in shame? No, no, that never shall be." At the hour of midnight the man who had no children to throw around him a sphere of better influence was waiting at the place of rendezvous for him whose children had saved him. But he waited in vain. Then he said: "I will do the deed myself and take the entire reward." And he did according to his word. When the other man went forth to his labor on the next day he learned that his accomplice had been taken in an act of robbery, and was already in prison. "Thank heaven for virtuous children," said he with fervor. "They have saved me. Never will I do an act that will cause them to blush for their father."—*Railway Times*, Bombay, India.

MISS DARBOY'S SUMMER VACATION TREAT.

"YOUNG ladies, I wish to make an important announcement," said Miss Darboy, teacher of the class in French at the Wellington private school for young ladies.

The fourteen young ladies looked up in expectancy.

"During the summer vacation, beginning two weeks hence, I shall have tents on the shore of the lake, and such of you as can arrange it with your parents may summer there. There will be boating, bathing and fishing. Fresh meats and vegetables will be

supplied every day. It is a new departure, and I hope it will be a success."

It was seen that she hadn't quite finished yet, and the applause was withheld.

"It will be a young ladies' camp in the strictest sense of the word," she continued. "No members of the other sex will be permitted near it. Farmer Jackson will see to that. That is all. Hand in your names as soon as possible, please."

"But won't our brothers and cousins be allowed to come and see us?" asked Miss Harden for the rest of the class.

"Impossible," she replied in French. "In your case, Miss Harden, I happen to know that you have neither brothers nor cousins of the male sex."

"But I have a—"

No, she didn't say it. The teacher opened her eyes very wide and drew herself up and frightened her.

Miss Pearl Harden was fatherless, and her widowed mother had only a limited income. There were other pupils who had to consult the matter of income as well, and when Miss Darboy had made up her list for the summer camp it totaled seven names. Six of them had no complaint of the rules to be enforced; the seventh said nothing, but seemed to be thinking a great deal.

Vacation came. The camp was pitched and occupied, and Farmer Jackson took a shotgun into the fields with him and kept an eye on the approaches to the camp.

Everything went along quietly for a week, and the enemy was lulled into a sense of security. No pirate craft approached, and Farmer Jackson went to bed with conscience free from killing. Then Miss Darboy took chances. She wanted some things from her room in the village, and she arranged with the driver of the provision wagon to ride up with him.

Half way to town a wheel came off the vehicle, and after gazing at the wreck for five minutes the driver announced that no four-wheeled wagon could continue its mad career on three wheels. This meant that Miss Darboy must walk. She gave up her errand to go back to her charges. The boy showed her a short cut across the fields and went off with the horses, but he did not

warn her to watch out for a red and white bull pastured in one of the fields.

Miss Darboy soon had use for all her French exclamations. She first heard rumbles like distant thunder, then a savage bellow, then a trembling of the earth and the sight of a creature bearing down upon her. She ran, of course. There were two shade trees standing close together, and she reached one and had gained a perch ten feet high while the bull stopped to sniff at the hat that had blown from her head. Women are not natural climbers, but under stress of peril they have been known to add that feat to their many accomplishments.

"Go away—go right away from here!" commanded Miss Darboy in both French and English as the bull came up and pawed and bellowed. He absolutely refused. Then Miss Darboy called for help, but no help came.

An hour had passed when the bull went to the creek to drink. He didn't forget the lady up the tree, however. He kept looking back, and she realized that to descend would bring him back on the charge. He had satisfied his thirst when he suddenly emitted a bellow of defiance and went dashing across the field. There was another intruder. This time it was a young man. He heard the bellow, saw the bull and at once made for the trees. He came up at a hot pace, made a long spring to catch a branch and escaped a vicious sweep of the horns by inches. He had been settled on a branch for three minutes before he heard a voice asking:

"Sir, what shall we do?"

"Good lands, a lady up a tree!" he gasped. "How did you get there?"

"That creature chased me, and, I—I climbed."

"I can't hand you my card, but my name is Randall Hope."

"And I am Miss Darboy of the school."

"Y-e-s. You are the French teacher. You have charge of the summer camp. You have issued an edict that no man shall approach it within half a mile. That old farmer with a shotgun turned me back yesterday, and I was trying it again today."

"You wanted to see me?" was asked.

"Oh, no! I wanted to see Miss Harden. I am in love with her, you know."

"Sir, Miss Harden is under my charge, and the rules I have made must be obeyed."

"Well, all right," replied Mr. Hope as he settled himself more comfortably on his perch. I was honest enough to tell you that I was in love with Miss Harden, but if I'm to be kept out of the camp I'll stay here. Nice afternoon, isn't it? Are you enjoying your vacation?"

Miss Darboy looked across at him in indignation and muttered to herself in French. She was just about to announce that she would descend and go straight to camp when the bovine, who had been quiet for a moment, began pawing and bellowing. She therefore changed her mind and humbly asked:

"Won't he get tired and leave us pretty soon?"

"It will take a week to tire him out," was the reply. "Yes, I expect to be here for at least seven days. You can see how mad and determined he is. You had better tie yourself to a limb, so that when you grow weak from hunger you will not fall to the ground."

"Merci! Merci! But you can't mean it, monsieur!"

"You had started for the village, probably. When you don't return the girls will think you have eloped. This is just the season for elopements, you know. Let me stand up and look for the camp. I see it. The girls are running around in wild excitement. A boat with a man in it is drawing near, and you are not there to shoo him away!"

"Oh, my unhappy self!" moaned Miss Darboy. "I shall be blamed. No one will believe me. I shall be disgraced!"

The teacher shed tears in French and was quiet for a few minutes. Mr. Hope watched her and saw that a mental struggle was going on. He was too wise to interrupt, and presently she said in very humble English:

"Mr. Hope, does Miss Harden's mother know that you love her daughter?"

"I was to have seen her tomorrow to tell her and ask her consent to the marriage."

"Mr. Hope, can the creature below be driven away?" interrupted Miss Darboy, with hope in her tones.

"Possibly."

"And it needn't get to the young ladies' ears that I was—was up a tree?"

"Not unless you tell the story yourself."

"And you could accompany me to camp the same as if I had met you in the village?"

"Just the same. Yes, I could accompany you to camp, and I could take a stroll with Miss Harden and have a talk, and you could let some of the other fellows pay calls and add to the zest, and—"

"Mr. Hope, proceed to drive the creature hence."

Mr. Hope dropped his handkerchief to the grass, and while the bull was sniffing at it the young man swung down and grabbed him by the tail and twisted and shouted. Away went the frightened bovine on a gallop, and Miss Darboy was assisted down. Two hours later she was saying to her campers:

"Young ladies, I beg to announce that the restrictions against male visitors to this camp have, for good and sufficient reasons, been withdrawn. No applause, please."

NO WEDDING BELLS.

"**B**UT," urged Mr. Branscombe, the junior partner, after Miss Hawtrey, the beautiful stenographer, had said that she could not become his wife, "I can't understand why you refuse me. I am not an old man—that is, I hope I'm not old. Of course, some men are very old at my age; but I've tried to keep young, and at 35 no man has the right to feel that he is getting old. As for my financial standing, I can say that I am rich enough to insure you not only a comfortable home, but many of the luxuries that are dear to a woman."

"I haven't the least doubt about that," the lady replied. "If I were going to marry I should not wish my husband to be any younger than you are. A man of 35 ought to know his own mind. But, really, I wish you would not urge me any more."

"I—I—perhaps it is rather undignified for me to say so, but I hope I am not

altogether unattractive as far as my personal appearance is concerned."

"Indeed, you are not, Mr. Branscombe. You are, if you will excuse me for saying so, a very handsome man."

"Thank you—I thank you with all my heart, my dear Miss Hawtrey. And I hope my treatment of you has always been gentlemanly?"

"If it had not been I should not have remained here."

"If you have any doubts concerning my past, I can assure you that there is nothing in it which I should be ashamed to have you know about."

"That is a great deal for a man to be able to say to a woman."

"Yes. I am glad you take that view of it. May I hope that I shall be able in time to make you change your mind? I do not insist on a hasty marriage. If you will only give me any reason to feel encouraged I will wait and try to convince you that I am worthy of you."

"Really, I must say at once that I do not desire you to go on treasuring any hope. I am sure that I shall not change my mind."

"Have you thought how much it would mean to you to be the mistress of a splendid home? To never have to bother about money? To have servants to do your bidding? To, in short, be the wife of a man of high standing in the community?"

"Yes, I've thought about all that. I prefer to remain as I am."

"I confess that I can't understand you. Your salary here is never likely to be any higher than it is at present, and you must often find it exceedingly difficult to get along on your income—to get the things that a woman naturally wishes to have in the way of clothes and that sort of thing, and then there is the necessity of coming into the city, rain or shine, to work among a lot of men who are not always, I fear, as respectful or as gallant as men ought to be in their dealings with ladies. Think how much better it would be to have a splendid home to preside over; to—"

"That's the very thing I don't want. If I had a home to preside over I should have to stick there day after day, with no chance to get out and be among people—to see the

world—to be a part of it. Not for me, Willie.”

“Miss Hawtrey, will you kindly return to your typewriter and get off the letters I dictated to you this forenoon? And don’t forget that they are to be sent out today, even if you have to remain at work till 8 o’clock tonight. I have noticed recently that you have been taking three-quarters of an hour off at luncheon. Remember, you are to be absent only half an hour.”

“The horrible old grouch,” Miss Hawtrey muttered, as she returned to her work, “he wants the earth for \$12 a week.”—*Wage Worker*.

QUICK WIT, AND THE PART IT PLAYED IN A STAGE HOLD-UP.

“WHEN the passengers in the old coaching days found themselves in the clutches of ‘road agents’ they instinctively hurried, during the short time that driver and guard were being put in a proper state of helplessness, to secrete money and valuables in the first safe place that suggested itself,” said a veteran Colorado mining man. “But such precautions were useless, for there was small time and smaller opportunity of place to hide anything in a mere shell of a coach. If a man was found without money, they stripped him and searched the stage as well.”

“The experience of Pat Clohesy, an old-time mining man of Colorado, is historic. One afternoon he took the stage from Silver Cliff camp, bound for the railroad, sixty miles away. In the coach were a dozen other passengers, none of whom knew him. As they reached the narrowest part of the gorge that leads out of Wet Mountain Valley, a loud command of ‘Hold up your hands!’ brought the stage to a sudden standstill and every passenger in it to a swift realization that unless quick action was taken he would go broke. One crammed his wad of bills down his boot leg; another thrust his roll down the back of his neck; a third took off his hat, put his wallet inside and set it back on his head. Every man Jack of them attempted to secrete his money except Pat Clohesy, and Pat sat perfectly quiet.

“In a few minutes a rifle barrel appeared at the window, and there came the order, ‘Hands up and all out!’ Out the passengers tumbled and stood in line with lifted hands, Pat at the far end. When the searching highwayman went through the first man he found nothing. Irritated at this, he started through the second with the same lack of success. Angry at this, the bandit turned to his fellow-robber, who stood covering the line with his Winchester.

“‘They have been tryin’ to hide their stuff, d—n ’em!’ he exclaimed. ‘We’ll just make ’em strip, and then we’ll go through the stage. They’ll pay for puttin’ us to all this trouble!’

“Then spoke up Pat Clohesy from the far end of the line. ‘Gentlemen,’ he said, addressing the highwaymen, ‘I know you are in a hurry, and I know I’m a poor miner with all my property in the world—just the fifteen dollars I’ve got—in my pocket. If you’ll leave me that little roll, I’ll tell you where these other fellows have hidden their swag, so’s you can collect it quick and skip out. Is it a bargain?’

“‘Sure,’ said the man with the guarding rifle. Fifteen dollars meant nothing to the band compared to the risk. ‘Well,’ said Pat, pointing to the first in line, ‘that fellow’s money is stuffed down his right boot leg.’

“The holdup investigated and drew forth a plump roll of bills from the boot leg. ‘That next man,’ went on Pat, ‘has got his money hid under the hind seat in the stage.’ The bandit found a fat wallet stuffed under the cushion. ‘The next has got his money in his hat, and the next crammed his stuff down the back of his neck, and the next—’ Pat went down the line of them, while the highwayman drew forth money from all manner of places. Swiftly collecting their booty, they bundled the passengers back into the coach, set driver and guard back on their seats and told them to go ahead, not, however, before they had given Pat a twenty-dollar bill and a hearty slap of thanks.

“The storm that broke over his head inside the coach after it had rolled a safe distance from the bandits threatened his very life before he could get a hearing. Had

it not been that the robbers had disarmed them all and Pat was a huge man he never would have got away alive.

"Each of you figure up just how much you've lost," he said to his fellow-passengers when at last they would listen, 'and I'll pay you back not only what that is, but an equal amount in addition for the bother I've given you,' and he pulled from an inner vest pocket a huge roll of bills. In bewilderment the travelers counted up their losses. Collectively it was about \$1,000. Pat peeled off two \$1,000 bills from the bulky mass of money and, handing them to a responsible passenger, asked him to make correct division when they reached the railroad.

"I'm sorry for the unpleasant quarter hour I caused you," he continued, 'but it was the only thing I could do to save myself. I have just sold a mine back in Silver Cliff for \$60,000 cash, and had no other way to bring the money out except in my pocket. Here is the bundle of it,' and he held up the fat roll. 'When I heard the holdup outside I thought it was all up, for you can't hide money from those hounds. But when you fellows pulled out your money to hide it and I saw that none of you had any large amount I thought I would work a game on the road agents and give you away to the villains in order to save myself. I surely did! They've got \$1,000, but I've saved my money!'"—*Express Gazette*.

MEETING OF THE FLYERS.

MARWIN, from San Francisco, stepped from the Pullman to the platform of the small station where the eastbound flyer had drawn up to await the passing of the flyer going west. It was barely dawn. The dampness of the night was still upon the sweet prairie air and he threw back his broad shoulders, breathing deeply—once, twice, thrice, before the headlight of the coming train appeared like a star upon the horizon. Then he walked rapidly back and forth, intent upon getting as many of the kinks out of his travel-stiffened legs as possible before his train continued on its flight to the East.

"Exercise without definite object," he told himself, quoting from something he had read while at school, "is worse than none

at all. Ergo, have an object. I do. I walked down on one side of this train and back on the other, my object being to—er—walk down on one side and back on the other."

There were faces in the windows of the coaches, and he glanced up at them curiously, wondering what nature of beings they were that they did not get out into the air and kick a bit while they had the chance. He reached the end of the train still wondering. Then his attention was attracted otherwise.

A young woman was sitting within the netting of the rear platform. She was sitting on a camp stool, and she was quite alone. Marwin grasped one of the platform irons and looked at her in bewildered astonishment for a full minute. She flushed to the roots of her hair and her glance fell. Marwin spoke, lifting his hat.

"Good morning, Miss Dartlin," he said.

"Why, Mr. Marwin!" The young woman arose hastily from the campstool and held her hand toward him. "I thought it looked like you, but it didn't seem possible. Where in the world did you drop from?"

"San Francisco," said Marwin, simply. He noted with some interest that the young woman's eyes were full of reproach, and that her manner was constrained. "I am on my way to New York," he added, after a short interval, "my first visit in three years."

"And I am going to San Francisco," said the young woman. "How strange."

"How long are you expecting to stay?" asked Marwin.

"I don't really know. I had arranged to remain indefinitely, but circumstances may—in fact, are quite likely to—alter my plans materially. Are you to be in New York a great while?"

"It is impossible for me to say. I had hoped to transact my business in a very short time, but one can never tell until one finds out, you know. The person I was going to see may be—er—out of town or something, and I have registered a vow not to return without a definite statement from her—his own lips."

He looked at his watch and stepped to the side of the platform, glancing nervously toward the station.

"You see," he continued, "it is really a most important matter. I undertook the commission only under protest, because it is one involving several extremely delicate considerations, and I am not good at such things. I am a natural blunderer. You know that well enough."

The young woman lowered her eyes again.

"Yes," said she, "I—I have known you to blunder."

Marwin climbed over the railing and seated himself upon the platform steps at her feet. It was an impulse characteristic of him, and the young woman smiled as if pleased.

"We won't talk business any more," said he. "Business is an abomination. I want you to tell me a little—just a little—about yourself. You are not—er—married yet?"

The young woman winced, but he did not notice it.

"Of course you aren't," he went on, "or you wouldn't be sitting out here at this time in the morning—alone. What have you been doing since that time hundreds of years ago, when you and I last met?"

"Nothing worth mentioning, I believe," replied the young woman. "I have laughed a little and wept a great deal. I have been sick, and have been restored to something which bears a close resemblance to my normal condition of health, although it is not really the same. I am taking this trip with a definite purpose; the doctor thought it might make me feel better."

"Did he recommend California?" asked Marwin, quickly.

"No, he merely recommended a change of air and scene. I chose California of my own accord."

"Why?" Marwin's tone was eager and his hand clutched the platform iron convulsively.

"Because—because I wished to see—California."

"Marion"—Marwin raised his eyes suddenly to hers, and there was supplication in them—"tell me all about it. We may as well understand each other. We are to part

in a little while. Perhaps we will not see each other again—ever!"

"About what?"

"About your tears. Why did you weep? You were not much given to weeping once upon a time. About your sickness. You used to be as the trees and the birds and the winds of the prairie. About your determination to visit California. Was it—was it because I was there?"

"Do you think it could be possible?" She spoke reprovingly, and Marwin bowed his head.

"No," he replied gloomily, "it was ridiculously presumptuous in me to suggest it. I—I had hoped it might be so, that is all."

The young woman placed her hand lightly upon his shoulder, and he quivered at the touch.

"Russell," said she, "three years ago you honored me by a proposal of marriage. I deferred my answer for one week. I was in doubt regarding my own mind, but I had a good reason. And you did not come back for your answer. Why?"

"Why?" Marwin repeated the query as one dazed.

"Yes, why? I had a right to expect something better of you than I received. I waited for you, but you neither came nor sent word of explanation. There was but one inference to be taken, and I took it. You changed your mind; I could forgive you for that, but it was cowardly not to let me know. It was cruel. It hurt me, Russell, more than I can tell."

"But your letter—"

"I wrote you no letter."

"I received a letter, Marion"—Marwin spoke slowly, after the manner of one who has been stunned—"written by you. It contained one line, and that line was, 'Russell, my answer is no; I can not.' It was delivered to me by your maid. I did not think it necessary to see you after that. I thought you did not wish me to."

The young woman stood up excitedly, then seated herself. She was laughing, but there was a look of pain upon her face, and her eyes swam with tears.

"I understand it now," she said brokenly. "I see how it happened. My brother was in trouble. He and father had disagreed

over the payment of certain debts, and he applied to me for money. I gave it to him—poor boy—until my allowance and my patience were exhausted. He had sent an appeal for money on the day you received that letter. I wrote to him, saying that I could not give him more. I put the message in an envelope, and told the girl to take it to Mr. Russell. You and he have the same name. The stupid creature took it to you. I never knew."

"Oh, my dear!"—Marwin grasped her hand and fondled it.

"After that," she continued, hurriedly, "I seemed to lose my strength. I was attacked one night on the street by a man—a huge, coarse brute, who threw his arms about me and stuffed a handkerchief into my mouth. I was not able to utter a cry, so suddenly did he come upon me. I was saved by sheer chance. A gentleman saw the wretch attack me and rushed to the scene. He did not even take time to call for the police. He was very brave. He was not so large as my assailant, but he grappled him fearlessly, and—and was stabbed with a knife. I knew nothing after that. I fainted. When I returned to consciousness I was in an ambulance rumbling toward home. The police knew nothing of a fight, they said, beyond the fact that the pavement was covered with blood. They seemed quite disgusted when they found I had not been murdered. I told them all I knew, and that ended it, so far as they were concerned; but so far as I was concerned—well, it was weeks before the doctor declared the danger of brain fever passed."

She looked down into Marwin's upturned face tenderly, and something she saw there impelled her to lean forward and touch his forehead with her lips.

"Marion, dear," said Marwin, gently, "I would confess to you. During those days when you were waiting for me I was following you like a dog. I wanted to be near you. I was near you that night."

"Then it was you who—"

In answer he pulled up his sleeve, disclosing a long red scar.

"It was a small price to pay for the opportunity of fighting for the girl I loved," he said. I went away after that quite satisfied. I felt that it had been worth while, after all. I—"

There was a sound of escaping air beneath the Pullman, and the train began to move. Marwin stood up and made a movement as if to jump to the ground. Then he turned to the young woman and put his arm around her.

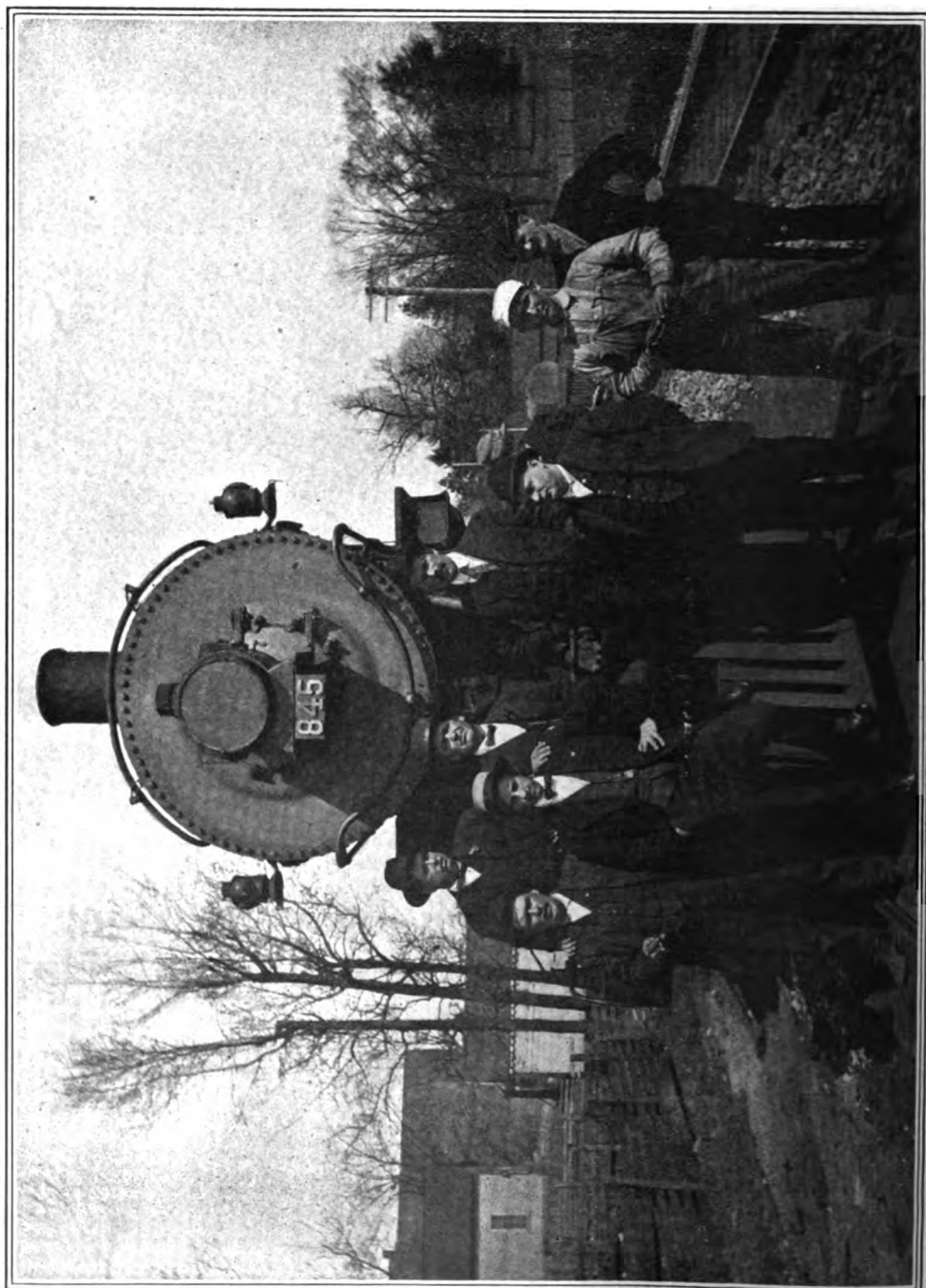
"I think I'll go with you, dear," he said.

They stood thus, the morning sun bathing them in a radiance akin to that which they felt within them, as they passed the eastbound train. Both were laughing like children.

"I say!" called Marwin, waving his hand at the engineer of the eastbound, "you were right, it was fate; tell the conductor that I proved it to be so!"

"I wonder what's the matter with that lunatic," said the engineer to the fireman. Then he clambered to his place and the eastbound train went on its way.—*Waverly Magazine.*





M. O. Gray, B. F. Cullom (Conductor), H. Nangle (Conductor), Wm. McKinley (Flagman), H. M. Wright (Operator), C. H. Qualls (Eng. Watchman), T. J. Cundiff (Fireman), L. Moffat (Eng.)
 ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILWAY SYSTEM

POETICAL

A Boy's Complaint.

I ain't a coward; I kin stand
A lot of pain, you bet;
I ain't afraid of snakes an' toads
Nor lickin's that I get.
I ain't like the girls that always has
A lot of foolish fears;
The only time I quake is when
Ma goes to wash my ears.

The dentist never frightens me;
The doctor doesn't scare;
I'll take his nasty medi-sun
An' all his thumpin's bear.
An' I don't run away an' hide
Becoz the p'liceman nears,
The only time I yell is when
Ma goes to wash my ears.

She grabs me around the neck, an' says,
"You dirty little pig!"
An' with the roughest towel, she
Begins to dig an' dig.
An' I commence to howl an' shriek,
An' I shed honest tears;
I'd rather have a tooth yanked out
Than have ma wash my ears.

The poets sing of woman's love
An' tenderness an' grace,
An' rave about her kindly ways
An' praise her gentle face.
But then I guess they have forgot
Through all the length of years,
How rough their mothers were at times,
When washin' out their ears.
—*Detroit Free Press.*

In the Game of Life.

Life is a game, a struggle,
A frolic, as Fate decrees,
And the only way to meet it
Is with stiffened spine and knees.
Yield, if you must, for sorrow,
Give patience her timely due,
But keep your head uplifted,
No matter what else you do!

Friends may be true or faithless,
Sunshine may fail or stay,
Grief, like a shadow, linger,
Happiness fade away.
Fortune may frown or flicker,
Her smile may be hard to woo;
But keep your head uplifted,
No matter what else you do!

So shall you conquer always,
So, though the way be long,
Shall you win success worth having,
Heart cheery and spirit strong.
Obstacles? Gaily scale them!
Trouble? Why, just wade through!
But keep your head uplifted,
No matter what else you do!
The Railway Times, Bombay, India.

Labor Triumphant.

Hail! mighty thing of brain and brawn,
Whose head and hands uphold the world.
Hail, Conqueror! Awake! the dawn
Of thy day comes apace, and hurled
Into the limbo of the past
Will be thy wrongs, if thy strong hands
But pull together and hold fast
Each right when gained. But thy demands
Backed by thy manhood's might must be;
Thou canst not win with half thy power.
Waken! Unite! Then, like the sea,
Thou art resistless. Lo! the hour
Is ripe. The hands of Time and Fate
Point to the dawn; and from its steep
Of ages, heavy-eyed and late,
But not too late its tryst to keep—
Great Labor wakes, and, with wide eyes
Of wonder, sees his giant form,
Begins his force to realize:
And, looking on the pygmy swarm
Which fattens on him, and with chains
Of golden tissue binds his brawn
And its colossal strength restrains,
Laughs, half in rage and half in scorn;
And, breaking, one by one the bands
Of minted gold his own hand wrought,
Rises triumphant, proudly stands
Upon the world his toil hath bought
And paid for many times in coin.
—EDMUND DEFRYNE.

Strike Out!

Tread not in paths worn smooth by other men;
He is a slave who keeps the beaten groove—
A slave to custom and his own weak self.

Strike out! Aim high!
And make your purpose felt from earth to sky.
No vassal, you, to cringe and crawl for pelf.
Creation's king with noble strife should move,
Alone, but not apart; too small our ken.
We learn by touch—
From all men something, and from some men
much.

—JOSEPHINE KULZICK.

She Made Home Happy.

"She made home happy!" These few words I read

Within a churchyard, graven on a stone;
No name, no date, these simple words alone
Told me the story of the unknown dead.

A marble column lifted high its head
Close by, inscribed to one the world had known;
But ah! that lonely grave by moss o'ergrown,
Thrilled me far more than his who armies led.

"She made home happy!" Through the long, sad years

The mother toiled and never stopped to rest
Until they crossed her hands upon her breast.
And closed her eyes no longer dim with tears.
The simple record that she had left behind
Was grander than the soldiers, to my mind.

—ANONYMOUS.

Keep a Stiff Upper Lip.

There has been something gone wrong,
My brave boy, it appears,
For I see your proud struggle
To keep back the tears,
That is right; when you can not
Give trouble the slip,
Then bear it, still keeping
"A stiff upper lip!"

Though you can not escape
Disappointment and care.
There's one thing you can do—
It is, learn how to bear.
If when for life's prizes
You're running, you trip,
Get up, start again,
"Keep a stiff upper lip!"

Let your hands and your conscience
Be honest and clean;
Scorn to touch or to think
Of the thing that is mean,
But hold on to the pure
And the right with firm grip;
And though hard be the task,
"Keep a stiff upper lip!"

Through childhood, through manhood,
Through life to the end,
Struggle bravely and stand
By your colors, my friend;
Only yield when you must,
Never "give up the ship,"
But fight on to the last
"With a stiff upper lip."

—PHOEBE CART.

Things to Forget.

If you see a tall fellow ahead of a crowd,
A leader of men, marching fearless and proud,
And you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud
Would cause his proud head to in anguish be bowed,

It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away
In a closet, and guarded, and kept from the day
In the dark; and whose showing, whose sudden display

Would cause grief and sorrow and life long dismay,

It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing that will darken the joy
Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy,
That will wipe out a smile, or the least way annoy

A fellow, or cause any gladness to cloy,

It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

—ANON



FACETIOUS



A Wise Woman.

"Will you have a vote or a man?" asked a wag of a suffragette at Dumfries. "Let me see the man," answered the fair one. The questioner was unwillingly pushed to the front, and after the suffragette glanced at him with contempt, she remarked, "I'll have the vote."

At the Matinee.

"I believe we had these same seats when we were at the theater last winter."

"I think we had the two just in front."

"No, we had these seats. Here is my chewing gum."—*Kansas City Journal*.

Consideration.

"You say you once had a home?"

"Dat's what I had," answered Plodding Pete.

"Why didn't you do something to make your folks comfortable and happy?"

"I did. I left."—*Washington Star*.

An Opportunity For Him.

Moses Foreace (ardently)—Tell me, Miss Angie, may I contribute to yo'r future happiness?

Miss Angie—Well, Mr. Foreace, as I accepted Abe Gingerbread last evenin' dere is weddin' presents to be thought ob, to be shuah.—*Judge*.

Very Thin.

Two Irishmen met once, and referred to the illness of a third.

"Poor Michael Hogan! Faith, I'm afraid he's going to die," said one.

"And why would he die?" asked the other.

"Oh, he's got so thin! You're thin enough, and I'm thin—but, my sowl, Michael Hogan is thinner than both of us put together."—*Bulletin Clothing Trades*, New York.

His Funny Look.

"Say, Daisy, did yer see when I took hold of yer hand the funny look yer ma gave me?"

"Go on, Tim, ma didn't give it to yer; you've always had it."—*Life*.

A Blow Below the Belt.

"Young man," said the Successful Old Guy, "I started as a clerk on three dollars a week, and today I own the business."

"I know," answered the Young Chap, "but they have cash registers in all the stores now."

A Bad Spell.

"Poor Jacy! He never could spell, and it ruined him."

"How?"

"He wrote a verse to an heiress he was in love with, and he wrote 'boney' for 'bonny.'"—*New York Journal*.

The Mean Thing.

"Why are you mad at her?"

"I met her on the car today, and she said, 'Oh, let me pay your fare!' and I said, 'Oh, you mustn't,' and she didn't."—*Houston Post*.

She Backed Out.

"What decided her not to get a divorce?"

"There was another woman in the hotel willing to take her husband as soon as the decree was made absolute."

In the Feud Zone.

"May I ask you a question?"

"Sure, stranger."

"Why is everybody in this section mixed up in a feud?"

"Well nobody keers to take chances on bein' an innocent bystander."—*Kansas City Journal*.

Brighter Prospects.

"My dear," said the banker to his only daughter, "I have noticed a young man attired in a dress suit in the drawing room two or three evenings each week of late. What is his occupation?" "He is at present unemployed, father," replied the fair girl, a dreamy, far-away look in her big blue eyes, "but he is thinking seriously of accepting a position of life companion to a young lady of means."

Wouldn't Hang the Jury.

An old negro named Ephraim, having been sworn on the jury in a murder trial, for some time resisted a verdict of guilty for no other apparent reason than his strong aversion to capital punishment in general. Finally the foreman explained to him that it was a question either of hanging the prisoner or hanging the jury and that it all depended on him. "Fo' gracious, sah," replied Uncle Ephraim, "on dem reasonments de pris'ner am sho' guilty."

What Was the Sandwich For?

A stately old professor was approached by a young student one day in one of the Western colleges. Trying hard to keep back a smile the young man asked:

"Professor, you say you are an expert at solving riddles, don't you?"

"I claim that I am, my boy."

"Well, then, can you tell me why a man who has seen London on a foggy day and a man who has not seen London on a foggy day are like a ham sandwich?"

The professor studied for a long time, venturing several answers which proved to be wrong. Finally, at his wit's end, he said:

"I give it up."

"It's easy," said the other.

"Give it up," repeated the professor.

"Why," was the reply, "one has seen the mist and the other has missed the scene. Ha, ha! Catch on?"

"Of course I do, you lunatic! But what has the sandwich to do with it?"

After the youngster had recovered from a spell of laughter he chuckled:

"Oh, that's what you bite on."—*The Circle.*

Expectations More Than Fulfilled.

Lucille, a carefully brought up little girl of five years, returned from her first party in glee. "I was a good girl, mamma," she announced, "and talked nice all the time."

"Did you remember to say something pleasant to Mrs. Appleby just before leaving?" her mother asked.

"Oh, yes, I did," was the enthusiastic reply. "I smiled and said, 'I enjoyed myself very much, Mrs. Appleby. I had lots more to eat than I expected.'"—*Woman's Home Companion.*

Tainted.

"You are in the employ of that millionaire up on the hill, aren't you?" snapped the sharp-faced woman who ran the butter and egg shop.

"Yes, ma'am," responded the man in the white apron, "and I want two pounds of butter for my master's table. He said he'd send to town after it, only the roads are so bad."

"He did, eh? Well, we are not particular about his trade. Did you tell him I said his money was tainted?"

"Indeed I did."

"And what did he say?"

"Said so was your blamed old butter."—*Chicago News.*

Seeing the Sights.

"This," said the guide, who was piloting a bunch of tourists through Egypt, as he pointed to a mummy, "was a high priest, the wisest man of his day. He lived to a great age."

"Was his last illness fatal?" queried the wag of the bunch.

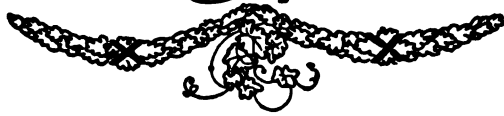
"Of course it was," answered the guide, with a look of pity at the other.

"That's queer," rejoined the waggish person. "His present appearance would seem to indicate that he was permanently cured."—*Chicago News.*

Aunt Crabbe—I think it is my duty to tell you that I have heard from several sources that Mr. Brown is a very fast young man!

Daisy—Fast as he is I shall catch him yet. Auntie!—*New York Tribune.*

Our Correspondents



INDISPENSABLE ELEMENTS FOR SENSIBLE DEVELOPMENT.

ON September 10th the important and business press of the nation was deploring the loss and death of one of our great wealth organizers, what we call financiers. In forms indirect they were glorifying what we call "our advanced, modern humanity." Following our invariable line of conduct, we are not going to indicate that the man in question was not as good a man as any other. It is not through personalities, not by blaming or praising such and such men that we can ever improve the conditions of humanity. Only by conscientiously dealing with the fundamental principles in all human conduct can we talk and work for the healthy development of all of us.

The man we have mentioned managed to have under his direct or indirect control about twenty-five per cent of the railroads of the nation, worth something like three and a half billions of dollars. One of the ways by which he could obtain such a power was by placing himself in close relations with retired wealthy men, inviting them to increase their already enormous annual income through the purchase of the securities, bonds, stocks, etc., that the new enterprises in the railroad business would necessitate, under his management. And thousands, if not millions of good, excellent, intelligent men imagine that it is only through such wealth combinations and congestions that humanity can prosper and be happy on earth, first, in the life beyond by and by.

About 200 generations of good people have already gone to the grave with the above materialistic conception of human development. Piles of wealth here and there, poverty and harsh forms of existence almost everywhere, that is all we require.

for progress and more progress. The rest shall take care of itself. And the most curious fact in that fantastic progress of ours, over 600 years old, is that even piles of wealth, with some of us, implies a harsh, painful, idiotic and mean existence, in relation to the kind perpetually decreed by all the laws, and forces, and processes of God's universe.

The universe under which we have to live and develop contains but two elements through the proper use of which we can have a sensible life. They are as follows: "First, the quantity and quality of the natural resources within any given area and radius of action adapted to our industrial activities. Second, the faculties of all of us for the proper use and development of that given area." It happens that no social organization or form of progress has ever yet allowed, to the bulk of any group of men, the right and power to scientifically and honestly use any important area of territory anywhere on the face of the earth. We have thus forced most men into healthy conditions of existence, forced them into distorted industrial activities. That has poisoned their mentality and physical machinery. That has imposed upon all men, intelligent or ignorant, saints or sinners, a miserable, unholy disgraceful struggle for existence. Hence, our past and present progress of gambling reprobates. Hence, our initiation of agony and despair, of anguish, sickness, perpetual anxieties, etc. Of course, that we do need financiers, wealth organizers, captains of industry, and all sorts of industrial tricks and absurdities to at least check now and then the chaos we promote through progress in defiance of all natural and divine law.

In forms however indirect, all education, civil and religious, still assumes that most men are sent on earth to pass through life

as mere fragments of machinery for wealth production and distribution, when not as servants for some of us to satisfy all vanities and conceits. We also assume that the wealth producer can seldom learn how to properly handle the wealth he may see fit or may be able to save, out of what he is allowed to produce. We assume, too, that we must have the legalized land and wealth gambler between the wealth producers and the natural resources by the use of which alone wealth can be produced. Then comes the greatest absurdity of all, which is to claim and assert that only through the greatest legalized injustice possible, can we produce the wealth we need for some to revel in all forms of crazy joys, while the many remain crushed by harsh, dismal forms of existence, allowed to retain but a portion of the very wealth congested among the few.

All our claims about our great production, under our modern intensified monopoly contrivances, are a farce. Do you know why? Simply because about 60 or 70 per cent of all we call wealth are simply inflated land monopoly values, represented by abnormally high prices on all we have to purchase and consume, the beneficiaries of those high prices being a few, about 1 or 2 per cent in each nation, the wholesale monopolies or tribute collectors. About 98 per cent of each nation are tribute payers.

If our modern wealth was at least a little less dishonestly and so not quite as idiotically distributed as it happens to be, then we would have more comfort among the many, less crazy joys among the few, far more manhood and higher joys with all of us. But then, that would not be the mad, dishonest progress we prefer to have. It would not be the distorted civilization we long for.

Humanity has never yet seen fit to test the results of a health industrialism free from laws of monopoly and injustice. Hence, the rank stupidity of our claims about increasing wealth production through mountains of the most criminal injustice in all industrial activities and ramifications.

The most deplorable fact in the march of all centuries is that the multitude of plain, educated people have always been willing

and remain willing to swallow, accept, endorse all the industrial and economic fallacies of the important men and classes controlling the adjustments of all national development. That settles the destinies of all of us, and settles them in opposition to all the simple morality of God and His creation. Then we split ourselves into many petty organized groups, each group bent upon retouching this or that secondary absurdity so that to make it a little less simple, while we all, grouped in the mother organization of each social compact, stand tooth and nail in favor of the bottom absurdities and wrongs by which we eternally vitiate and distort our whole development, from that of the top classes to that of the bottom ones in each social organism. And it is that very bottom and top which proves the intense folly of all our human enactments and their final results.

To forever keep curtailing some incidental evils, so as to keep all fundamental wrong alive and growing, that is what we have always called the practical. To attack and suppress all bottom evils so as to establish the kingdom of the truth—that has always been called—the impractical. If the Prince of Darkness was alive anywhere, he could not have any other philosophy of life than the one favored and preached by ourselves, the leading classes of all important nations.

JOSE GROS.

THE TOWERMAN.

The writer was much impressed with an article in the *Signal Engineer* on "The Automatic Signal and Its Maintainer," written by W. D. Kavanah, signal inspector of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. In that article the writer dilates at length on the value of the automatic signal and the importance of the maintainer, to the utter exclusion of the towermen at interlocking plants, who, in my opinion, are very necessary in making the signal system and interlocking plants the effective device for the guidance of railway trains that they should be.

Mr. Kavanah's admonition to maintainers is eminently proper and practicable, not only to maintainers in charge of automatic signals, but to interlocking plants as well. The maintainer is to be considered and meas-

ured at his full worth, as much depends upon him in the successful operation of the interlocking plant, and he is of the utmost assistance to the towerman. If the plant, so far as its operation and care devolves upon the maintainer, is kept in good condition, the towerman has every confidence in him and in the perfectness of the plant. With a reliable maintainer, and feeling certain that his part of the job is carefully looked after, the towerman will not be filled with forebodings and hold the local 15 or 20 minutes for No. 10 with the thought that the switch may fail in the crossing-over process. The towerman will do his part promptly and confidently, certain that the plant is in perfect working order and is to be relied upon up to the last second of time at his disposal.

The essentials of a good towerman are alertness, the ability to think quickly and of the right thing at the right time. By his efficiency and promptness the towerman will soon gain the confidence of the train dispatcher, the yardmaster, engineers, trainmen and switchmen. It is surprising how quick others will come to know the dependable and reliable towerman and how ready they are to give him every assistance by their promptness in heeding his signals, and the concern they will manifest to "clear the plant." The engineer can be of the greatest assistance to the towerman by his promptness in recognizing and obeying the signals. There should be a bond of friendly understanding between the towerman and all employees of the road—a mutual feeling that all are working in fraternal conjunction to perfect the duties of the other. Where such an understanding exists there is never encountered the vexatious delays, the happenings which compel the cutting of street crossings and other troublous incidents which constitute the unpleasant parts of railroading, and bring trainmen and enginemen, and, too often, towermen "upon the carpet" to explain to the trainmaster or others in authority the errors of omission or commission.

It is within the power of towermen to beget this confidence and the faith of his superiors and the men with whom he works—engineers and trainmen who look to him

for right guidance by and beyond their plants. If an engineer is now and then encountered who is prone to be what is termed "bull-headed," the towerman play is to soften his wrath and to correct his understanding. It is the learning of a lesson taught in all the textbooks, as well as all other world-old book teaching the way of righteousness. It is, I fondly believe, the lesson we have learned at "XC," in Erie yard. If any of the readers of THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER should happen down that way sometime when they are coming lively, they will observe the readiness of engineers on both roads which cross each other at that point to give heed to the signals of the towerman, and be amazed at the promptness with which they score up and widen on them to get "clear" of the plant. It is a spectacle which will recall to mind the antics of the ponies at Sheepshead Bay.

The emoluments accruing to towermen and the prospect of a rapid road to worldly wealth are not so glittering as they might be. But that should not deter us from giving the best that is in us to the service. Once a towerman always a towerman, is a saying which we are familiar with, but faithfulness must ultimately have its reward, if in no other way, at least in the self-satisfaction of a duty well done. The towerman should not be oppressed with the belief that he is in a rut from which he can not extricate himself, and seek to even up with mankind by a continuous knocking against conditions in which he happens to find himself. Cultivate the disposition of a "Sunny Jim," with the thought ever uppermost that a slice of the good things of the earth will come your way some day. Our lot is not such an utterly hopeless one. For me there is a certain fascination in tower work, and in railroading, and I glory in the thought that the engineers of high-speed trains are looking to me—depending on me and on my fellows of the towers for a clear right of way, rushing away into the black night serenely confident that the towerman has set his signals right and barred all opposing trains from their way. The public will have fast travel—this Twentieth Century people of ours—and is it not a supreme satisfaction to know that you are

an important factor in catering to the safe and secure gratification of their desire? When we tire of key pounding we have the diversity of the telephone, which is a pleasant and useful change from the old order of things. The telephone helps out in many ways, and is a medium of familiarity which the telegraph key does not afford. With it you are enabled to talk directly with the train dispatcher and the officials, and there is a sense of intimacy born of telephone conversation which seems to bring you more on a level with those in superior positions and makes you feel that you have stated your case with more clearness and established a better understanding with the man higher up. But in one particular, the telephone fails in a practice which has become dear to the heart of the telegrapher, and that is, it fails to report the progress of passenger trains at different points on the division. It was of interest to the towerman and the operator to know just where a passenger train was at the moment, and gave him due notice as to how far he could trespass upon the time of the passenger in order to make a necessary and urgent shift on the part of a yard engine, or to cross a freight train without breaking in on the train dispatcher to ask for the time. In this particular the telephone is yet to be made to fill a long-felt want.

What I desire to say more than anything else, and which I have clean forgotten in my exuberance of detailing other and academic matters, is that among railroaders, more than any other class, there is necessity for a bond of the closest fellowship. We are all engaged in a service which is the most essential to public convenience and prosperity, and in striving to be of assistance, one class to the other, in performing our respective parts of that service in the most capable and acceptable manner, we are conducing to the best interests of all. The B. of R. T., the B. of L. E., the B. of L. F., the Switchmen's Union, the O. R. C., and the other Orders of railroad employes have the same ultimate objects, the beneficial purposes of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. The identity of one is autonomous with the identity of the other, all claiming as objects capability and reliability. The upbuild of the one is the strengthening of the other, and, if all work in amity and full understanding, the final outcome will be the advancement of the best interests of all. We are a class of toilers distinctive and separate, and this distinction should weld us together in an inseparable bond of common interest, ever mindful that "many can always help one, where one can not always help many."

T. J. CLANCY.

Div. 129.





FRATERNAL

St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Bro. J. W. LaFever and your correspondent were delegates to the Missouri State Federation of Labor, held in Joplin, Mo., September 20th to 23d, inclusive.

If any one thinks there is nothing in unionism, nor the union label, a "look in" on a meeting of delegates to the State Federation, would promptly dispel that idea.

Several lady delegates were in attendance representing the Boot and Shoe Workers, Garment Workers, etc.

Considerable discussion was indulged in and many bills passed, which will, no doubt, be beneficial to the labor interests of Missouri.

Brother LaFever was elected third vice-president.

Brother W. P. Shutt, local chairman of the Washash, has been going over the line lately and reports it in good shape.

Bro. P. P. Molloy, of the headquarters, wears a broad smile and passed the cigars, all on account of the arrival of a son at his house.

Bro. T. A. Lane is back at his desk, after a two weeks' vacation, spent in the land of pretty women and fast horses.

Bro. W. H. Bull has returned to duty, at headquarters, after an absence of several weeks, most of which time was spent in a hospital. Bro. Bull seems much improved and says he is feeling fine.

In looking over the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER we notice the fraternal notes are crowding out the other matter, taking up about two-thirds of the whole journal.

Believing that the editor can use the space for more interesting news to the membership in general, than notes from No. 2, we will now cut out.

Div. Cor.

Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.

The following are some of the changes, which have been made since last month's TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. C. E. Bryant, third trick at Wilkesbarre, resigned to accept a position with Swift & Co. His ready wit and the familiar "Chug Chug" of his bug wagon are much missed by the boys of "WN" office.

Bro. R. F. Drehner, third trick at South Wilkesbarre, bid in third trick at "WN," Wilkesbarre, and later resigned to accept a position in Wilkesbarre yard office.

Bro. J. F. Betz, third trick at "KO," Wren, bid in third trick at South Wilkesbarre.

D. G. Casem, second trick, Wilkesbarre, resigned, to accept a position as clerk in Wilkesbarre yard office.

J. Forrest, second trick at South Wilkesbarre, bid in second trick at Wilkesbarre.

H. W. Lennon, third trick, "HO" tower, has been dismissed from the service.

Bro. C. L. Hawbecker, third trick at Rupert Tower, was married Sept. 15th, and has taken a wedding tour to Niagara Falls and other places of interest in New York. We wish to extend hearty congratulations to them.

The familiar sound of the block instrument is heard no more; the blocking being done on telephones and, at this writing, the train dispatching is still being done on telephones between Sunbury and Nescopeck. The boys, however, don't seem to appreciate the so-called improvement. Quite a large number of them are planning to leave the service, this includes some of our best men, who for years have given the company first-class service in the telegraph department.

Div. Cor.

Baltimore Div., No. 17.

We have been keeping in close touch with our sister organizations; viz., the Engineers, Firemen, Conductors and B. R. T., and for the advancement of all concerned, these five organizations have agreed to meet all grievances as one organization, with two representatives from each brotherhood, representing their respective organizations. This truly is a progressive movement, and while yet in its infancy the prestige of co-operative plans will no doubt bring good results of a permanent character.

Bro. E. T. F. Disney, has recently decided it was not good to be alone, and has taken to himself a "better half." We understand the couple have moved to Baltimore, and that ere long Bro. D. will be located in the superintendent's office at Wilmington, Del. Congratulations to you, Bro. D.

Bro. J. Franklin Miller has been elected Chairman of the L. B. of A. of the Baltimore Division, in place of Brother Rupley, who, on account of the heavy work and living so far from the lower end deemed it prudent that he should take it easier. We were indeed sorry to lose Bro. "FA," for he has done efficient work; and yet we are glad that such a man as Bro. Miller is to fill his place. We bespeak for him the united assistance of all concerned, as we are sure Bro "M" will prove true to the trusts reposed in him.

We have the "glad tidings" from Brother F. B. Stonesifer, formerly of Baltimore, now in Houston, Texas, that he is doing well, and likes the place. He will continue to be one of the boys of "Old 15" and we are glad to have him remain with us.

Bro. Kramer, while working in place of Bro. (Sheriff) Cole, gained quite a reputation as a fireman. Although fire was leaping from every side and for a time all thought old "AC" would go down, Bro. Kramer proved to be "one of the bravest" and within ten minutes was again back at his post, handling the many trains as usual.

Bro. H. C. Krout has been promoted from Chattanooga Springs to Phoenix. If Howard keeps on moving up he will soon reach home—Glenrock, the "Old Garden Spot" of Pennsylvania.

Bro. J. S. Sebastian, our toast master and dentist, has been spending some time at the home of his mother, but is again at his office, No. 320 North Charles street, where he will always be glad to meet you.

Boys, don't fall asleep and spoil your record. Let's try to make the company we work for the best, and in so doing we help our employers as well as ourselves. Then there will be no cause for suspensions. Our "D. O." will be as proud of such a record as any of you, we are sure.

MAYFIELD.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

Bro. Harry Taylor, third trick at "VO" and Miss Sarah Rhoclimer, of Charlton, were united in marriage by the Rev. Rishel, at Williamsport, August 30th, and spent their honeymoon in Atlantic City and Philadelphia. The brothers of this Division wish to extend their congratulations to the happy pair. They are now in their newly furnished home at McElhattan.

The P. R. R. Postal office has been removed from the hotel at Milton to the freight office and Brother H. V. McGee is doing the telegraphing. Telegrapher Geo. Myers, is doing clerical work in the same office.

Bros. A. C. Grieb and W. E. Troutman always seem to be able to attend the meetings. Brothers, try and emulate their good examples. You are missing a treat whenever you stay away, and besides we need your presence.

Bros. W. H. Dauberman and C. C. Fenstermacher are kept very busy at "N" tower, on account of the large yard being erected at that point.

Bro. H. L. Steiger has resigned to enter other business. The brothers of Division No. 25 will miss him, but we all wish him success in his undertaking.

I understand considerable foul language is being used on the wire, mostly on the third trick. I trust that it is none of the brothers that are guilty of such conduct. If the party is located, he should be dealt with severely.

We are glad we can now call C. A. Gresh, of "Q" tower, third trick, brother.

Bro. C. S. Deiffenderfer, second trick at "WD," claims this has been a bad season for the man that tills the soil.

Bros. G. E. Shaffer and H. T. Mitten of "DR" tower, are "in it" again. They are surrounded by watermelon and cantaloupe patches.

Bro. Bob Wilson, third trick at "BS," spent his vacation at his home in Patton and Pittsburg.

Bro. Schlotman, third trick at "J," spent a few days at his home in Zottsville, last month.

Bro. J. G. Young spent his ten-day vacation at Atlantic City.

Mr. Coleman is doing extra clerical work at Mr. Kissinger's office, and Bro. Nelson is working the second trick at "NC" in Coleman's place.

Bro. C. R. Dugan is doing extra work on third trick at "NC."

Operator H. W. Brown is doing extra work on relief schedule No. 2, until a regular man is assigned.

Bro. Rubendall is still doing extra work in "GO." Bro. Williamson, second trick man, is doing the first trick stunt at "J" tower.

Bro. C. C. Bastain, wife and little son, were Sunday Pine visitors recently and Bro. G. E. McCloskey visited there on Labor Day.

Bro. T. M. Young was a Williamsport visitor on his relief day.

Bro. A. C. Grieb was a Sunbury visitor on his relief day.

Bro. J. C. Odonnell was an Avis visitor recently.

Some months, so much matter is received that Bro. Quick finds it necessary to cut it down. If everything was printed that is sent him, THE TELEGRAPHER would no doubt have to be as large as Montgomery, Ward & Co.'s catalogue. We want all the news, brothers, but write it up as briefly as you can.

Div. Com.

New York Div., No. 26.

The last regular meeting of this Division was well attended, and a pleasant evening passed. A great deal of business was handled, to the satisfaction of all. A communication was read from our Chief Telegrapher, Bro. F. J. Ryan, stating that owing to the fact that he was employed on the New York Central, he had transferred to Division No. 8. We regret the loss of Bro. Ryan, as he served the division long and well as Chief Telegrapher. Bro. E. N. Pickerill, manager of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel station, of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, was elected as Chief Telegrapher to fill Bro. Ryan's place, and we look to a successful administration under his rule. Second Vice Chief Telegrapher, H. F. Braithwaite, was pushed up a point to First Vice Chief, his former position being filled by Bro. H. R. Baum, also of the wireless service, who is located at the station at Galilee, New Jersey, and who is a regular attendant of the meetings. If you are looking for office, it is up to you to be on hand, as the regulars are the ones who are considered first.

The appeal of Bro. Lewis Darling was acted on, and a small amount realized for this brother. We trust that Division No. 8 will see this brother through his sickness, as he is one of their members at Camillus, New York.

Bro. Schmitt, of the S. S. Huron, was coming up the harbor during our meeting, as we learned, by wireless, sorry that the ship was not a few hours sooner, so that he could have been with us.

Bro. T. M. Pierson is so busy attending to his innumerable duties, that it is hard for him to be

with us, but he has promised to attend our next meeting, so those who attend will be assured of a good talk from him as usual.

Bro. Becker is always busy our meeting nights and we don't have the pleasure of his smiling face. We should be glad to see Bro. McGuire attend the meetings, likewise Bro. F. Lippincott.

Now that we are meeting in Brooklyn, it should be an easy matter for Bro. Collins to be with us on the second Thursday evening.

We are pleased to report that Bro. Webster is doing nicely and that he is not having any bad effects from his recent operation.

We understand that Bros. Campbell, Pettit and Hallenbeck have all succeeded in having their salaries raised considerably.

Bro. Garrison is still hard at it in New Jersey. Bro. Keegan says that all is well "up state."

Bro. O'Brien still in the commercial line, likewise Bro. Mahoney, who thinks this hustling division should have a typewriter.

Bro. Pickerill is having his troubles with the wireless, so many battleships in the harbor at present.

Bro. Braithwaite is still enjoying the Long Island climate.

Bro. Davis is still on the right side of the market.

The Secretary and Treasurer has been enjoying himself in Canada, for three weeks, taking in the Thousand Islands, Niagara Falls, the Canadian National Exposition, at Toronto, where he spent a few hours with Bro. D. Campbell, Third Vice President; then proceeding to Montreal, and home via Lake Champlain and the Hudson river.

Our worthy Bro. P. B. Price, who departed this life on the 15th inst., leaves a widow and son about two years old, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the Division as expressed in the resolution below. The funeral was at Smithtown, Long Island, on the 22d inst.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the Divine Ruler of the Universe, to take from our midst our beloved Bro. P. B. Price, who died at Denver, Colo., September 15, 1909, and

WHEREAS, In the death of Bro. Price, his family have lost a true and loving member, and Division No. 26, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, a true and loyal member, and one who at all times tried to do his full duty as a brother and a member. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 26, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of sadness and sorrow; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Division, a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. N. PICKERILL,

A. R. LINN,

H. F. BRAITHWAITE,

T. M. PIERSON.

Committee.

This Division desires to express its thanks to Bro. E. L. Stump, of Denver, Colo., and Bro. J. E. Shields, of Div No 44, for their kindness to the family of Bro. Price. We also desire to express our thanks to Div. No. 44 for the splendid floral offering they sent to the funeral. Also to the O. R. T. and C. T. U. A. of Denver, Colo., for the same remembrance.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

The October meeting of Division 29 was an unusually interesting and entertaining one. Invitations were extended to all of the divisions in this part of the country and quite a number of visitors were present from the various railroads throughout the East. The meeting was held at 7 p. m. instead of the usual hour, on the evening of October 1st. The members of Division No. 29 made an unusual effort, and assisted the committee in giving the visitors a royal welcome. Refreshments were served, and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Providence Div., No. 35.

Division No. 35 claims the honor of the first installation of a local lodge of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the O. R. T. in the history of our glorious Order. The happy event occurred at our September meeting, when Division No. 4 of the L. A. was brought into existence. The following corps of division officials were inducted into office by Past Chief, Bro. Geo. E. Joslin, ably assisted by the Marshal, Bro. W. J. Smith; President, Mrs. J. F. Brady; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Welch; Past President, Mrs. J. Wood; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. Conant; Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. P. Haley; Chapcrone, Mrs. H. H. Mehning.

Not the least pleasing part of the ceremony by any means, was the presentation of a beautiful gavel to Division No. 4, L. A., through its President by Past Chief Telegraphers, Bros. Joslin and Brady, of Division No. 35.

Now that Division No. 4, L. A., has such an auspicious opening, it is up to the brothers of the Division to see to it that its course will be always onward and upward, and do all in their power to encourage its growth, bearing in mind the stronger it becomes the greater its influence for good in its chosen field. The high personality of its officials is an assurance that the honor and upbuilding of the organization will be their chief aim, and we who have always taken great pride in our noble Order and Division should always endeavor to prove worthy of their aid and see that no act of ours will in any way cause our devoted sisters to regret their efforts in our behalf.

The members should keep in mind that it is absolutely necessary under the new laws to keep up-to-date in both the O. R. T. and M. B. A. within 60 days from June 30 and December 31, if they desire to continue their membership.

A decided improvement has taken place at Dike street station, both inside and out, since Bro.

Webster acquired the position. We take interest in the spirit shown.

Bro. D. A. MacArthur has bid in one of the spare agent and telegrapher jobs.

Bro. J. R. Maxwell, having resigned his position in the information bureau at the Providence passenger station, has been assigned to one of the newly-acquired spare agent and operator positions.

H. W. Mathewson, an old-time telegrapher, has again been forced to lay off, with an affection of the nerves. He was on spare work and we hope to see him back ere long.

Bro. C. L. Gaffney, agent at Centredale, has bid in third trick at Westminster street tower.

Bro. S. A. Goggins, agent at Barrington, was reported on the sick list at our last meeting.

The Willimantic branch of the Midland Division is showing the effects of the master hand of Local Chairman Leete. Hats off to "Joe."

Bro. H. A. Hopkins is initiating himself in tower service on the owl trick at Apponang. One of the pleasant places on the Providence Division.

The most heartfelt sympathy is extended to Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Maxwell over the death of their infant son.

Brothers, and especially those in the station service, your attention is called to the communication of Bro. O'Brien in the N. Y. C. notes on page 1327 of the August TELEGRAPHER. To us upon the N. H. System in the light of past events, this article in question will prove both interesting and instructive.

Sister Kenyon will no doubt offer up a fervent prayer of thanksgiving when the workmen who are remodeling the interior of the passenger station at East Greenwich have finished their labors and departed. It needs such discomforts to make us appreciate and enjoy the real blessings of this life, "AY."

I am advised by a brother that the "want ad" in my August letter is considered rather "hard" by the "sleepy ones" and "all right" by the "wide awakes." It was ever thus. Only those cry who are hurt. At the same time, an improvement is noticed.

Bro. Gerrish, second trick at Shannock tower, started August 22nd on a visit to his mother down in Maine, who is reported very ill. We hope he will find her on the high road to recovery.

Bro. Stoddard, first trick "JC" tower, Midway, we are glad to report, is back again from his sick spell.

Bros. Jack Smith and Tom Ray, with their families, spent the last day of the social season at Narragansett Pier.

Bro. J. J. Callahan, second trick at East Greenwich tower, left September 2nd on a two weeks' visit to his father in New York State; relieved by Bro. J. A. McKnight, an old-timer of years gone by, who recently returned to his old love, the New Haven System.

General Chairman Bro. Manion was an unexpected but none the less a welcome visitor meeting

night, and, as usual, gave us a heart-to-heart talk upon the good of the Order, which was appreciated by all present.

Bro. L. F. Ross, chief of Boston Division No. 89, was with us, but owing to being compelled early to catch his train for home, we missed that which he always is ready to give upon all occasions, a good, sound O. R. T. address.

Twenty-five members, including all division officials with one exception present, two applications favorably voted upon and one petition received, is the record for the month.

The sum of \$288 was realized for the sick brother on the gold watch.

Bro. Mehring, first trick at Attleboro tower, Park street, visited at his home town, Littlestown, Pa., recently.

Towers doubled up on account of sickness and scarcity of spare men: East Greenwich, R. I.; "JC" tower, Midway, Conn.

On account of heavy travel on the electric Labor Day, Bro. Sooy was sent to South Swansea and Scott to Touisset to assist on single iron.

Bros. Cook and Gerrish, Shannock tower, are back from their vacations. The latter reports his mother very much improved in health.

Dispatcher Woodward, on an extended leave of absence at Salt Lake City, Utah. Bro. "Si" Haley is keeping 'em going in the meantime.

Bro. Skelton, third trick at Brayton avenue tower, is on vacation. Bro. Brady, second trick helper, is covering third.

Bro. Dunbar, second trick at Kingston tower, has resigned to take a position with the De Forest wireless in New York. We are sorry to lose him.

Bro. "Sid" Boardman has changed from second to third trick at Elmwood tower.

Births: To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Saveria, of Woonsocket, R. I., a daughter.

Deaths: Infant son of Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Maxwell, of Auburn, R. I.

Springfield Div., No. 38.

B. & A. R. R.—

Those who were fortunate enough to get vacations have returned and settled down for another year's work or until something better comes to us. Many were unable to get away, others felt they could not afford it, and therefore only comparatively a few enjoyed vacations, but we are all hopeful that another season we may be more favored.

Tower 28, Worcester, closed September 1st, and a temporary interlocking plant was installed for the four temporary tracks, which are to be used during the next few months, or until the tracks on the old locations are elevated and grade crossings abolished. We understand from Brothers Sullivan, Fogarty and Powers, who are in charge of the new plant, that it requires the strength of a "Jeffries" to handle the machine, but we will risk these boys with it, and hazard a guess that they will make good.

Everything is going along very nicely these days, trains running on time and everybody looking pleasant. Freight business is heavier than ever before in the history of the road and still we have heard of no blockade, nor do we expect to hear of any.

Undoubtedly before this appears, conditions will be considerably improved. We trust that everybody will appreciate the improvement and show their appreciation by good service. Let us show the company that "there is some class to us."

Bro. Jim Carnes has been transferred from tower 29 to "BD" cabin, Brookfield, in place of Telegrapher Harrington, resigned. This shift brings J. W. Lucey, of Westboro, to tower 29, whom the organizer expects soon to make brother.

Bro. H. C. Moore, of tower 26, Worcester, resigned, it was understood to accept a position near Utica, N. Y., but later reported that he is going into business in Worcester. The boys all wish him success in his new undertaking, whatever it may be, and wherever he goes.

Sister Agnes Costello, of Worcester depot, has returned after two weeks at Old Orchard Beach and other points. We are glad to have "CO" back among us again.

Bro. F. F. Fuller, of Worcester depot, left recently on a ten days' trip to New York and other places.

Bro. J. E. Hanlon, of tower 26, is off for his old home, in good old Vermont; his wife and daughter accompanying him.

Telegraphers Kennelly, East Brookfield; C. B. Daly, Brookfield, and Agent Langlios, Brookfield, will be with us before this appears in print.

Bro. H. S. Elder has been transferred from East Brookfield station to "BD" cabin in place of Telegrapher Gilligan, resigned.

Bro. Geo. Mitchell, of tower 29, has returned from Halifax, N. S., after three months' absence, we are pleased to say much improved in health.

That bunch around Springfield is warm, all right, but they do get the hook sometimes. Understand they got locked out the other night.

We all know that Roy Austin is going to join some time, but who can guess when?

They say Bro. Dick Keefe goes shorter every day. The west end seems unusually quiet, but hope we will learn more of the doings up there by next month.

Am greatly obliged to Bro. Powers for notes this month.

NOTICE.

All members of Division No. 38 are hereby notified that our place of meetings have been changed from 33 Lyman street to 373 1-2 Main street, Springfield, Mass. The hall, situated on the top floor of the Springfield Public Market Building, is only a few minutes' walk from the railroad station and most convenient to members from out of the city who have to take early trains home. The Division meets every third Saturday night of the month at 7:30 sharp, and all members are requested to be governed accordingly.

.. R. CARDINAL, Sec. and Treas.

Boston Div., No. 41.

On Sunday, September 14th, the writer, in company with others, journeyed to West Ossipee, N. H., to attend the clam bake held by Rochester Division No. 65. None were sorry they went, and if this entertainment is a sample of their usual treatment of visitors, we hope for another invitation.

We were met at the station by automobiles and mountain wagons which took us to "Camp Scott," about two miles distant on the shores of Lake Ossipee.

The perfect day permitted us to most thoroughly enjoy the crystal beauties of the lake, which has a clear yellow beach and is wholly surrounded by high hills and woods.

We had no sooner arrived than some baseball "fan" proposed a game and those who felt the spirit move immediately joined in. It was a treat to see how our agents and telegraphers fell to and hit the ball, both old and young mixing in it. Three-baggers and home runs were reeled off in record-breaking time, and Berry, the score-keeper, cried out for an assistant as fat men and lean men beat it to the home plate. One brother whom I have met several times in Boston had five sons with him in the game, but if these youngsters figured that they had anything on the "old man" that day they made a sad mistake, for the way he ran bases and whacked the ball was a caution, bringing credit to himself and the winning runs for his team.

The game over, we were ready for the bake, and the only way I can describe it and its delicious taste is to tell you that we all ate several times more than we usually do, and as we blew our after-dinner smoke to the winds beneath the shade of tent and tree, moistening our lips occasionally with the real Ossipee dew, we felt indeed grateful to our most generous hosts and hoped that we might reciprocate at some future time.

One of the great benefits of such informal gatherings is the great opportunity of becoming acquainted with one another and exchanging ideas. This seems to be wholly lacking in formal open meetings, but at such gatherings as at Ossipee, where the men touch shoulder to shoulder, friendships are formed and a spirit is awakened which tends to cement us closer together, to cheer us onward in our common cause. Such was my impression, at least, as I watched the men bid one another farewell and turn their faces toward home.

The principal topic at the September meeting was the benefit fund, and judging from the interest taken by those present it is bound to be a success. If we have time enough and crowd enough to start the October meeting early, we can doubtless take up each of the remaining sections and discuss them at length. It is something that cannot be hurried, but must receive careful consideration and it is better to take each article and discuss it carefully, than to find a flaw in it after adoption. The committee have drawn up a very good set of by-laws and it bids fair to

be a credit to our division as well as provide substantial aid to members when in need. The cost will be so small that every member of Division No. 41 should become a member. The number who have already pledged their assistance is very gratifying, both to the committee and to the members who brought the idea into existence. It is not intended to be a money-making affair, but simply and solely to help disabled members of Division No. 41, and to do this we want the members to aid by joining as soon as it is accepted by the division. Any members, who have not already filled out the coupon attached to the circular sent out by the committee, are requested to do so and mail to Secretary Morgan, if they feel that this matter is to be a benefit and an aid to our disabled members.

The attendance was fair for this time of year, and all present seemed to take a great interest in the proceedings. It is, however, rather a coincidence, that so many members happened to have theatre tickets purchased for the second Saturday of each month.

Bro. True, of Salisbury, who has been on the sick list for some time, is going to the provinces to recuperate. We hope he will return fully recovered. Bros. Rogers and Whipple are slowly recovering. We hope to see both on duty shortly. Bro. Whipple has been especially hard hit and has the sympathy of all.

Bro. Quilty, of West Somerville, has returned to work, after a vacation in New Brunswick. Bro. O'Connor, who relieved him, is now taking a short rest. Bros. Wilson and Landsberg, of "GM" office, have returned from vacations.

Waltham (South Division) which was up for bid, was taken by Bro. Corcoran of Wayland. This latter job is now up for bid.

Vacancies on the East Division at present are Bell Rock, Malden and Beverly.

Query: Who pinched the agent's winter supply of kindling wood while he was on his vacation? He wants to know. Div. Coa.

Our worthy chief and our division correspondent expects to fill the division column each month, by asking different members to contribute thereto. This is a good way to keep up the interest, and show the sisters and brothers who are unable to attend the meetings that this division is still alive and doing business.

The suggestion of our correspondent in the July issue that we have an educational hour at our meetings, should be started right away. I would suggest that our worthy chief appoint an entertainment committee to procure speakers, if we can afford it, or arrange with our members, a number of whom are capable of writing on the leading questions relative to organized labor, and reading such papers at our meetings, inviting discussions of the topic noted therein. We might take up the question of the union label and show the benefit it is to labor, and what it stands for.

Look at the noble struggle the United Hatters are making. A noble struggle, and it is up to every union man to do all in his power to assist

them in every way possible. C. W. Post, of Grape-Nuts fame, in a paid advertisement, says: "You have noticed lately that the makers of finest hats and shoes have stopped putting on the union label and the labor trust managers ordered their dupes to strike and fight and destroy property; but for some reason the buying public has been aroused to the insults and oppression behind it and in thousands of cases have refused to buy any article carrying what some one named the 'tag of servitude and oppression.'"

We feel satisfied that none of the members of the O. R. T. can be classed with those who may have been obliged to refuse the union label, at the dictation of Post, Parry, Van Cleave & Co. They know that the union label is one of the strongest assets of organized labor, and are spending thousands of dollars to destroy it, hoping by so doing to kill the labor organizations, or at least retard their growth.

We all know that the union label stands for satisfied workmen, a living wage and a sanitary workroom. We also know that some goods are put on the market by unscrupulous manufacturers and retail buyers, have come from sweatshops and prisons, full of vermin and disease, or have been made by some poor seamstress at a few cents per dozen, to enable a greedy manufacturer to obtain a large profit through her misfortune.

Which should we patronize, the badge of purity, fair wages and a fair profit, or the goods without a badge of any description, except that of large profits to the manufacturers and starvation to the worker?

It is up to the members of organized labor to patronize those who help you and show the fair employer that the union label stands for his benefit, and the unfair employer that the only way he can do business with you is to purchase goods which bear the union label.

The Manufacturers' Association pretend, and will tell you that its members believe in organized labor, managed wisely and peacefully, which means when you have a just grievance, you must settle it with them individually. They claim then you will be free and independent workmen. Then they will tell you they are now doing the best for you that can be done, and if this don't suit, you had better seek another position. Then C. W. Post will boast of his "free and independent workmen, without organization, and 10 per cent above the average wage." This average was probably boosted by the salary of numbers of high-paid officials. How long do you suppose these "independent workers" would receive their 10 per cent if it was not for organized labor, which has raised the standard, forcing such men as Post to pay a living wage?

President Taft said recently: "I think the employer who declines to deal with an organization and recognize it as a proper element in the settlement of wage controversies, is behind the times."

We all know that if labor had remained unorganized, wages would be very much lower, and the President might just as truthfully have

added, that organization prevents a reduction in wages in time of depressions, when such reduction would retard the resumption of business and would be no one's gain, and that it develops fraternity and is a good investment, because it teaches co-operation and curbs selfishness, besides helping the family; for getting more wages for one body, raises the standard of all the wage-earners.

New York Div., No. 44.

The regular meeting for the month of September, was called to order on the 11th. inst. Quite a volume of new business was transacted, and two candidates initiated.

The meetings are being better attended now, than during the warm summer months, but there is still room to seat all of those who will make an effort to come out.

The members of Division No. 44 extend sympathy and condolence to the family and friends of Brother Percy Price, late of Division No. 26, who died in Denver, Colo., September 15, 1909. His father went to Denver and brought the remains to Smithtown, N. Y., his old home, where the funeral was held on Wednesday, September 21st. Members of Division No. 44 sent a beautiful floral piece.

Although Bro. Price was not a member of No. 44, he was well and favorably known by many of the members, who remember him as a man of good moral character, a good and true union man, and a good husband and father. His sickness covered a period of many years, but he never complained, and even when near the end of his life's journey, he was more considerate of the welfare and feelings of others than himself.

Second trick at Hammel ticket office having been closed up for the season, Bro. J. J. Murray goes on the relief staff.

Bro. J. F. Moskatte closed the season at Manhattan Beach, on the 15th of September.

Aqueduct, Ramblersville, Goose Creek, the Raunt and Steeple Chase, have also closed for the season.

The new station at Vanderveer Park will be opened soon, but none too soon to suit Bro. and Mrs. Ruse.

The new station at Huntington, will also soon be ready for business.

Bro. Kaufman, of Floral Park, is installed in his new quarters, which are modern and thoroughly up-to-date.

Bros. Kremp and Dow, of Hicksville, will be moved into their new office by the time this is in print.

Farmingdale has undergone extensive repairs and is now as good as new.

The management has just reason to feel proud of the stations on the Long Island. The old dry goods box style will soon be a thing of the past.

The Long Island trains expect to run into 33rd street, New York, station by January 1, 1910.

We hear that Inspector of Agents Broughton, has resigned, and his place will soon be filled; presumably by some one from the Pennsylvania Railroad. Well, such is life, officials may come and officials may go, but the O. R. T., Division No. 44, and the railroad goes on forever.

And this reminds us of other officials that have come and gone. The writer has been in the signal department for many years and worked under the administration of "Hagerman," better known as "Bill Nye."

"Bill" had charge of loading race trains and was well known "by sight" to many of the regulars, book-makers, etc.

One disagreeable day, on the 15th of April, when the first race train pulled into Aqueduct, "Bill" was standing in his usual place on the cinder platform, when one of the regulars came hustling up and saluted him with:

"Hello, Slim! Have you been standing here all winter?"

"Bill" often told the writer he would not give an O. R. T. man a job and was only going to keep those he had until he could get other men to take their places. "Old Bill" has been out of the service many years, and now holds a minor position in a bank.

The men who worked under him at \$45.00 are now getting \$75.00 per; "old 44" never was so strong as it is today, financially or otherwise, having nearly 300 members, exclusive of those members who are not in the railroad service; conditions have improved, and the good work still goes on just the same, although officials have a time limit.

We heard the following message from Good Ground, going over the wire recently: "Boy arrived at three p. m., both doing nicely." We offer congratulations. Please don't forget Bro. Rice that we smoke.

Bro. Ed Rowland has bid in third trick at Glendale, Junction, Nacany, caused by Bro. E. W. Nicholson bidding in third at Far Rockaway.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, of recent date contained the announcement by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harrison, of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Flora Harrison to one of our most popular brothers, M. S. Scotton. Miss Harrison is an accomplished musician and choir leader in the First Methodist Church at Ozone Park. Division No. 44 extends its most hearty congratulations to this most popular pair.

Bro. P. C. Lawson, who has been on the farm for some time, says even farming is easier with an up-to-date.

Bro. H. G. Penny and wife, are spending two weeks at Cutchogue with his parents. Bro. Hopkins is doing second at Woodhaven Junction.

Bro. J. O'Rourke has bid in third at Mineola, made vacant by Bro. C. O. Webb taking the first trick at Ozone Park.

Bro. M. S. Scotton, first trick at "CN" tower is visiting his home in Delaware, relieved by Bro. P. J. Hopkins.

Bro. Ed Aston, first trick at "MP," Marle Park, visiting his boyhood home in Pennsylvania.

Bro. E. E. Louis and wife spent two weeks at Frankford, Dela., with his mother, who has been very sick. We are glad to say she is now much improved.

Bro. Hendrickson, third at Valley Stream, was the successful applicant for the first trick at Hammel, Wyo., vacancy caused by Bro. Geo. J. Turner going in to other business.

Bro. Thos. Bennett is relieving Bro. Chas. Curran, at Jamaica, block 2nd. Bro. Curran in turn is relieving Bro. Phil Hayes at Fresh Pond Junction. Bro. Hayes is doing extra work on main line improvement.

Bro. W. B. Adair has bid in the agency at Ronkonkoma.

Bro. Cunningham is working second trick at Huntington.

Jim Jagger has left Bridge street succeeded by J. Buhler.

Mr. W. B. Garney, who has been sick for some months, has returned to duty, and Bro. C. B. Ryder has been assigned to Regular Relief duty.

Sister Ida M. Schuyler, of Woodhaven Junction, has left the service to make some lucky man, unknown to the writer, extremely happy. Members of No. 44 extend congratulations for a long, happy and prosperous life.

L. W. Long has been installed as ticket agent at Woodhaven Junction.

Bro. Tom Walker, of Sea Side, has been granted an indefinite leave of absence, and will spend the coming winter in Old Virginia. Cups Lasher relieves him.

Bro. Jack Lynch, of "HP," Long Island City, has been relieved, on account of ill-health, by Mrs. H. Cammon.

Relief Agent, Bro. C. C. Carey, has been relieving the agent at Oakdale, a few days; the latter being on the sick list.

OLD DR. GOSSIP.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

The first regular meeting in September was held on Sept. 11th. Opened at 8:30 p. m., by Chief Telegrapher, A. A. Kolb. Most of the officers present. One petition for membership, from the Pittsburg Division P. R. R., was favorably acted upon. Bills amounting to \$65.53 and sick claims amounting to \$25.00, ordered paid. Under "good of the order," subjects of interest to the members employed on the P. R. R., particularly those on the Conemaugh Division, were discussed and action decided upon. Number of members present 16, which was a very poor showing, indeed.

The second meeting was held on Sept. 25th. Chief Telegrapher A. A. Kolb presiding. Officers in the accustomed places. Six petitions for membership were favorably acted upon, including five from the Conemaugh Division P. R. R., and one from the Pittsburg Division P. R. R. One new member was initiated. Bills amounting to \$39.50 and sick claims amounting to \$30.00 were ordered paid. The attendance was again under the aver-

age. Resolutions were adopted in regard to the deaths of Bros. Wm. J. Miller and J. C. Trimble.

Just a word to the members of this Division, located in and near Pittsburg, working first and third tricks. Have you any good excuse for not attending meetings on the second and fourth Saturday evenings, of each month? If you have the interests of the organization at heart you will arrange to become a regular attender from now on, as there will no doubt be questions of almost vital importance to each and every member, come up for discussion from time to time, just as there have been on dozens of other occasions in the past. Don't always remain a silent member, as we already have too many who do nothing towards the upbuilding of the Organization in general, and Division No. 52 in particular.

The course of events in the near future, will no doubt demonstrate the fact, that each member has his or her own part to do, so you might as well begin RIGHT NOW. If you do not know what is expected of you, come to the meetings and you will learn quite rapidly, and it will not cost you anything.

All those who have neglected to pay their dues for the current term, should do so at once and not put it off any longer. We need the assistance of every telegrapher within the jurisdiction of this Division, but we cannot keep your name on the membership roll unless you pay your dues each term.

We have again inaugurated an active campaign against the nons and we expect to secure the application of each and every eligible non-member in our territory, with the exception of a few undesirables. It's up to you to lend your assistance to the movement. Circulars and application blanks will be cheerfully mailed by the Secretary, upon request. Let us all wake up, and, above everything, don't knock.

The congratulations of the Division are herewith extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Campbell, treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa., on the birth of a son.

KLING.

On account of the "Walking Delegate" Kling losing one of their number, we were unable to get in a write-up for the month of September, but we hope the delinquent ex-brother will wake up to the fact that he is greatly injuring himself, and will come back to the fold.

Bro. Boreland was agreeably surprised with a birthday supper on Sept. 13th given by his landlady, Mrs. Hancock. The ladies had quite a time giving him the necessary 24 kisses, and the gents enjoyed themselves by pulling his ears.

There were 22 members present at our last meeting, five from the Conemaugh Division. We would like to see more of our members attend the meetings.

Bro. G. W. Johnston, since being transferred to "AJ" first trick, has been reaping a great harvest among the nons at that point. May he continue with the good work. He was one of the five at the meeting from the Conemaugh Division, hav-

ing with him two applications, and a promise of four more.

Mr. Lewis, second trick, at "XY" accompanied by his wife, spent a week at Atlantic City, relieved by Mr. Cox, a new man. Mr. Lewis has promised to be with us soon.

Extra Telegrapher Grasier is doing the owl stunt at "SA." His application for membership has been received. May he be a leader of many in following suit.

Sister Weinfurther, accompanied by Miss Lesere and Miss James, spent a very pleasant day, taking in the sights at the Exposition in Pittsburg, Sept. 14th. Miss James is at "QN" nights at present.

Telegrapher Butler got "QN" third trick, on bid.

Butler, Arnold, Marshall and Sackett rode "Billy" at the last meeting night, Sept. 25th.

Bros. Stitt and Turner, from "ON" are doing the extra in "AC." Bro. Moore working second trick at "ON."

Relief "D" bid in by Bro. Porter.

Bro. Kurilla, of "ND," had a pleasant trip to Altoona recently.

Bro. Johnson, of "DX," visited old friends in Buffalo for a few days.

Sister Ella Duncan was at Atlantic City for two weeks.

Bro. Hovis is off on a vacation, relieved by Bro. Helfrich, extra.

Telegrapher Gilliland, at "ZA," third, was off a few days, relieved by Mr. Johnston.

Bro. King, third "BI," spent ten days visiting his parents near Cambridge Springs, Pa.

The carpenters are putting up a new tower at "BI" which will be considerable larger than the old one and will give the telegraphers much more needed room.

Bolt switches have been put in at "ND" and they are now under control of the telegraphers.

The boys at "DX" were kept hustling during the Indiana fair to take care of the extra trains put on at that time.

Bro. Satterfield, after a two months' leave of absence on account of the injuries he received when falling from the bridge at "XY" tower, is now able to take up his work at that place again. We are all glad to see him back and hope nothing serious will result from his fall. The company has built a new pair of steps at this point, "locked the stable after the horse has been stolen." The brother extends his sincere thanks and best wishes to the brothers and sisters of Division No. 52 for the kindness shown him during his illness.

Boys and girls, don't forget our motto still holds good and always will: "No card, no favors." And give the nons no rest.

"Oa" "Oc" "Gu."

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved friend and brother Wm. J. Miller, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, and

WHEREAS, We feel that the widow has lost her truest friend, and the child, a kind and loving father, whose cheerful presence and unmeasurable love can not be replaced; we feel that their loss is his eternal gain; therefore be it

Resolved, That to the sorrowing family we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation, and pray for the comforter to give them strength and courage to fulfill their mission; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memoriam be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy be sent to our official organ for publication.

D. R. ULERY,
JOHN F. DAYMUDE,
JNO. WENTZ,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved friend and brother, J. C. Trimble, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, and

WHEREAS, We feel that the widow has lost her truest friend, and the children a kind and loving father, whose cheerful presence and unmeasurable love can not be replaced; we feel that their loss is his heavenly gain; therefore, be it

Resolved, That to the sorrowing family we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation, and pray for the comforter to give them strength and courage to fulfill their mission; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memoriam be sent to the bereaved family and a copy be sent to our official organ for publication.

F. W. ROTH,
R. LONG,
H. E. ADAMS,
Committee.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Delaware Division—

We are advised by a brother on the Q. A. & K. branch that they want a man to go down there and line up a few of the boys as they are good prospects but have not had any one to talk to them. How about this brother doing a little talking himself? He should know what the order is.

Does any one ever attend the meetings in Wilmington any more? Let's all turn out next meeting night, and make it a record breaker. Better once than never.

Quite a number of the boys attended Laurel Camp, and report having had a glorious time. Bro. Wright of Greenwood, spent two weeks at the Camp visiting friends of his wife's.

Bro. S. E. Elliott of "RU" is contemplating keeping bachelors' hall this winter, but have not heard whether he is going to keep boarders or not.

The summer offices on the main line and branch roads closed August 25th, and lots of familiar faces are out on the line again.

Several of the boys did not get any relief days in August, owing to the scarcity of men.

Bro. Oscar Allen of Millington, who worked at Seaford freight office, a few days, is doing extra on main line.

In the August TELEGRAPHER we called Bro. J. B. Roe, lately from Chincoteague "Mister." He holds an "up to date," and has been visiting his parents in Sudlersville, recently.

We regret that our old "D. M. & V." Bro. Megee, has not been down his pike lately, to gather up any news.

E. F. Brooks, accompanied by Mr. Whitney, Jr., and party of officials, were in Delmar the latter part of September, looking over improvements.

Joch Mahew, of Dover, has been transferred to Cambridge days. R. L. Gus Frazier has been appointed to the position at Dover.

Bro. E. H. Butler, of "DR" was in Kitts Hammock, a few days in the early part of September.

Roy Butler, assistant at Massey, off sick in August, is with us again.

Bro. C. S. Thomas, of Centerville, has been visiting relatives in Wilmington and Philadelphia during August; relieved by his assistant Bro. J. Coursey.

Bro. P. C. Holmes, of Massey, was off sick one week in August; relieved by Bro. O. W. Allen, of Millington.

Bro. T. E. Allen is relieving Bro. Scotton at East New Market, after a strenuous summer at Broad Creek.

Bro. Hearne, third trick man at "X" Wilmington, spent his vacation at Laurel, during August; relieved by Bro. Degee.

Bro. J. Clyde Truitt, of Delmar, spent his relief day with his father, at Bowie, Me.

Bro. George Morrison is doing relief work, on the main line again.

Bro. Bartlett is doing extra work in Wilmington, this month.

Maryland Division—

We note with regret that Bro. J. J. Gallagher succumbed to typhoid fever in St. Joseph hospital, Baltimore, Md., August 23rd.

Board and houses are extremely hard to get along the B. & P., causing much trouble to applicants for the vacancies.

Bro. J. B. Cosden, of Wilmington office, has been off on sick leave about a month, but is improving and we hope to see him out soon again.

Bro. Holton, our former secretary and treasurer, has taken the agency at Newark-Centre, his home town; causing "N" third to be advertised.

Mr. Vitek, second, at "BO" bid in Stemmer's run "BU" block third and is succeeded by Mr. Andree at "BO."

Mr. Cunningham has taken Stony-Run third, which has been an undesirable point for telegraphers to live. We wish him luck.

Bro. Geo. A. Lynch, bid in Wilmington on advertisement, but has been working extra in dispatcher's office during the vacation period.

Mr. Brahler, of "DX" Lanham, second, has resigned, his place being filled by Mr. Hall.

Mr. Dunbar bid in "DX," third. Mr. Caplan succeeding him at "GA" Glendale, second.

Mr. Simms, second, at "BX" secured the position made vacant by Mr. Grant's resignation at "ND" and Mr. Mills succeeds Mr. Simms at "BX."

Bro. Greenly, third at Seabrook, bid in "U" block, Bellevue. We are glad to have him on this end of the road.

A. P. Rose, first at "NH" Northeast, for years, died several days ago.

Mr. Bealle, of Wilmington, has returned from a trip to Buffalo, N. Y., where he spent his vacation.

Bro. Hoffheinz is filling extra tricks at "WD" while the boys are on their vacations.

Mr. Lacey (B. & P.) has accepted a position with the Western Union, in Chicago, Ill.

Bro. John Quill, bid in "HA" Landlith block, 12 o'clock trick.

Mr. Mayhugh, of Baltimore, has left the road for parts unknown. Div. Coa.

Camden Div., No. 84.

W. J. & S. R. R.—

The most successful season this pike has ever seen is now on the wane. The force in the Camden offices has been augmented by Bros. J. L. Hand, G. E. Nightingale, R. D. Mitchell, C. C. Epplen, F. G. Patterson and Mr. D. P. Carlin. The summer offices and more or less illness have absorbed the extra men, to the extent that a C. Q. D. signal from a man who wishes to go rail-bird shooting merely disturbs the atmosphere. It is said that Bro. F. C. Ackroyd, at Gloucester, N. J., was unable to get off the other evening to attend his own wedding, so he called the parson in before supper to tie the knot, and give him a formal introduction to his bride, before he laid aside his purple and fine linen and sallied forth to get orders for the tower car. His estimable helpmeet is Miss Christianson, of Pedricktown, N. J. We wish them a "long, smooth run on double track." They were married on Sept. 15th.

The Division is in very satisfactory condition at present; applications are filed at every meeting, and, while there is still now and then a man working who is willing to grunt without lifting, and more rarely one who lays down: "Crooks the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning," the great majority have wisely concluded that railroad work, monotonous at best, becomes more tolerable, is performed more satisfactorily to both men and officials, and a better feeling exists generally where organization promotes social intercourse, exchange of ideas and experiences, discussion of new rules, etc., and an elected committee of the men meet the Division officials and amicably adjust the differences that are bound to arise in every business concern.

If your neighbor is a non, put it up to him.

"I see be th' paper," as Mr. Dooley says, that Judge Landis has declared the "split trick"

is a violation of the nine-hour law, and that this decision has been upheld by the Interstate Labor Commission, and Attorney General Wickersham. The abolition of the split trick would be a great boon to many who now spend twelve hours or more to earn eight or nine hours' pay.

Bro. I. C. Shaw is off on account of illness; W. C. Vaughan relieving him at Collingswood, and Bro. F. Obergfell relieving the latter at Hadonfield.

Bro. A. S. Ralph, first trick at Minotola, has been grievously afflicted with rheumatism for some weeks; Bro. Waterhouse holding down the job.

Thos. Pancoast, first trick at "FX," is on the sick list; Mr. Archer doing the armstrong.

Bro. H. W. Fox has swapped bosses, leaving the service of President McCrea for that of President Taft, working first trick at Pleasantville in the postoffice. Here's hoping that he soon lands the Postmaster General's job. From Pleasantville to Washington is only a couple of hundred miles.

It is rumored that "KN" Camden office is to have an "all-star cast," sheet men to be eliminated. Should this program materialize, it would entail changes and probably a repetition of the "bumping" which had the younger men making hasty time for the cyclone cellar last winter.

Bro. R. D. Mitchell has the second trick at Glassboro, relieving Bro. F. A. Sykes, who moved to Wenonah. Bro. Libes from that point to Absecon.

Bro. Queen has taken the agency at Kirkwood, Mr. Meredith moving down to Lucaston and Bro. Shaeffer relieving Bro. Patterson at "CH," Woodbury. A number of other changes have taken place, but I am unable to announce them all on account of the brothers not passing the news along.

VERITAS.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Div. Notes—

The regular monthly meeting of Division No. 85, held in Concordia Hall, Trenton, N. J., September 17, was called to order at 9 p. m., and after transacting the regular routine business, adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

The Division was well represented. Since No. 574 has been put on, it makes it pretty handy to get home.

Bro. Nagle, third trick "X," Wilburtha, bid "MS," Coalport, third, and Extra Baird bid in third "X," Wilburtha.

Bro. Wharton, first "MO," Moore, is off a few days; relieved by Bro. Ritz, third trick, P. H. Scheffer, a commercial telegrapher, filling in second.

Mr. Swift, first at "FH," Lambertville, is working in "FG," Trenton, during vacation. Mr. Vetter, first "FJ," Flemington Junction, relieving Mr. Ashcroft, third "FJ," relieving on first, and Extra Yeakel working third.

Prof. (?) Hill at "WN," Warren, is still running a "ham factory," but the hams he is trying to turn out are very poorly cured.

Extra Bebler, who bid in third at "WN," Warren, was filling in second at "HV," Hudson yard, until Bro. Farley bid it in and was transferred there.

Bro. Lenhart was the successful bidder for "DY," Dempsey, third.

"K," Martin's Creek, is open for bids.

Extra H. Diehl, a new man from New Bedford, is working on the upper end, has promised to come in as soon as possible, on account of Mr. Decker working in "FG," Trenton.

Bro. Harry Person is filling "G," L. & H. Junction, while M. Decker is at "FG," Trenton.

Brothers, send your news items to Bro. Callahan, who will see that it gets printed.

Drv. Cor.

Addison Div., No. 108.

Meetings are held at Addison the second Sunday of each month.

Bro. Geo. Camfield has resigned his position as agent at Tyler, same being filled by Bro. Seeley, formerly second trick at that station. Second trick is being filled by extra operator, Mr. Earl Canfield.

Bro. Stone, second trick at Tyler, is enjoying a vacation, being relieved by Miss Alta Fonner.

The fourth annual clam bake of the B. & S. employes at Camp Dent on Sunday, September 19th, was a grand success, being one of the largest ever held. This shows the united feeling among these employes.

The business during August was the largest done in any month since the line opened through to Buffalo.

We understand on account of the increased business, the first trick operator, who was taken off at Medix Run some time ago, is to be put back again, relieving Bro. McCarty of the duties of telegrapher.

Bro. Graham, third trick at Hicks Run, has resigned, and accepted a position with the P. R. R. Mr. Welton is holding third trick in his place.

Mr. Swisher, second trick dispatcher at Du Bois, has resigned, leaving a vacancy that is now being filled by first trick Dispatcher Hutch. Chief Dispatcher J. A. Evans is working the first trick, in addition to his duties as chief. No appointment has been made to fill the vacancy.

Bro. Cole, of Sowaneseque, has been on his annual recreation tour.

Bro. L. R. Brown, of Cross Fork Junction, is seriously ill at Hornell Hospital, with typhoid fever. We all wish for his speedy recovery.

LOST—Somewhere between Addison and Keating Summit, Pa., a blue-eyed, medium-size, fair-complexioned correspondent. He has not been heard from for some time. When at large he is a dangerous character, especially among nons.

Drv. Cor.

North Adams Div., No. 139.

We have had a very fair attendance at the meetings lately, but they could be made more interesting if every member who could would come. The Division room is the place to settle all arguments. Any who have forgotten the place will be piloted around from the station at "JD." The meeting nights are just the same as heretofore, the second Saturday in the month. There may be important matters before these meetings at any time and if every available member is present there will be no chance for dissatisfaction. We have donated Bro. Darling a liberal amount from the treasury of this Division and this, together with the others he has received, which was badly needed, will no doubt put him "on easy street" for awhile.

Through the courtesy of Bro. Johnson, of Albany Division No. 78, the officers and members of this Division were invited to attend a meeting to be held at Oneonta, N. Y., October 5th, 1909, under the auspices of the B. of R. T., B. of L. E. & F., B. of R. C., and the O. R. T. of the D. & H. road.

Brothers Oliver and Bowers contributed a large portion of the items for this month's correspondence and if the other members will do likewise each month they will be thankfully received.

One of the greatest events on our Division in some time, was the celebration of "old home week" at North Adams. Many thousands of people visited there during the week September 5-11th, and everybody, even to Bro. Powers, had a good time, although he was obliged to retreat from State street on account of the Ladies' Auxiliary and their shower of confetti.

Bro. Adkin, third at "JV," has returned after a few months' leave of absence, playing ball with a Southern league team. He also spent some time on a hunting and fishing trip at Cossayuna Lake.

Bro. Quick is relieving Bro. Daily at "FX," Mechanicville. "13" Bro. Quick has bid in the third at "HA."

Bro. Van Ness at "X," Williamstown, is interested in the moving picture business at Troy.

Bro. Downing, first trick at "X," is on a 30-day vacation, the greater portion of which he will spend with relatives at Portsmouth, N. H. He will also visit points of interest at Portland, Me.; Boston, Mass.; Concord and Weirs, N. H. Miss Smith, of "PN," is relieving Bro. Downing.

Bro. Dowling, third trick at "RO," is away on his vacation, relieved by Mr. Ingraham. Much credit is due Bro. Dowling on account of his success as a baseball manager during the past season.

Bro. Van Weert, formerly third trick at "JV," has accepted a position with the Bosson Leather Board Company, of Boston, as traveling salesman, with headquarters at Johnsonville.

Bro. Streeter is conducting a very successful moving picture business at Greenfield. Brothers, when you are down that way drop in and see him; he will use you good.

Bro. Abbott, agent at "HF," has been appointed traveling freight agent, with headquarters at Troy. Mr. Smalley is covering the agency at "HF" while the job is advertised.

Bro. Johnson, of Albany, attended our meeting August 14th, and in return Bros. Cook, Pitcher and Potter visited Bro. Johnson at Albany some few days ago.

Bro. F. Woodlock, third at "K," has returned from his two weeks' vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Henessey. Bro. Henessey has bid in "DK."

Bro. G. Moake, formerly third trick at "HA," is out of the service. Bro. Moake having accepted a position with the N. Y., N. H. & H., we understand.

Bro. Lake, of "DK" office, Mechanicville, has bid in first trick at "K." Mr. Hitchcock is at "DK" while the job is advertised.

Mr. Callahan has bid in the second trick at "JV," but Mr. Henessey is still holding the job on account of Mr. Callahan being laid up with rheumatism.

Bro. C. E. Akin, Jr., second at "DE," Troy, has left the service. Mr. Spears is covering the job while it is advertised.

Bro. Crawford, who was displaced by the closing of "JU," has bid in the second trick at "RO." Bro. Duncan, agent at "BD," is on the sick list; understand he visited the "old home week" celebration at North Adams, for a few days.

Mr. Murphy, formerly spare, relieving Mr. Wickham, third trick at "XN," is out of the service.

Bro. Burnham, first trick at "PI," has returned from a ten days' vacation; relieved by Mr. Spears.

Bro. Burns has just returned from a five-day visit at Cambridge, N. Y., taking in the fair while there.

Bro. O. R. Brown has been away on a few days' vacation, relieved by Mr. Ingraham.

F. V. N.

South Amboy Div., No. 149.

In accordance with a circular-letter issued by Bro. H. B. Perham, President, a fair crowd of members and telegraphers assembled at Scully's Hall, on Stevens Ave., Saturday evening, August 21st, for the purpose of instituting a local division of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers in South Amboy.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. L. A. Page, of Camden Division, No. 84, who very willingly gave the necessary instructions relative to organizing a new local, and took charge of the installation of officers, all of whom were elected unanimously, viz.:

Chief Telegrapher, T. L. Kiser.

First Vice, M. J. Carroll.

Second Vice, L. L. Sheppard.

Secretary and Treasurer, S. W. Skirm.

Marshal, W. J. Edwards.

Inside Sentinel, J. L. Sheppard.

Outside Sentinel, Geo. E. Yates.

Bro. Page then made one of his noted addresses, full of facts, and right to the point. We are glad to know that Division No. 149 will have his co-operation, although it has taken several members from his home division (84) which is very dear to him.

Bro. I. E. Ellis also made some very interesting remarks in regard to the growth of our grand Order, which is steadily on the increase. He also compared the working conditions of the telegrapher today with that of twenty years ago, when the operator was a general utility man for the agent.

It is an unexplained mystery how a telegrapher can listen to these facts, and then refuse to endorse the Order.

It was decided, to meet at Scully's hall, on the third Thursday of each month, at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. This arrangement gives the second trick men an opportunity to attend.

Now, boys, don't forget the place and date. You can never realize what you are missing when neglecting to attend the meetings, until some Brother who has been present tells you what transpired.

Let us make up our minds that it is a part of our duty to bring in at least one application for membership to each meeting.

Although "the goat" had two to down last meeting, he is again in "pink condition," and all ready to "eat 'em alive."

This local has one of the best territories in the East to cover; taking in the Amboy Division of the P. R. R. as far as Jamesburg, and from there to Sea Girp. The C. R. R. Co., of N. J., South Amboy, to Jersey City, The N. Y. & L. B. R. R., Raritan River R. R., and the L. V. R. R. in and around Perth Amboy. With the vast and prolific field in which to work, No. 149 should be one of the strongest locals in the Order, but it can only be made so by persistent individual effort.

Every district has been fairly well represented at our meetings, except the southern portion of the New York and Long Branch R. R. Will not some good Brother in that vicinity head them this way?

Bro. M. J. Carroll has just returned from a three days' trip to Atlantic City, where he has been attending the Firemen's Convention, representing the South Amboy "laddies."

Bro. R. B. Sheppard, of Milltown, returning, after a sojourn in South Jersey for a week, reports the pines flourishing, also the "skeeters."

Div. Cor.

Grand Trunk Ry.

Southern Division—

Bro. S. Smith, of Simcoe, is off on his holiday vacation, relieved by "Lou" Winder, from Cayuga. How about that promise, "Lou" and "Joe," at Jarvis, have both promised to do the right thing in the near future and we are waiting patiently for them.

Mr. Coutts, from the "Q" office is working at Gravel Pit, east of Simcoe. We should also like to see him in the line soon.

We have a man on the line, who after admitting he had not used the order right for a long time finally joined. Shortly after joining he turns out a student and then takes on another. Scan the line for yourselves and spot him.

There are some men who never joined, with a better record than that between the Falls, Ft. Erie and Windsor, right here on this Southern Division, but there are also a few not much better.

We hope the day will soon come when they will change their views sufficiently to see that if we would have 90 to 100 per cent pay, we must each count one to that extent. Otherwise we should be content with what's slung at us, not "knock" the order when we ourselves are the only ones to blame.

Just a few questions to those who are in the balance: You never saw better times on "this pike" before, did you? No! And you don't think they will be any better if you don't help, do you? No! And you don't want your salary cut to \$46.75 per, instead of \$55.00, do you? No! Well, then, why not do the proper thing for yourselves and fellow men and take your places like men in this industrial world of progress. Your employers will be all the more willing to have you help manage the affairs of the company they represent, when they see that you know how to manage your own business properly. Good intentions will never get you anything unless you put them into effect. Get to work and do something. You have been promising long enough and it is now time to make good. The time is at hand when you must do your part and share the burdens in order that you may have a right to enjoy the good things to come, and therefore get in line and push forward to the goal of success, and then "Push" some more. CERT. 597.

Wabash Ry.

Decatur Division—

Bro. Custer, agent at Raymond, is taking ten days off. Bro. Moore, second trick, relieving.

P. S. Pender, of the B. & O., is working extra at Raymond.

Telegrapher Rowland, second trick at Edwardsville Junction, is taking a few weeks' vacation.

Operators on this Division are very scarce and there are not enough extra men to relieve all who want vacations.

Dan Miller, at Raymond, exceeded the speed limit last week with train orders.

H. A. Culmer, former agent at Staunton, has called for his service card and left the Wabash.

Bro. B. F. Stone, first trick, at Litchfield, took a two weeks' vacation and visited relatives at his home town, Ailen, Okla. He was relieved by E. T. Moody, from Nashville, Tenn., who will soon be up-to-date again.

We would like to have more news. If the boys at every station would furnish only one item a month, we could have a good write-up. Please send the news to Bro. B. F. Stone, at Litchfield, by the 20th of the month and your kindness will be appreciated.

Bro. Fightmaster and Telegrapher Somers of Forrest, attended a banquet at Strawn given in their favor recently and "13" Pete no longer sings "No Wedding Bells for Me."

Bro. E. O. Browning, a wireless, recently third at Strawn, resigned; relieved by Telegrapher S. Clayton.

Bro. J. T. Marshall, of Wing, looked over the Staunton agency recently.

Through the kindness of the manager of "Monte Cristo," Bros. Hefner and Longworth enjoyed the play recently at Monticello.

Bro. Koehler returned to Sibley after being relieved at Forrest by Bro. Fightmaster, who was an older man.

The general manager's special, handled over the 6th and 7th districts on Sept. 2nd, was accompanied by General Superintendent Cotter, and Division Superintendent Ferritor.

Bro. H. L. Aikman, of Litchfield, left on a trip to Montana and Washington, Sept. 25th.

Rox.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Bro. C. M. Jonsey has returned to work as agent at Shannon, Miss., after an extensive tour of the western country, and reports having had a very nice time. Bro. Newsome has returned to second trick.

Mr. Rutledge, the successful man for Shannon, third trick, has promised to come in soon. The bunch at "GC" round up the nons about as fast as they appear. Keep it up, boys.

Bro. Paslor, third trick telegrapher at Baldwin, is off for 30 days, relieved by Mr. Roberson, of Ramer. Bro. Paslor is visiting home folks in Ohio.

Mr. Casebere, second trick, Corinth, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Smith.

Bro. Newsome, of Shannon, off a few days, was relieved by Telegrapher Barr, of McNairey.

Bro. Kimball has returned to work again, and is now stationed at Okolona.

Mr. Estes, second trick at Clamore, has been off a few days; relieved by Bro. Smith.

Bro. Clide Dancer, of Ruslor, off for a few days sick, was relieved by Telegrapher Barr.

Bro. C. B. Ramer, second trick at Bethel, off for a few days, was relieved by Telegrapher Rutledge.

Bro. A. S. Johnson, agent at Henderson, was off for a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Parish.

Bro. Rutledge, third trick at Perry, off a few days, was relieved by Telegrapher Parish.

Mr. Keaton, of Dyer, is acting as agent at Oakton, during Mr. Carroll's absence.

Bro. Clark is acting as agent at Berkeley, during Bro. Beadle's absence, on account of sickness.

Bro. Parker has returned to work as agent at Ava. Understand his relief, Bro. Šterns, has gone back to school.

Bro. McMurtrie, agent at Willisville, is off for thirty days; relieved by Mr. Nolan.

Bro. McNellie was assigned as agent at Sparta, relieving Mr. Rendleman, who was assigned as agent at Millstadt, and Bro. McDermont was assigned as agent at Burksville.

Bro. Hatley, agent at Laketon, off for a few days, attending court, was relieved by Mr. Overall, extra telegrapher from Dyer.

We have the promise of several new members this month, and hope they will come up to the requirements.

Let me have the news, boys, so we can get up a good write-up each month. Div. Coa.

St. L. & S. W. Ry.

Illmo Division—

Since the last write-up we have secured two new members, Bro. W. S. Brink, of Brinkley, Ark., and Bro. York, of Kelso. The "Cotton Belt" is getting stronger every month.

Bro. Calvert, after a fifteen-day vacation, went to Campbell, and did the agent's stunt, for a few days, on account of the regular agent being sick. He is now on the third trick at North Junction.

Bro. L. I. McConnell, third trick at Rockview, is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. M. H. Nicks, who says he will join us as soon as possible.

Bro. Hanold, formerly of Kelso, third trick, has been transferred to Ardeola; Mr. Fink returning from the dispatcher's office to Kelso.

Tige Nicks, of third trick, Dexter Junction, is off for two weeks, on account of a dislocated shoulder, caused by getting off a freight train.

Bro. T. C. Long, agent at Ardeola, Mo., is off on a thirty-day vacation.

First Trick Dispatcher E. W. Bissell, Illmo, Mo., is back at his old desk again, after a several days' visit to the "old folks at home."

Members on Illmo and Jonesboro Divisions, please send your news items to Bro. L. I. McConnell, Rockview, Mo., the Division Correspondent. MACK.

Kansas City Southern Ry.

Southern Division—

Bro. Victor Fox, joint agent for the K. C. S. and O. & N. at Mauriceville, has taken unto himself a wife, and we wish to extend him our hearty congratulations.

Bros. Ferguson and Vickers, of Beaumont, had their wages raised about 10 per and are now wearing the smile that don't come off.

Bro. Lindgrau, wire chief at "J" office, Shreveport, is spending his vacation at Chicago and other northern points. Bro. Harkrider, our local chair-

man, relieved Bro. Lindrau and Bro. Babcock is relieving Bro. Harkrider.

Bro. H. E. Long, who does the "Owl Stunt" at Port Arthur, spent his two weeks' vacation with his parents at Llano and Marble Falls, Texas.

Bro. Vickers is back on the third trick at Beaumont. Extra Lansing, whom he relieved, went to the "Frisco."

Bro. Burrows relieved Jay Holstein on the first trick at DeQuincy.

Boys, please help the local correspondent out by mailing him your news items.

CERT. 271.

New York Central Ry.

NOTICE.

An appeal to all members of N. Y. C. System Division No. 8:

In August Journal, page 1258, appears an appeal for aid from Brother Lewis Darling, of Camillus, N. Y., and last evening I received a similar appeal (through Brother H. B. Perham) from Mrs. F. E. Roffe, wife of Brother F. E. Roffe, of Mill Hall, Pa.

Brother Roffe has been a staunch and character member of Division No. 98, and is worthy of our assistance, he has been sick and unable to work since July, 1908, and while we have given him temporary relief, by contributing towards his support, at one time we made up a purse of about \$1000.00 and have since been chancing off a gun for his benefit, but this money could not be expected to last for a very long time, and it seems to me that these two appeals from worthy brothers should not go unrewarded, and I have been giving it some thought and decided that we should provide some permanent relief for them, but, just how to do it is the question, I have submitted the following plan, and if any one has a better one, pass it along, but I am convinced that my plan is very feasible if every brother will do as suggested. It appeals to me that all would be willing to contribute such a small amount each month out of their monthly salary, for the relief of the two brothers, and oh, what a relief, what a ray of sunshine we could throw into the homes of our two afflicted brothers.

Here is the proposition which I wish to submit to the membership of Division No. 8, and there are more than 1,600 of us.

PROPOSITION.

That we all contribute 10c each month to our respective Local Chairman, and he forward same each month as soon as collected to our General Secretary, Bro. A. E. Blim, who would be glad to act as treasurer of this fund, and let him send to Brothers Darling and Roffe a stipulated sum each month, not to exceed the amount contributed, and let us make it a permanent relief for the two brothers as long as they are in need.

Now don't pass this by with only a sympathetic remark, but let every member send to his local chairman at once 10c, or as much more as he chooses, and we will give you credit for as many months as you have contributed.

Fraternally yours,

J. W. MARTENIS,

Local Chairman, B. C., Vilas, Pa.

Hudson Div.—

Our meeting of September 21st was a "hummer." At least fifty members were present. Among them was our general chairman, Bro. M. G. Woolley, who gave us a very interesting talk concerning the Order, which was appreciated by all.

There is no reason why we cannot have such meetings the year round, and if every brother will take the interest he should in the Order it can be accomplished.

Considerable business was transacted considering our short session. Bro. G. M. Currie was elected our financial secretary.

It should not be necessary to call your attention to the misusage of your passes. It is strictly against the rules of the company, and means dismissal from the service if found out. Do not let any one pat you on the back and say that it will be all right, and that he will take care of your pass.

We are very sorry to note that two of our most esteemed brothers were tried and found wanting. You all know who they are. We are all astonished that these brothers could act so unbecomingly to another member of our Order. Every brother should deplore such actions in the ranks of the O. R. T. and shun the society of those that are found wanting.

Do not blame the Order for the individual action taken by any member, in breaking his obligation, but try hard to enroll new members.

Bro. Van-Benscoten has been transferred from "BS" 54 to "BS" 58.

Bro. L. Lowe has resumed work at "BS" 57, after a severe sickness.

Bro. F. M. Smith, our great explorer, anticipates sport with his motor boat during the Hudson-Fulton exercises.

Bro. F. J. Gallagher worked the second trick at "BS" 58, September 21st, relieving Bro. Haughey.

Send some notes to your local chairman, so he may know what is going on. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Ruler of the Universe has deemed it wise to remove from the family of Bro. D. Taylor his beloved baby son; and

WHEREAS, We know human sympathy is insufficient, and that we can point the bereaved to Him who promised to be an ever-present helper in the hour of trouble, praying His consolation to be ministered unto them; therefore be it.

Resolved, That the members of the Hudson Division No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and family our heart.

felt sympathy in this their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy to be spread on the minutes of our next meeting and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. P. FRALEIGH,
D. J. BURNS,
H. GROUPE,
J. A. HAUGHEY, L. C.

Mohawk Division—

There was a large attendance at the September meeting at Fonda and we were glad to see the boys turn out in such large numbers. Train 28 being over an hour late, the members from the east end were late in getting home. The second and third trick men should attend the day meetings at Schenectady. They wanted these day meetings and we see no reason why they should not attend.

Bros. Lynch, Schenmeyer and Salisbury were at the Fonda meeting as usual. Bro. Morey gave us quite a talk on the good O. R. T. Wish we had more like him. Bro. Rulison, Rotterdam Junction, a new member, and Bro. Carlson from South Schenectady, were also in attendance.

Bros. Harter and Goodermote have resigned and bought out Bro. Lambert's Franklin Lunch, in Utica. We congratulate the brothers and hope they meet with the success Bro. Lambert did there. It is rumored that Bro. Lambert will remove to Seattle, Wash., in the near future to engage in business in that city. May good fortune go with him.

Several of the old timers are quitting and getting out. About 25 have left in the last year or two, some of them being ten and twelve-year men. Something must be wrong with the division, to have so much dissatisfaction among the telegraphers. A man that has worked that length of time on the N. Y. C. has shown the kind of stuff he is made of.

Bro. J. Hart attended the State Fair.

Bro. H. A. Smith has bid in second trick, "BS" 5.

Bros. Walker and DeLong recently had their annual weekly vacations.

Bro. Laraway has bid from third to second trick at "BS" 31, vice Mr. Witherstine.

Bro. J. H. Abbott moves from second at 30-A, to third at 31. Second trick at 30-A is up for bid.

Bro. Dempsey, from the South, has been filling in at Utica depot the last two months.

It is expected that work will begin on the extensive improvements at Utica on October 1st and be carried through the winter.

Press clipping: "There is an opening for a telegraph operator in the Mataba region of the French Congo State. The last one sent out there was a favorite with the natives and they cut him up for a meat stew?" Who wants this job? Where is some good fat man? We can generally spare one.

Freight on this Division is picking up and prospects of a big run this winter are bright.

Div. Cor.

Beech Creek District—

Our regular September meeting was called to order at 8:45 p. m. on the 14th at Lock Haven, with a rather small attendance, considering the fine weather. It was grand to see the boys from Beech Creek and down that way once. Come again. Our local chairman, Bro. Martenis, was present, and among one of the things discussed was a proposed change in our working rules about which you will hear more at future meetings. Owing to the fact that Bros. Hendricks and Martenis had to catch a P. R. R. train for home, the meeting adjourned at 10 p. m.

Your chief telegrapher makes the following announcement: Our regular October meeting will be held in Clearfield on October 18th, at 8 p. m., and the regular November meeting will be held in Lock Haven. The meeting in Lock Haven on November 9th will be a night and day meeting, the first one at 8:30 p. m. on the 9th, and the next one at 12:30 p. m. on the 10th. This will give every member a chance to attend one or the other, and we hope the membership will take advantage of the opportunity. You will be advised later in what building the meeting will be held.

Boys, there are fine prospects for your committee going to New York this fall, and you should all attend your meetings and state your wants, and we all have many, instead of waiting for your committee to return and then say that you did not get this, and you did not get that.

And now a word to some of you non-members who are always waiting for a member to go off duty so you can pick up his journal and read it: President Taft, speaking before the Hamilton Club in Orchestral Hall, Chicago, September 16th, said: "There is not the slightest doubt that if labor had remained unorganized, wages would be very, very much lower." What do you think when you see such things and hear them from men who know, and does it not stir you to a sense of your only salvation—ORGANIZATION?

Glad to say we have but 10 or 12 eligible non-members on the Beech Creek District, but even this is unsatisfactory. We want them all. Your local chairman or either of the assistant local chairmen always have a supply of the necessary blanks.

In regard to the Keeler School of Telegraphy, let me say this: I have not seen one of its product that could receive one-fourth as fast as they could send, and you should have very little trouble with any that may be placed in your office in convincing them that they got in wrong, when they started to learn telegraphy. Our agreement does not compel you to post up a student for five or six months. We have a verbal agreement to the effect that we will not be required to allow students in the office if we do not want them, and any one who needs a whole lot of posting up before he or she can handle a trick, is nothing more than a student. Boys, have nothing to do with them.

Bro. S. W. Throne, of McGees, second trick, is on a week's vacation. At present he and his

family are guests of Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Angery, of Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J.

Bro. L. H. Wilson, Brown's second trick, also enjoyed a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. E. H. Bierly.

Bro. J. W. McCloskey has again bid in Stark second trick. We are glad to see him back on the job.

Bro. R. R. Aigler, of Deer, second trick, enjoyed a week's vacation, recently; relieved by Mr. Rader. "Bob" spent a few happy hours of one day with the "BC" brothers on Nos. 30 and 37.

Bro. C. J. Long, Lock Haven, days, is on a week's vacation; relieved by Telegrapher James Long.

Bro. L. C. Miller, Panther, first trick, is doing a little relief stunt at N. B. Junction; relieved by Miss Emily Schnell.

Bro. G. W. Bierly, Panther, second trick, is off a few days taking in the ball games at McElhattan.

Bro. C. G. Marshall, of "DY," first trick, is on a month's vacation enjoying his honeymoon; relieved by Bro. Murray, of Gray, first trick, who was in return relieved by Miss Quiggle.

Bro. P. A. Graham, of W. B. tower, first trick, was off last month attending the wedding of his sister; relieved by Mr. Sherry, who was relieved by Mr. Cook.

Bro. W. W. Forcey, "WB," third trick, is taking his vacation; relieved by J. A. Brilhart.

Bro. Fisher, who for some time has been working Dimeling, third trick, has resigned to accept a position with the P. R. R. on the Sunbury Division, near his home. We all wish Bro. Fisher success in his new field of labor.

Bro. J. F. Heitsenrether, of Lumber, second trick, is on a week's vacation; relieved by Mr. Cook.

Sister M. V. Murray, Gray second trick, is on her vacation; relieved by Bro. McQuown.

Bro. Bonner, Mowry second trick, sick a couple days last month, was relieved by Bro. M. O. Work.

Bro. Menchio, of Rush, first trick, who was laid up several days from being poisoned with poison ivy, was relieved by Mr. Etters.

Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur, Walton, third trick, is on a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. McQuown.

Sister C. P. Seid, "SX" tower, third trick, is on the sick list; relieved by Mr. Brilhart.

Bro. J. B. Beauseigneur, of Walton, first trick, has traded tricks with Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur for awhile and is now doing the owl trick.

Bro. H. E. Shearer, who is at present doing the second trick stunt at Birch, spent a few days in Clearfield, his home town; relieved by Telegrapher J. B. Cook.

Bro. W. E. Lininger, third trick, Birch, spent a few days in Renova; relieved by Mr. Cook, who expects to be with us soon. Cor.

Grand Central Terminal & Electric Division—

The members who could, but did not, attend the regular meeting Wednesday night, the 22nd inst., missed a grand treat. We were favored with

the presence of our ever-welcome Second Vice-President Pierson, General Chairman from New Haven, Long Island, N. Y. C. and Pensey systems. The speeches were right up-to-date, and any one present who did not go away with a feeling of "it was good to have been there," must have violated the law and worked over-time to have produced a condition of mind unable to imbibed the words of wisdom and instruction given for our guidance.

After speeches by Vice-President Pierson, General Chairman; Manion, Page, Sevino and Woolley, refreshments and cigars were served in order to give the boys working third tricks a chance to become acquainted with our visitors, before leaving to go on duty. After a short recess, the meeting was again called to order, and we were favored with remarks from L. I. Division 44 brothers, Division 26 and N. H. 29 and 37; last, but not least among them, being "Foxy Grandpa" from New Rochelle, No. 37, who spoke straight from the shoulder, and I hope the members present will take to heart some of the many good things he said. Meetings of this kind cannot help but promote a feeling of good fellowship and fraternalism, binding us closer together for our common good, and the steps taken to visit our nearby divisions in a body will tend to make us feel like one large family even though working on different systems. Our hopes and aims, if not, should be one of the same, and, individually, we should each one strive our utmost to reach the highest rung in the ladder of success, doing all, and if possible just a little more, than required of us; ever remembering the words of the great Longfellow, who said:

"What, then, shall we sit idly down and say,
The night has come, it is no longer day?
The night has not yet come, we are not quite cut
off from the failing light.
Something remains for us to do or dare,
Even the oldest tree some fruit may bear."

Jere Carroll, agent at Woodlawn, has been compelled to lay off again with stomach trouble. We hope for his speedy improvement and return to work.

Bro. Wheeler, of Division No. 5, has handed in his card for transfer to Division No. 8. Bro. Wheeler is now working night trick at "YD" office.

Bro. Madigan bid in "MO." Bro. Walters regular extra.

Bro. Jack Smith is at "U" office.

"MJ," "JO" and "NK" also 138th street agency, are now up for bid.

Bro. McGleason, second assistant at Bronxville, is off sick with malaria.

R. L. Sanford resigned as first assistant at Bronxville to re-enter the commercial field, and is now doing a regular stunt for W. U. at Wilkes-barre, Pa., a Mr. Palmer relieving temporarily.

Bro. J. J. Moore, agent at Bronxville, went on his vacation last week; relieved by Mr. Dunn from Mt. Vernon, who in turn was relieved by a new man named McGrath.

Yardmaster M. J. Lennon, Wakefield yard, has been appointed agent at 128th street station, vice Mr. Rowe, whom we understand went to Colorado for his health.

Bro. Ralph Regar took a day off to take in the festivities at Coney Island. He won the 220-yard dash at Woodland, September 5th.

Several of the brothers attended the clam bake given by Division 37 at Rye Beach last month, and all report a good time, although Bro. Noon complained of indigestion.

Bro. Stradling, a hustling member from the L. V. R. R., is working Bro. Alrutz's trick for a few days, Bro. Alrutz working day trick at Woodlawn Station.

Bro. Murty and Dispatcher Braese are spending their vacations in the wilds of Michigan.

Bro. Perrine spent a few days at Niagara Falls. Joe says he shot everything up but the rapids, and they looked too innocent.

Bro. Dooley has bid in second trick director job at tower "B."

Bro. Curran has given up ball playing for the season, and is training for the shot putting contest at Celtic Park next month.

H. C. Kitchen has bid in the \$90 relief in the Terminal. Bro. Pequigney is working Kitchen's job for the present.

Some of our old-timers are a little slow in coming up with the dues for the current term. No use mentioning any names; they have the money and no excuse.

Bro. Geo. Howarth has returned to work after suffering several days, with a bad attack of indigestion.

The boys have missed their vacations very much this season. They have had a big summer's work, and with the Hudson-Fulton rush before them yet, it does seem as if the company should restore us our yearly vacations that we enjoyed so long.

CERT. 2222.

Western Division—

Fair time is with us again and business is humming. On account of extra travel the following operators and signal men have been transferred to cover more important positions: Bro. Wheeler, from Ft. Ridge, to Salina, day trick; Bro. Callahan, Salina, to Giddis St.; Bro. Bartheman, from third trick, B. S., 1, to first trick, to assist signal man Holleran; G. A. Hoyt, "RW" tower, from third trick, to second, Mr. Bateman taking third trick.

Bro. Fish from Weedsport, dropped in a few minutes on his way home from the carnival. Office opened temporarily at Jordan, "WS," covered by Telegrapher Pinkney. Some one ought to nail "Jake" and bring him into the fold, he is too good a fellow to remain a non.

With the amount of territory the Western Division covers, we should have a good write-up every month.

While writing up these notes, I was agreeably surprised by a bountiful supply of ice cream and cake, sent over by the brothers and sisters from

the lodge room, where they were forming a Ladies' Auxiliary. I understand the movement is proving a success, and will be a strong pillar for the O. R. T. We need the live, energetic ladies to infuse new life into the order. I will have to defer a write-up of the meeting until another time, as I was working the second trick and could not be present.

Div. Cos.

St. Lawrence Division—

The summer station at Trenton Falls has closed for the winter, Mr. Tapley returning home to continue in his studies.

Operations have begun on the new station to be built at Boonville. This is a great relief to the employees who have worked so long in the old building, which has been sadly out of repair and altogether too small for years. They, indeed, deserve new and up-to-date building.

Transfer of agents is being made at Evans and Taleville.

Too much praise cannot be said of the masterful presentation of facts set forth in a letter published from this Division in the August issue, coming as it does from a well known authority, none can doubt its correctness or question its purpose.

R. Redmore, second at Castorland, has an up-to-date and we sincerely welcome him. There are just a few more we would like to welcome to our ranks and convince them that we would.

Telegrapher Lackey, third at Barnevald.

Bro. A. D. Edmonds has bid in first at end of double track at Stittsville.

Telegrapher Smith, who has been working second at Rensen, is out of the service, relieved by Telegrapher Shorey.

We will have a new time table on the 26th, which we all look forward to with interest.

A. S. Haigh has left the service to resume his studies in Troy.

Current rumor has it that the double track work will be resumed on the hill this fall. We will be glad to see this.

CERT. 721.

Electric Division—

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has deemed it wise to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. John Gallagher, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Electric Division, of System Division No. 8, extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives in their sad bereavement, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his relatives, a copy spread on the minutes of this Division and a copy sent to the TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. E. HOLBROOK,
M. J. GREGGHEGAN,
H. D. MURTY.

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from the family of our esteemed Bro. Frank H. Lester, his mother, in manifestation of our grief, and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Electric Division, of System Division No. 8, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of this Division and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. E. HOLBROOK,

M. J. GEOGHEGAN,

H. D. MURTY.

Committee.

Penna. Division, Fall Brook District—

How about the meetings, brothers? You who have a chance are you attending them? It might be a good plan to get together and hold a daylight meeting at Jersey shore once a month, as there are very few brothers south of "DI" tower, who can go to Corning to attend. By holding a meeting at Jersey shore at 10 a. m., the second and third trick men could all attend and have ample time to go to work. This has been talked of the last two years, let's decide it now. I believe all the brothers would attend. I go to Williamsport meetings frequently because I cannot get to my own Division meetings without losing a day.

Business has been picking up of late. We have a new stock train of 20 to 30 cars per day for a three weeks' trial and if we get it over the road good it will be made regular. We have a good bunch of dispatchers to work with, so we should help them all we can, as they have their hands full at times.

We have very few nons over here now enjoying the good things we have helped them to get at no trouble or expense to them. There is one of these at "NB" Junction, who claims he belonged to the O. R. T. once on the P. R. R., and dropped out because the Order didn't treat him right. Investigation reveals the fact that he don't mind prevaricating and that he was fired off the P. R. R. for giving a passenger train a white block when he should have given a 19 order and a green block. Brothers, you can form your own opinion, but, remember, if you ever meet him, "No cards. No favors."

Our vacancies are being bulletined as regular as clock work, much to our satisfaction. September 1st there were four jobs awarded and thirty-one bids for them.

Cammal, once a thriving lumber village, has been abandoned, as there is not business enough there now to warrant keeping an agent.

The little daughter of Bro. I. G. Missner, of "NB" Junction, has been seriously ill, but is now on the road to recovery.

S. C. Phillips while visiting his brother, Bro. W. J. Phillips, of "NB" Junction at Williamsport, met a few P. & E. and N. C. operators and had quite an enjoyable time. Bro. Phillips hails from the C. S. P. M. & O. He is now working the third trick at Hallon, while the regular man is on leave of absence.

Bro. J. J. Balyn, of "XY" Newberry Junction, is enjoying his vacation, relieved by Bro. C. I. Miller, of the B. C. District.

Bro. M. S. Early, of Jersey Mills, is now working for the New Haven.

Bro. Wedge has returned to "JS" tower after an extended vacation. CERT. 2093, Div. 8.

Norfolk & Western Ry.*Norfolk Division—*

The joint meeting of the A. C. L., S. A. L., and N. & W. Railroad was held in Petersburg on the night of Sept. 18th. The meeting was called to order in the Red Men's hall, promptly at 8:00 p. m., Bro. L. E. Cooper, of the A. C. L. acting as Chief Telegrapher, with the following brothers filling the other chairs: M. W. Gates, First Vice Chief Telegrapher; G. E. Dewsbury, Second Vice Chief Telegrapher; W. T. Person, Past Chief; R. J. Dewsbury, Inside Sentinel, and R. C. Hardy Marshal. After the regular opening exercises, an interesting discussion of the telephone was entered into. The annual pass question being the next matter taken up and, lastly, the unsatisfactory attendance at meetings.

A motion was unanimously adopted providing that the meetings be held on the fourth Saturday night in each month hereafter instead of the third. This change was made on account of the N. & W. brothers, who would be unable to attend on their regular quarterly meeting nights.

The S. A. L. were well represented at this meeting. We hope the A. C. L. will show up better next time.

An enjoyable feature of the evening was the delightful cream and cake served.

At the next meeting a full discussion of the nine-hour law is expected. All who come will be sure of something worth hearing.

Come out and help us make it a big success.

SECRETARY.

Michigan Central Ry.*East Toledo and Bay City Division—*

Our committee met the General Superintendent at Detroit, Sept. 20th, for the second time. A third meeting will be necessary to come to an agreement. It is expected that this meeting will occur soon.

The regular correspondent has been away on a vacation, and the writer is not in a position to present all the many changes and happenings on the Division, but will give what has come under his observation.

Bro. O. D. Cummings, recently of Ann Arbor, underwent quite a serious operation at Grace Hospital, from which he recovered and left the

hospital about Sept. 7th. It will be remembered that Bro. Cummings quit railroading to engage in farming in Clare county, but his illness which made necessary the operation, forced him to give it up, and he is expecting to go on the road again. Bro. Cummings has the ability to make good in anything he undertakes.

F. A. Leslie, of Denton, was awarded first trick at Ann Arbor.

Bro. E. C. Schleicht, formerly at Nassar, bid in second hours, at Wayne Junction.

Bro. Hilfrich resigned the agency at Ecorse, to engage in other business. He was a careful employe and a worthy member of this Order. We wish him success.

Bro. G. B. Cotton, of River Rouge, takes Ecorse agency, and Frank Seavette, of "F" District, takes the River Rouge agency.

The loyal members from the Toledo Division were on hand at the last meeting. Some members around town might emulate their example.

Train service is not very good now for the main line and Bay City Division. Some of these brothers, however, do and should attend occasionally.

Bro. L. E. Peters, of Wayne, who went to the D. T. S. & A. hoping the northern climate would benefit his health, was quite sick for a week, but has recovered.

The wife of Bro. A. B. Clark, of "F" Detroit, who has been poorly for a long time, for some weeks, not expected to live, is now very low in St. Mary's hospital, this city. Bro. Clark has our sincere sympathy.

Bro. G. A. Thompson recently took a trip north over the G. R. & I. R. R. IGNORAMUS.

Middle Division—

Bro. Trattles, third, Vandalia, is off on vacation, relieved by Telegrapher Drumm, a new man. Understand he will be with us soon.

Mr. Eagle, Colon third, is working in "SF" at Jackson. Mr. Shoemaker relieving at Colon.

Bro. Avery, third at Fabius, is off a few days; Bro. Kitchen relieving him.

Bro. Burlington, third, Lawton, off account of illness in family, relieved by Bro. Hamilton.

Bro. Edgett, days, South Haven, for the past year, has resigned to accept a much better position in Southern California.

Bro. Mark, third trick, at Hill yard office, who was sick a few days, relieved by Bro. Hamilton.

Bro. Fitch, formerly second trick, at Hill, has resigned and gone west. Bro. Foy, a new man, is working the trick, until Bro. Butler, from the third, at Barron Lake, who bid the position in, can get moved to Niles.

Bro. Renner, second, at Niles, while off sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. Foy, from Hill. Bro. Hamilton relieving at Hill.

Bro. Northrop, third, at Niles, who was off sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. Mack from Hill. Bro. Kitchen relieving Bro. Mack.

Bro. Wherele, third trick towerman at Cassopolis, is off a month, enjoying his vacation; Bro. Brewer relieving him.

N. Y., C. & St. L. Ry.

Buffalo Division—

Each member on this Division is to be furnished a list of nons and their applications will soon be secured, or we will be obliged to publish the reasons they give for not joining. It will be "no card, no favors," from now on.

We expect the few members on this Division who are back on their dues to come across this month. We are making a fine record in the matter of collecting dues.

Gather a few news items and forward them to your correspondent before the 8th of each month. The write-up of our division is the first thing we look for, so help it along.

H. J. Emmerling is now installed in first trick at Brocton, getting it on bid.

Lawton, third trick at Brocton, is away for a few days; relieved by L. W. Slee.

C. W. Carlson, first trick at Tift yard, is back from a 16 days' trip, seeing the sights down at Thousand Islands and attending the convention of Red Men at Binghamton, N. Y. He was relieved by Mr. Bixler.

The West Seneca telegraph office opened September 2nd, with O. F. Pierce on first trick, Misener on second trick and J. W. Feidler on third trick.

It sure sounds good to hear "WS" once more.

Nigh, third trick at Silver Creek, was off September 5th and 6th; relieved by V. H. Weatherup.

A. R. Mulkins, second trick at Silver Creek, was off September 6, attending his family reunion.

C. E. Smith is working third trick at Angola, vice Misener, moved to second trick at West Seneca.

D. G. Dudley is working third trick at North East, while E. H. Todd is at Conneaut yard.

E. H. Dremitt has been doing relief work at "MX," Conneaut; relieved at "XD" by E. H. Todd.

J. F. Now bid in third trick at Wallace Junction. CRR. 89.

Fourth District—

There were only a few members at the meeting on August 20th. Boys, try and do better next time. Bro. Hite was unable to attend on account of his wife's sickness.

Bro. M. Dimick, third trick at South Whitney, is off duty on account of his wife being dangerously ill with typhoid fever; is being relieved by Mr. Martin, an old commercial man, who will join our ranks soon.

Bro. D. L. Bonner is going to Hammond, regular, relieving some non there whose next location is unknown. No doubt, like the rest of them, though, he is willing to take all the snaps coming his way, without any thought of the good our organization has done for the telegraph fraternity as a whole.

Bro. Cushman, a new man on the road, is relieving Bro. Neff, third at Claypool. K.

Third District—

In the July write-up of this district it was stated that Bro. L. E. Wagner, at Colby, had been relieved by "Telegrapher" C. F. Guzman, a new man on the road. This was an error, as Bro. Guzman is an up-to-date member of Division 18.

Cleveland District—

We still have several nons on this district, and the brothers and sisters working tricks with them should get busy and line them up. Two who promised to join are now beyond reach of me by wire, but hope they will not forget their promise.

Bro. Gifford has returned to "RY" River, second trick, after a month's absence, very much improved by his vacation, having taken unto himself a wife. Congratulations to the brother and Mrs. Gifford.

W. M. Kidd, agent at Dover, off on account of the death of his father; Relief Agent Krinzie substituting.

Bro. Sarr, second trick at Vermillion, was relieved for a short vacation by Mr. Bachelder. Bro. Minium relieved Bachelder, who has left the service and gone to Montana.

Third trick man at Euclid bid in second at Woodland; relieved by Mr. Raridan.

Bro. H. L. Minium, agent at Vermillion, has returned to duty after a pleasant two weeks' vacation spent at Detroit, Ft. Wayne and Niagara Falls.

Bro. Pierce has returned to duty at East Lorain.

Please send me the news of the Cleveland district, as I cannot cover it all personally and I have not had a single item from any of you in the past three months. CERT. 183.

C., M. & St. P. Ry.*River Division—*

The boys who were able to get to the meeting at Red Wing, had the pleasure of meeting our new General Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Derrickson, who gave them an interesting talk. Our new General Chairman, Bro. Soyster, was unable to be present on account of the press of business incident to the meeting of the committee in Chicago. Some 25 of the boys were on hand, notwithstanding the short notice and poor train service and everybody felt well repaid for the trip. The next meeting will probably be held in Minneapolis, at which there will be both day and night sessions, so that those who cannot attend in the day time can come at night, and as we hope to have Bro. Quick with us, the meeting should be an enthusiastic one.

Bro. G. H. Swanberg, first trick, at South Minneapolis, was appointed to the side table in H. & D. dispatchers' office, being relieved temporarily by Bro. S. H. Lester.

Bro. R. E. Kenyon and W. G. Kenyon, who took sixty day vacations and accepted positions on the Coast Extension, are back on their old jobs, first trick at Chestnut street (St. Paul), and third trick at Signal Tower, respectively,

somewhat dissatisfied with conditions on the west end.

Our brothers on the Burlington seem to be having considerable trouble getting relief, their Chief claiming he is unable to get the men. Better this condition, however, than to have men so plentiful that jobs are worth nothing.

A few stock trains are running now, just to let us know that there is work ahead of us later on.

Bro. R. H. Cahill, first trick, at Signal Tower, has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent in the East, Telegrapher W. G. Kenyon handling first trick during his absence and Bro. W. J. Putnam taking third trick.

Bro. Stegner, of Lake City, participated in the trap-shoot at Hastings and shared in the division of the purse, as well as getting one of the special prizes.

Telegrapher W. H. Angle is holding down the second trick at Signal Tower, but understand Telegrapher R. O. Staley, from Red Wing, goes there on bulletin.

Bro. H. F. Swift, from Lower Yard (St. Paul), is appointed to the first trick at South Minneapolis, and is relieved by Telegrapher O. C. Peed, from Richmond.

Bro. A. B. Enke, of Wabasha, grabbed the owl trick in dispatcher's office on bulletin.

Bro. R. W. Short, third trick, at South Minneapolis, is absent a few days on account of sickness; relieved by W. G. Kenyon, from the Signal Tower.

Bro. W. J. Putnam, who has been doing relief work on the Short Line, for several weeks, has tendered his resignation at the request of his mother, and gone to her home in Milwaukee.

Bro. R. C. Sanborn, third trick, at Merriam Park, is enjoying a sixty-day vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher George Leahy, late of the M. & St. L., whose three brothers are enthusiastic up-to-date members. He will be "with the gang" as soon as his year's service makes him eligible.

Mr. C. R. Lemon, of Langdon, is enjoying a two months' vacation in the East.

W. E. Moore, of Hastings, is on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Reed, of Blackbird Junction. Mr. Carlisle relieving Bro. Reed.

Some very desirable jobs are being bulletined these days and many changes are taking place.

During the present heavy business, first trick dispatcher, Stackpole is filling the position of assistant chief, second trick dispatcher Skewis is doing the first and F. E. Brunner, of Newport, the second trick. The same condition also necessitates a temporary increase of the force in "C" office at Minneapolis, the sixth and seventh positions going to Bros. S. H. Lester and J. P. Myers, respectively, on bulletin.

The six months' vacation of General Manager W. J. Underwood, on account of ill health, has resulted in the shifting of some of our high officials, and former General Superintendent D. L. Bush is promoted to the office of General Manager. Mr. H. B. Earling, General Superin-

tendent of the Coast Extension at Miles City, Mont., relieves Mr. Bush at Chicago.

A rumor is afloat to the effect that the company is contemplating the erection of an electric block tower at the Lower Yard (St. Paul), that the dispatchers will be moved there from Newport, and operators put in at Newport; also that the Short Line is to be equipped with electric automatic block signals, similar to those now in use on the Great Northern Ry., between the Twin Cities.

Telegraphers selling tickets are now required to give a bond of \$500.00 and pay the premium of 35 cents per hundred out of their own pockets. It seems that this should be a good incentive for boys to subscribe for stock in the O. R. T. Bond Co., and get part of this money back in the way of dividends. They would then also be assured of a speedy adjustment in case of trouble, which they do not get now from the chesty, arbitrary, old-line companies.

CORRESPONDENT.

I. & D. Division—

We look for a large increase in the membership during the next few months, owing to the generous special offer that has been made to secure new members.

Brothers, please write me a little of the happenings at your respective stations. It's a hard job to get up a good write-up without such assistance. I hope some of you on both the west and east ends will drop me a note so we will be able to have a good big write-up next month.

Among the numerous changes are Mr. Briggs, first, Mr. Smith, second, and Mr. Duell, third, at Sanborn. Mr. Smith was relieved at Spencer by Mr. Anderson, formerly of Sanborn, and Mr. Miller is again back on the second trick at Spencer.

Mr. Slagel (agent of Ruthven and a former brother), has been taking a lay off.

Bro. McNeff is again back at his post at Monona after a few weeks' lay-off.

Mr. Kelley relieved Mr. C. H. Slagel, agent Ruthven, during his absence.

Okoboji station has been closed for the season.

CERT. 2248.

Northern Division—

Bro. Nichols, of Waupun, has been married since our last write-up. Best wishes, "Fred." Bro. Sawyer, of the first trick at Harricon, has also taken unto himself a wife.

Bro. Osterheed, of the third trick, at German-town, and Mr. N. A. Meyer, of the second trick, have gone to Texas for a trip lasting about three weeks. Bro. Seefield is relieving Mr. Meyer, and Telegrapher Snyder, at one time a school teacher, is holding down third trick.

Telegrapher Hoey is working the third trick at Iron Ridge, while Bro. Seefield is at German-town.

Bro. Dunlap, who has been sick for some time and now in Colorado for his health, is reported much improved and expects to be back in the harness again in a few weeks.

Our committee is now in Chicago talking over present working conditions and a raise in wages.

Extra Dispatcher Brown is working second trick at Hartford in Bro. O'Neil's place, who is holding down the freight agent's job. Bro. Thiele is not improved much in health as yet.

Bro. Holt is reported as improved in health at his home in Rolling Prairie.

Div. Coa.

Hastings and Dakota Division—

This is my first attempt to give the Hastings and Dakota Division a write-up, and I want to thank all those who have assisted me by sending in the news and hope they will continue to do so in the future, as we want to have our Division written up every month.

We are hoping our committee will be successful in their negotiations with the management which commenced on Sept. 14th. The only way to help our committee is to make this Division as nearly solid as possible. Membership talks.

I had the pleasure recently of meeting our General Chairman, Bro. Soyster, whom Bro. Jackson of "WA" was escorting over the west end. Bro. Soyster expressed surprise at the change that had taken place on the Hastings and Dakota since he last went over it, and said as far as business was concerned, we had become one of the foremost Divisions of the system. If this is the case, brothers, we are then entitled to the same minimum that the River Division has.

On Sept. 7th our Chairman, Bro. Deming, left his burg on No. 1. to make a trip over the Division and round up the nons. We are glad to hear that he was very successful. Bro. Dunlap relieved him.

Among those whom we may now call brothers—through the efforts of our Chairman, are Operators Spencer and Auginbaugh, of "H," Agent Christianson, of "J," and Agent Richardson of "WS."

Business has been picking up so fast, that on account of lack of motive power the freight office "K" was closed, most likely permanently, on Sept. 4th. Mr. Williams going to "CH"; Mr. Van Noy going to Fargo to the Western Union; Mr. Mann to "DE" to help out the worthy agent there.

Bros. Maile and Baker, who worked the pit in July, went West, to try their fortunes and take in the big fair at Seattle.

Understand that a telegraph office has been installed at James.

Bro. Jubert, formerly agent at Bath, has left the service to take up a homestead in Canada. He was at one time the first O. R. T. member on the "FM" Division.

The past month I had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Olin at "FM," he seemed to be as busy as ever unloading empty cream cans from the West-bound passenger.

This Division is flooded with boomer operators, the past few months, Appleton has had in the last three weeks seven men on the second and third tricks, these jobs being held at present by a Mr. Thomas from anywhere, and a Mr.

Wells, last from the B. & O., Pittsburg Division, who has the record of having lasted sixteen days to date. J. C. Stillman held the second trick for fourteen days, and a Mr. Mills, the first trick, for eleven days; besides several others whose names we do not now remember.

Bro. Hoey landed the Appleton first trick on bulletin.

Bro. Carl of Ortonville, nights, has been laying off for a month. Bro. Manly, nights at Junction Switch, who relieved him, has returned to his old job at "CH."

Bro. Blerchner, of Appleton, days, has resigned to take the side table job at Three Forks, Mont., an extension.

Mr. Ronning, night relay telegrapher, at Watson, relieved our worthy brother at "CR" and upon his return relieved Bro. Baker of "DE." He then relieved Bro. Hutchinson of "HS," of the Fargo line, while the latter took a trip out West to see if he could find anything that suited him—better than "HS." Upon his return Bro. Hutchinson relieved Bro. Coonick at "AO" for a few weeks on account of a death in the family of the latter. When Bro. Coonick returned Bro. Hutchinson relieved Mr. Romney at "HS" and he took charge of "HM." Bro. Stanton at that point having landed both on bulletin.

Bro. Downs, who has been at "Q" all summer, will probably return to "DE" nights.

Bro. Williams, of Buffalo Lake, is visiting relatives in Pennsylvania, relieved by Bro. Dunlap, who was relieved at "HO" by Bro. M. E. Merrick, a new man from the Illinois Central.

Bro. Laplant, nights, at Chanhassen, has resigned and left for Vermont.

News from the East end is somewhat scarce, but we hope to have more next month.

There are a lot of new men over there working nights, mostly boomers. There are now night offices at every station from Stewart, West.

The West Division, with very few exceptions, is solid. Among these exceptions are some very desirable nons—such as Mr. Holloran, days at "RT" and Mr. Holtz of "FA," both having at one time been very strong O. R. T. members.

Bro. Strock relieved Bro. Nobles at "BR," while the latter was off recuperating.

Mr. Waltzer, days, at Webster, has left the service to go into the real estate business. Texas land is his specialty.

We are sorry to state that Bro. Deming has so far been unable to get Miss Sherman, nights, at "J," into the fold, but we have not given up hope yet of her having an "up-to-date" soon.

Sister Norton, of "BK," is visiting relatives at Sioux Falls.

Bro. Plumb, days, at "B," has resumed work, having spent part of the summer in California.

Bro. Strock relieved Hopkins on bulletin. The work is pretty heavy at that station for one man.

St. Louis Park, formerly a joint station, has also been bid in on bulletin.

A third trick telegrapher has been put on at "J."

As I have been appointed correspondent for this division, I hope the boys will send me in all the news items they possibly can. I will greatly appreciate it. My address is "H."

CERT. 1305.

GENERAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Our former General Chairman, O. W. Renshaw, has resigned his position with Division No. 23, to accept a position as Chief Train Dispatcher on the C. M. & St. P. Railway, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this General Committee extend to him a vote of thanks in appreciation of the faithful and efficient services rendered this Division, and while regretting the loss of his services, we wish him abundant success in his new position; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread on our minutes, a copy forwarded to Mr. Renshaw and a copy forwarded to Bro. L. W. Quick for publication in the TELEGRAPHER.

J. P. DOHERTY,

J. J. CONNELL,

H. E. WILSON.

Committee on Resolution.

Adopted by the unanimous vote of the General Committee, this 17th day of September, 1909, A. D.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Providence to call to the great beyond the beloved wife of our Bro. Geo. S. Davey, and while we bow in submission to the will of the Most High, who doeth all things well; be it

Resolved, That in her death the brother has lost a faithful and devoted wife; and be it further

Resolved, We, your Committee, on behalf of the members of P. D. C. & M. Pt. Div., O. R. T., tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing husband and family, and a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our division, a copy be published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER and a copy be sent to the bereaved brother.

J. J. CORNELL,

THOS. L. PAGEL.

P. S. THURBER,

Committee.

Vandalia Ry.

West Sub. Division—

No. 7 was very badly delayed at "WF" recently on account of two sections of No. 72 going to Funkhouser for them and the telephone being out of order. The train crew was forced to report "in the clear" to the yardmaster at Effingham by long distance from a farm residence.

Work on the double track is improving so rapidly that it will not be long until nine telegraphers will be out of employment. Only two of them have up-to-date cards.

Business is picking up. The company has closed a deal for the hauling of enough material to build 20 miles of track in California.

The statement in the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER that B. F. Baughman had left the service was an error. He is still working first trick at Formosa.

The extra men are kept very busy at present as so many are wanting their vacations.

Bro. F. H. Matthews, third trick at Mulberry Grove, is off on a few days' vacation; relieved by R. K. Bayles, extra man, of Bluff City.

Bro. S. R. Sweeny is working third trick at Formosa again. He had been relieved by J. E. Pacatte, extra man.

A. G. Godwin, second trick at Formosa, was off sick a few days. Mr. Pacatte did the work during his absence. He also relieved L. E. Munie, second trick at Pocahontas, while he was off sick.

Extra Telegrapher F. B. Kelley, of Bluff City, relieved W. J. Lyerla, first trick at Hagarstown, who was transferred to second trick, "RY," East St. Louis, to enable Bro. H. E. Weaver to take his vacation and visit friends at Brownstown.

Bro. H. C. Heck, who laid off on account of the serious illness of his sister, has returned to the third trick at "WF," Effingham. G. E. Reynolds, extra man, was his relief. Bro. Heck spent Sunday with friends, near Altamont, recently.

A. Hurst, who worked the third trick at Hagarstown for several weeks, has been discharged; understand he stopped seven trains in two weeks.

O. M. Beck, who was transferred from third at Hagarstown to the second trick, was put back on third again after Hurst was let out.

Bro. M. C. Phillips, accompanied by his wife and daughter, spent several days in Indianapolis visiting relatives.

Mr. Fogler was E. C. Tennyson's relief on second at Mulberry Grove.

L. E. Munie is working second at Pocahontas.

Bro. T. Gaston is working the second trick at Hagarstown. CERT. 276.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

Western Division—

Bro. Gallagher is spending a two weeks' vacation at his old home up York State.

Bro. Anson, Townatic, is earning a little loose change, they tell us, picking huckleberries, assisted by a pretty "rural maid."

Bro. Coe, first trick, Canaan, has returned from a two weeks' vacation; Bro. Hogan, second trick, working first, and Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock, working second, during his absence.

Bro. Smith has completed his duties at Pine Grove, the station having been closed for the season.

Bro. Powell, agent at Sheffield, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock.

Bro. Hogan, second trick at Canaan, has returned from a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. Kane.

Bro. Percy, agent at New Milford, and wife, spent Sunday, August 29th, visiting friends in New York City.

Bro. Davis, agent at Falls Village, spent a while in Naugatuck; was relieved by his son, Bro. Davis.

Bro. Wheaton, second trick at Hawleyville, is working first trick, and Bro. Besette, of Hawleyville Junction, is covering second trick.

Bro. Bailey, agent at West Cornell, recently made a flying business trip to New Milford, and Bro. Shepherd, New Milford, was off for a day.

Bro. Wheaton, of Botsford second trick, is enjoying four weeks' vacation visiting friends in Canada and other points.

Shore Line Division—

Bro. J. P. McCoy, second trick towerman, at East Lynne, left August 29th for thirty days' vacation, most of which will be spent visiting old friends in Pennsylvania; position covered by Bro. O'Connell, South Lynne; third trick, South Lynne, covered by Mr. Champion, a native of that place.

Bro. H. G. Loring was the successful bidder on second trick, at Saybrook Junction; made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Gordon Smith, who has entered the profession of civil engineering.

Third trick, South Lynne, made vacant by Bro. Loring, was bid in by Bro. O'Connell, who came to this road recently from the Central Vermont.

Third trick, East Lynne tower, was bid in by Mr. Peterson, from the twelve-hour W. U. trick in "DP" office, New London. I understand his application has already been received.

The twelve-hour trick at New London, now bulletined, is covered by Wm. Clark, a native of that town, and an old commercial hand. This being his first railroad job, we hope he will follow Peterson's example and come in where it's warm.

J. R. Bergin, formerly third trick towerman at Waterford, was successful in bidding in second trick, Springfield freight office.

Third trick, Waterford tower, was bid in by Bro. M. J. Fahey, formerly agent at Waterford, the latter being secured by Martin V. Noble, formerly baggage master at Lynne.

John McGarry has resigned as third trick towerman at East Lynne.

Bro. Wilcox, first trick towerman at Lynne, in the hospital at New Haven, operated on for appendicitis, reported getting along nicely. His position is being covered by Telegrapher Brown, regular second trick man; his trick being held by Geo. Shailer, of New York, whom it is understood has already filled out application papers.

Brownell, of Fort yard tower, was recently off for ten days camping with the National Guard. During his absence, his trick was covered by Wannamaker, of New Haven.

Most of our first trick men seem to be pretty good stayers. Lyons at Fort yard, McGovern at Waterford, Stevens at East Lynne, Peck at South Lynne and Wilcox at Lynne.

Some other brother should cover the points west of Saybrook Junction. CERT. 534.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Another busy month has rolled around, Bro. Holman spending most of his time on the Omaha, Colorado and Central Kansas divisions. Much work has been done on these divisions and we hope the local organizations will take hold and do their level best. A local chairman without the support of the members is powerless. Brothers, give him your support, write, talk and act the Order in your every move.

Bro. Holman was a delegate to the first Kansas Federation meeting this Division ever attended. Bro. Rice was unable to get relief in time to go.

Rice, Wilmarth and Holman also attended the Missouri State Federation meeting, at Joplin, and report a splendid time.

The boys have not returned the blanks as they should. Remember, we will be in session ere this is read, and we need the information of your station.

Note the change in address of Bro. S. Nelson, local chairman, to Newport, Ark. He bid in second trick there.

My letter will be short this month on account of the very heavy correspondence at this time. With all best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

H. J. MOHLER,
G. S. & T.

Southern Kansas Division—

Bro. W. S. Brown has returned from his sixty-day vacation and is back at his old stand in the Coffeyville yard office. Brown says it's fine business to "put your feet under pa's table."

Bro. Gibson, who was working extra at "RD," has resigned and gone back to Illinois. We were sorry to see Bro. Gibson leave, as he was a No. 1 man.

Our first trick dispatcher, "Daddy" Stewart, is spending his vacation at the fair in Seattle.

Bro. Sherman, of the Coffeyville ticket office, is taking a trip through the West, and expects to visit the Seattle fair before he returns.

Bro. C. B. Davidson and wife have returned from their Ohio trip and "Danny" is back at "RB" first trick.

Mr. Bennett is agent at Greeley until the bids close. We presume he has the "up-to-date" now.

The new man at Leroy, nights, hails from the "Katy," but he has the "required."

Bro. Hanna, who was working nights at Lane, has resigned and departed for the \$87.50 minimum. Good luck to you, "H." Bro. Howard is back there.

Bro. Wise, manager at "GO," is taking an extended trip through the West. Our old standby, Bro. Howell, is the "captain" now.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to His eternal home little Gladys, the 5-year-old daughter of our worthy Bro. W. D. Brewer; and

WHEREAS, We, with our brother, deeply mourn his sad loss; be it therefore

Resolved, That the officers and members of Division No. 31, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Brewer and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this their sad hour; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER, a copy to our esteemed Bro. Brewer and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

S. NELSON.

T. MAHONEY,

J. A. WALL.

Committee.

St. L., I. M. & S. Ry.**Natchez Division—**

We are proud to state that we have a solid membership on the Windy and not a single non in sight. The boys have all showed a very enthusiastic spirit in bringing this about.

Bro. Bird, at White, has resigned to engage in other and more profitable business.

Bro. Brown, formerly of "CD," has asked for return to main line. He went to "MS," and has regained his health and grip. We'll be glad to hear his familiar old "OK JR" again.

Bro. Frazier, of Collinston, one of the faithful, is off on a vacation.

Bro. "MC," at Clayton, now has a junior "MC" to add to his force.

Bro. R. B. Todd, of Wisner, is off on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. R. P. Duncan.

Bro. W. E. Curtis, from St Louis, relieved Bro. "RG" at Ferriday for 15 days while he went to Tennessee on his vacation. Cor.

White River Division—

F. C. Mansfield, telegrapher in Cotter dispatcher's office, laying off on account of the sickness of his wife; is being relieved by Bro. T. T. Blasingsame.

Bro. J. P. Klotz is off on a 30-day leave of absence; being relieved by Bro. W. Pharriss. Bro. Pharriss having bid in Branson, Mr. Klotz goes to Galena on his return to duty. Haven't heard who bid in Sylamore, but presume W. W. Hoyt, extra at Galena.

Chief Dispatcher H. E. Masters has been off on a 30-day leave of absence, being relieved by second trick dispatcher, A. C. Nye; extra dispatcher, W. H. Duey, doing the stunt on second trick.

Our general superintendent, Mr. McKee, has been transferred to the Northern district at Kansas City, to succeed E. A. Gould, recently resigned to accept a position on the C. H. & D. Ry., under President Cotter. M. M. Richey, division superintendent, Little Rock, has been promoted to general superintendent to succeed Mr. McKee, being relieved by Supt. J. F. Murphy, from Van Buren.

Bro. E. B. McNeill, agent at Calico, Ark., is off on leave of absence, being relieved by Mr. Z. H. Dodd. He has not answered our last letter in regard to being up-to-date.

Bro. A. G. DeGroff, second trick man, at Batesville, Ark., is off for two weeks and will visit his old home in New Jersey before returning to work. Relieved by H. S. Ligon, who promised to come in soon.
CERT. 2226, CERT. 1183.

Central Division—

I wish the boys would all get busy after the "nons." We have several along the line yet and you all know who they are. Drop them a line and it will only be a short while until this division will be solid. Our committee will wait on the general manager for increases in salaries before long, and they should have a solid backing. We can easily have this if each and every brother will help and do his part.

Telegrapher Wylie, agent at Lenapah, has resigned.

Bro. Westmoreland, of Clargmore, has returned to Spadra and there is a new man at Claremore. "WD" will no doubt get "25."

Bro. Rozzell has bid it in, Wagoner, nights, but at present is in the hospital.

Bro. McKnight, second at Gravel Pit, says it's "easy money."

Bro. Goodwin, agent at Illinois, has resigned and the position in bulletin.

Bro. Walsh, Ft. Smith, nights, has been relieved by Telegrapher Petree, a beginner, who can no doubt be landed as soon as qualified.

Bro. Bidwell, Ozark nights, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Conway, who also relieved Bro. Ridenour, of Mulberry.

Bro. McCallum, agent at Denning yard, relieved during few days' sickness by Bro. McCartt. Telegrapher Teal worked first trick.

Bro. McKee, Conway, has been relieved or has quit.

Bro. J. Davidson, second trick, Russellville, was relieved for a few days by Telegrapher Teal.

Telegrapher Barger, Palarm, nights, and Mr. Conway, nights, Mulberry, will be full-fledged brothers by the time this is in print.

I am very thankful to Bro. Hattendorf, of Denning yard, for the items contributed in this write-up.
CERT. 438.

Bro. Goodbar, formerly day telegrapher at "YD," Pine Bluff, is now working for the Rock Island at "RK" office, Little Rock. He was relieved on September 7th by J. R. Barnette. Mr. Barnette hails from Sydney, Australia, where he was employed in the government telegraph service.

Telegrapher F. V. Dickey, Noble Lake, Ark., has been down with fever for several days. He was relieved by Mr. T. H. Willett, night man at Moscow, Mr. Willett being relieved by R. Richmond, agent at Moscow.

St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.

Eastern Division—

Everybody working hard and been too busy to furnish much news recently. The following are some of the changes that have occurred lately:

Bros. Ellis and Ashby have been assigned to regular positions at Newburg. Bro. Sally has returned to work there, after 30 days' vacation.

Bro. Leak has returned from his vacation and resumed work at Jerome.

Bro. Wall has been transferred from Verona to Dixon, relieving Bro. Carney.

Bro. Roop is acting as agent at Billings in the absence of the regular agent, on vacation.

Bro. R. O. Roop has been put on third trick at Republic and Bro. D. Brockerman on second trick, while Bro. G. C. Roop does the agent act at Billings.

Bro. Duncan has been moved to Helm and Bro. Johnson to third trick at Crocker.

Bro. Hathway has resumed work at East Richmond, after a fifteen days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. D. R. Stevens.

Bro. Johnson has been relieving the regular agent at Stoutland, who has been away for a western trip.

Bro. Alderman was installed as permanent agent at Stanton recently.

Bro. R. P. Martin is working as agent at Sullivan for thirty days.

Bro. Vanloon has been transferred from Jerome to third trick at Robertsville.

Bro. Raymond French has moved to second trick at Pacific.

Another man has been added to the force at "QN" at St. Louis. Bro. Logsdon is working the job.

Business is good, from all indications, at present.

The force at "S" at Springfield has been increased three men during the past month.

Fanning is to be opened as a block soon, understand Bro. Roach, from Knobview, will go there.

Bros. Reed and Worth have moved to Dillon permanently.

Bro. Devault, who resigned at St. James, and went to the Western Union at Chicago, was relieved by Bro. T. H. Vaughn. Sorry to lose Bro. DeVault from our midst.

Bro. Gilgore is now working third trick at Cuba, vice Bro. Pace, transferred to end of double track.

Bro. Ellis, from Newburg, is relieving Bro. Campbell, at Rolla, who is on a vacation.

Bro. "Boy" Thurmond has returned after twenty years' absence from the railroad service and is now located at Leasburg.

Bro. Stewart has resumed work at Lebanon after a fifteen days' vacation.

Bro. E. L. Robinson, a new arrival, is an extra on the Eastern Division.

Southern Junction at Springfield has been opened recently, with Bros. Haymes and Bolander first and second tricks.

Southwestern Division—

Bro. Shedlebar has returned from a thirty days' trip to Texas and resumed work as agent at Dawson.

Bro. Vaughn, formerly agent at Davidson, Okla., has accepted a position as cashier at Claremore, Okla.

Bro. C. E. Conner, from the auditor's office at St. Louis, is now on third trick at Claremore.

Bro. Wilson has been transferred from Afton to A. V. & W. Junction, first trick.

Bro. Bula has returned to work at Chelsea, after a spell of sickness.

Bro. Roy Weeks, a new man, is working second trick at Claremore.

S. A. Roberts, a non, has resigned his position as cashier at Chelsea to accept a position as professor (?) in the telegraph department of the State Normal at Claremore. The telegraph school that Roberts was connected with at Chelsea closed after a two months' term, as only three scholars had enrolled during that time, and one of them was a dead-head.

Bro. Simmons has transferred from White Oak to Mustang.

Bro. J. T. Woods, from Neosho, is now working the third trick at Catoosa, and Bro. T. E. Dean, a new man, is working the second trick there.

Bro. V. E. Martin, another new man, is on second trick at Vinita.

Bro. Brutaker, another new man, is at Afton on third trick.

Bro. Arnold, formerly agent at Fletcher, is now on second trick at Afton.

Bro. Pennebaker, at Stround, serves iced watermelon to all operators passing his way, with the necessary.

Bro. J. H. D. Smith has resigned the local chairmanship for the Southeastern, and Bro. B. M. Cheney has been appointed to fill the vacancy until the election is held. Bro. Cheney is located at Cordova.

Bro. A. C. Holt, from Birmingham, is sick at the Frisco Hospital in Springfield. We hope he will soon recover.

Bro. Donahue from the Chief Dispatchers' office is now in "X" office at Sapulpa. Bro. Burch has been assigned to the position of late night chief in Sapulpa "X" office. Bro. Harper has moved from Keifer to Sapulpa "X" office. This office will soon cease to be a boomer's job if our own good men from along the line continue to go there, and we are certainly glad to see it.

There are three new men, all brothers, at Bristow, but have not learned their names.

Bro. Smith was transferred from Wheatland to Fletcher as agent.

Kansas Division—

Bro. Roper is working third trick at Carl Junction.

Bro. Young has been changed from third to first trick at Carthage.

Bro. Earls, formerly a Northern Division man, is now working third trick at Carthage.

Bro. Leach, the only artist on the Frisco, has contributed some of his work to "The Frisco-Man," which he perfected during his spare moments while doing the agent's work at Mound Valley.

Bro. Spindler, a late arrival, is working first trick at Beaumont, and Bro. Marks from Springfield is working the third trick.

Bro. Sigler is relieving Bro. Crane, of Beaumont, while Bro. Crane gets married. Frank has the well wishes of all.

Bro. Coleman, from the city office at Joplin, is now on the third trick at the passenger station.

Bro. Blake has been assigned to the first trick at Fredonia.

Bro. Magrudes, from Pocahontas, Ark., is working the third trick at Fredonia.

Bro. Maben, formerly operator, has been given the cashier's job at Fredonia.

Bro. J. E. Smith, a new man at Severy, first trick, and Bro. C. T. Beach, of Iowa, is on second.

Bro. Miller opened up third trick at Cherryvale.

Ozark Division—

Bro. C. G. Taylor is now at Tower No. 2, first trick. Bro. Mohler has gone to the same tower, third trick, while Bro. Reed sets in on the second.

Bro. Rhodes advises that work on the West Marion yards is progressing nicely.

Bro. McWhorter an ex-line man, is working as agent and operator at Deckerville.

C. A. Bashe, agent at Jonesboro, has just returned from his delayed honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls.

Bro. T. D. Daniels, of Jonesboro, has gone to Thayer for a few days. Bro. Riddle is working the second trick during Bro. Daniels' absence, with an unknown man on third.

Bro. Peck, at Imboden, reports some improvements under way at his station, a new team and house track being among them.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENT.

Third District—

O. J. Grimes, formerly chief dispatcher at Chaffee, Mo., is being relieved by W. T. Donnelly. It is reported that Mr. Grimes does not expect to return. We regret very much to have Mr. Grimes leave us, as there is not a member on the Third District who does not speak in the highest of terms regarding him. We welcome Mr. Donnelly into our midst and trust that we will be able to render him such service as will enable us to make good with him.

Bro. W. F. Harris, of Osceola, Ark., transferred to Sikeston.

Bro. Armstrong, after a few weeks in the hospital, resumes duty at Brooks Junction.

Bro. H. C. Emerson returns to Oran after a short vacation.

Bro. Blocker, of Bainbridge, was at Sikeston a few days ago. Bro. Harris showed him the sights.

Bro. Elkins, of "GM," Chaffee, goes to Hayti, relieving Bro. Moran. Bro. Moran goes to Osceola as agent.

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.*Pittsburg Division—*

The new system of running trains by signal indications was put into effect on Sept. 14th. Trains no longer carry classification signals and are now moved entirely by signals and instructions from the towermen and telegraphers. This relieves the train crews of a great deal of responsibility and shifts it upon the dispatchers and telegraphers.

It is hoped now that normal business conditions again prevail and prosperity has returned (to the prosperous), that our management will offer no serious objections to the wage increase, which our committee is going after. Our existing agreement was made three years ago, at a time when prices for all the necessities of life were much lower than at present. These prices and the duties and responsibilities of the telegraphers are constantly increasing. We should not be expected to maintain ourselves and families at the same standard, as the foreign-speaking element are willing or forced to do; and we know that we do not receive a fair compensation for the work required of us, as compared with the employees of the other branches of the transportation service.

The necessity is obvious, therefore, of our making every effort toward securing an increase in wages and improving our condition.

In order to attain this end, all the brothers are requested to make a special effort to get the non-members into the organization.

Elwood City block office has been closed, and Bryant, Marshall, Frisco and Rock Point reopened. Zeno, on the Butler branch, has also been reopened.

We can now call R. S. Fagan, agent at Petrolia, brother. Bro. Sybert, of Kane, is responsible therefor.

Bro. J. D. Dunbar was the successful bidder for the first trick at Sharpsburg.

Bros. Baker, of Wildwood, and Long, of Callery, have their towers ornamented with a fine display of potted plants and flowers.

We understand that Bro. C. W. Brown is also seriously thinking of devoting some of his spare time to the cultivation of flowers in "RO" tower. Better watch "Davy," Bro. Brown, or your flower pots are liable to come to grief some day when the yard is blocked.

CERT. 66.

Main Line, West End—

I want to say to all the chumps on the west end of Baltimore Division, if they do not affiliate themselves with the Organization before Thanksgiving they will have very little to be thankful for.

I have always felt proud that I was a native of Maryland's soil, and especially since she was the first State in the Union to come to the rescue of the poor railroad operator in enacting a law which made life more pleasant.

I was not, however, benefited by this law until after one of the greatest human sacrifices known in the history of railroads. When that dreadful

and rigid investigation was about to be made by the District Commissioners and the Interstate Commerce Commission, an awful fear arose in the bosom of some one in authority, and an absolute block on all freight trains following passenger was ordered.

This brought me under the ban of the law, and I was, therefore, instructed to work eight hours as an operator, and twelve hours as agent, although my salary was reduced \$5.00 per month.

I was fortunate, however, in being able to have this money restored, when after every effort had been made to find a man to take my job, no one would have it.

This was at a time when operators were scarce throughout the country, and better wages were being paid elsewhere than in this State.

Shortly after this the Federal Law went into effect, and with it the operators stood pat on the salary and won, leaving the operators in this dear old State to be patient during times of depression which were then on, with fond hopes that it would be of short duration, and they would then be able to adjust the salaries on an equal basis with those on the system outside this State.

The time is now ripe. The railroad is taxed to its ability to handle the business. The numberless telegraph operators that were available have all left for better paying jobs. Today, in this State, the situation is fast becoming what it was in 1907, and before another sixty days rolls around we will not be granted leave of absence for a single day, and in case of sickness, or the like, there will be a doubling to the twelve hours, with the plea of emergency, again in spite of the law. This condition has actually occurred during the past month, and the operators make it appear as if they are contented by their indifference.

I think as much of the welfare of the railroad for which I work, as any man in its service, and it is for this reason that I am anxious each and every operator in this dear old State, on the B. & O., interest themselves in the Organization, and see to it that there will be no violations of the Federal Law, and help the company to keep at all times a sufficient number of telegraphers to supply their wants. This can be done by a revision of our agreement with a higher rate of pay, which will not be done unless we ask for it.

CERTIFICATE 182.

Cleveland Division—

Bro. F. P. Darland, who has been at Canton Scales, several years, has gone to Walton, Ind. Unable to say what he is doing, but he may locate there permanently. He was acting as assistant chairman, and taking care of Valley boys. He is to be congratulated on the good work done on that side of the division. Bro. Mulhearn, Howard St., Akron, will take up the duties of Bro. Darland.

Bro. C. H. Wood, of Strasburg, after accepting the position at Canton Scales and working one day, failed to show up again.

Bro. Jess Rodgers, Tippecanoe, has been trying to get off for some time. Last reports are "no relief in sight."

Relief Agent Hill is off on account of poor health. We hope he will be able to resume duty soon.

Mr. Sheridan, agent at Peninsula, died August 18th. His relatives have the sympathy of all the Cleveland Division.

Bro. and Mrs. F. R. Landis, Columbia, first trick, spent ten days at Buckeye Lake, O., recently, fishing and visiting relatives; Bro. Baumgardner, second trick man, Columbia, relieving.

Bro. Harry Leith, third trick at Bridge 80, was in Pittsburg for a few days on personal business.

Bros. Dink Shafer, "ND" Tower, and Weaver, of New Philadelphia, just returned from an extended trip to the A-Y Exposition, Frisco, Pike's Peak and other Western points of interest.

Bro. Billings, third trick at Belt Line Crossing, made a flying trip home to Peninsula recently.

Bro. Meese, second trick, Belt Line Crossing, is on six days' leave of absence, taking in sights around Berea, O.; Bro. Eaton relieving.

Bro. Baumgardner, second trick, Columbia, intends going to Florida shortly, to size up a farming proposition.

Bro. A. C. Myers, of Berea, is sending the boys mailing cards from Salt Lake City and other Western points. He expects to be on vacation some time.

The regular correspondent of this division has left the service. Hereafter kindly send items for THE TELEGRAPHER to J. G. Mulhearn, 504 West Market St., Akron, O., not later than the 19th of each month. Our local chairman is working hard to get better working conditions for us, and we should all try to assist him in every possible manner. Our meetings are held the third Monday of each month. CERT. 163.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved Bro. William H. Baker, and

WHEREAS, The members of B. & O. System, Division No. 33, Chicago Division, feel that they have sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Bro. Baker, be it

Resolved, That we extend to the aged mother of Bro. Baker our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy mailed to Mrs. Baker, and also to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. P. WEBSTER,

W. H. COOK,

R. A. MILLER.

Committee.

Pere Marquette Ry.

Ludington Division—

When reading this, please stop and consider how many items you contributed. If you would, I think probably we would have a great deal more news in the future. Send Bro. Johnson all the happenings from your office, as the Brothers of Division No. 39, and Brothers from other roads who know you would be glad to hear where you are, and what you are doing.

Boys, let's take a little more interest in each other's welfare; all we ask of you is to help yourself and look out for your own interest. If a man is not willing to do this, he certainly can not expect others to look out for him.

I would like to see more interest displayed among the members on this as well as other divisions. The writer intends to spend every minute of his spare time hammering away at the nons, and do what he can to drive a few words home to them that will not be easily forgotten. If the other members will devote a part of their spare time to this work, I am satisfied that at the end of three months we will see a large change.

The motto, "No Cards, No Favors," should apply. Treat the man who is just entering the service like a Brother, and after a reasonable length of time if he does not come into our Order, make the rule apply to him.

Some of the nons have the mistaken idea that the O. R. T. is an enemy to the railroads, and that our only aim is to get members for some selfish purpose of our own. They seem to think if they join the Order they will lose the respect of the officials, and maybe get "canned" in the end. This is a mistake. Organized labor today wants nothing but justice, and does not want to make trouble for any company. It is the only way that the man who must work for a living can keep his wages up to a living point. Look at it right, boys, and get into the game.

Bro. Haugh just returned from a thirty days' vacation; was relieved by Bro. Brown, of Wall-halla.

Bro. Zook, of Hersey, on a few days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Brown.

Bro. Dickey, third trick at Ludington Yard, resigned, and was relieved by Bro. P. G. Durphy.

Bro. Stevenson is relieving Bro. Brown, at Wall-halla, while he is doing extra agent's work at Olivers and Hersey.

Bro. J. E. Clark, formerly second trick at Baldwin tower, now has charge of the United Wireless Telegraph Company's station at Ludington.

Bro. Fritz tried his hand at the wireless for two or three weeks, but has returned to the third trick at Baldwin tower.

J. E. Avery relieved Bro. Clark, second trick at Baldwin tower, when he resigned to take the wireless position.

R. Jacobas, agent at Scottville, is now a "Brother." Bro. Brown reports his application has been received.

Telegraphers are in demand again. Bro. Moulton, at Reed City, is asking for operators for the G. R. & I. Ry.

First and third trick men at Clare were obliged to double over one night last week, on account of the second trick man being taken sick.

New man working third trick at Lake, is said to have the goods.

Get busy, boys, give the company the very best service in you, and get "an application" from that non working with you. "BO. OP."

Erie Ry.

Erie & Susquehanna Divisions—

Brothers, it is with deep regret that we notice such a large number on the discipline list of last month, quite a few of whom were disciplined for sleeping on duty. We sincerely trust that none of these are members of the Order. Whether members or not, however, I am very sorry to see it. Now, brothers, we work only eight hours and should be able to keep awake that long and attend to business. Go home when you get off duty and get the proper amount of sleep, before you do anything else; so that you will be prepared to attend to your business in the right way. There is no excuse for any one working only eight hours sleeping on duty. It looks bad to see such a long list on the discipline list for one month. I hope all of you will read this and have a heart-to-heart talk with those whom you know are guilty of any of these offenses, and give them some good advice. Let us all try our best, so that when this list comes out next time, there will not be one on it for discipline. Get on the "Merit" side if you can, but, above all things, keep off the discipline side.

F. M. D. Watkins, for nearly fifteen years agent at Wellsburg, passed away August 19th, after a short illness. Mr. Watkins was of a cheerful disposition and always had a kind word for everyone, and was a faithful and valued employee. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and his son, Frank, who is an agent on the B. R. & P. His remains were taken to Canadaigua, his old home, for burial. His family has our sincere sympathy. Extra Agent Decker is filling the vacancy at Wellsburg.

Our General Chairman, Bro. Husted, stopped off a short time at Elmira, with our local chairman, Bro. Hesser, August 28th. He was on his way to Deposit, to attend a meeting of the Delaware Division.

A telephone system has been established on the west end, from Hornell to Elmira, with offices in Corning and Addison yard offices. This is being done to relieve the heavy work on No. 1 wire.

New go-pound rail is being laid on the east track from Waverly to Elmira, with rock ballast, nearly the whole distance. This puts the track in fine shape.

Bro. Harry Dunham, of "Erwins," was off a few days, on account of the death of his mother.

Bro. Dunham has our deepest sympathy in his bereavement.

Our chief dispatcher has had his hands full lately, trying to keep vacancies filled. So many of the boys are off sick and taking vacations that, in some cases, he has been compelled to have some offices double up.

Bro. Vincent, of Waverly, off a few days on a vacation. Bro. Harry Blizard worked first trick during Bro. Vincent's absence. Abe Moseson filled Bro. Blizard's trick, later Bro. Shultz, of "XY," took Bro. Blizard's place, while Abe Moseson took Bro. Shultz's place at "XY."

Bro. Thompson, of first trick at Wellsburg, attended the Elks' outing at Elmira, August 25th. He was relieved by Abe Moseson. Bro. Thompson also visited his old home in Freerville, N. Y. Geo. O'Neil, of Great Bend, did the relief work.

"Joe" Ambrose, of "RA," and Dispatcher Calkins, of the Tioga Division, were off on a few days' vacation. Bro. "Dan" O'Brien filled "Joe's" place, while S. C. Moseson, extra, filled Bro. O'Brien's place.

We are glad to announce that J. H. Wilson, of Owego, can now be addressed as "Bro. Wilson."

Bro. Peach, of "MJ" tower, off a few days to visit his old home, also to visit friends in Geneva and other adjoining points.

Our Chief Dispatcher, Mr. Williams, was off a few days; relieved by Dispatcher Fahey, of the east end, who in turn was relieved by Mr. Dickey.

Bro. J. T. Conroy, third trick at Waverly, has resigned. We wish him the best of success in whatever he undertakes.

J. H. Connors, of Adrian, bid in Bro. Conroy's trick, leaving first trick at Adrian open. Bro. J. H. Wilson, of Owego, filled the vacancy until Connors bid in it.

Bro. T. Hemstrough, of "JB," was off on a few days' vacation; relieved by J. J. White, of Binghampton.

Mr. Hanna, who worked a while on this division, has headed for Mexico. Div. Com.

Tioga Division—

The attendance at the last meeting, held in Elmira, was not very strong from the Tioga Division; the rain probably scared them out. We needed the rain so badly that we should not be frightened by a little shower, like we had the morning of the meeting. This meeting was held on Sunday morning, to give the Tioga Brothers and the second and third trick men on the main line a chance to attend, and they should have turned out better, as the main line Brothers showed up in pretty good shape. We should attend every meeting we possibly can, as there is always something likely to come up that you ought to have a say so in. Monthly meetings will be held in the future, and some of them on Sunday morning so that all can attend.

Our extra man, E. F. Ferguson, who has lately taken unto himself a wife, is now right in line for membership in the O. R. T., as is also his

wife for the Auxiliary. Mr. Ferguson's bride would feel proud of him, if he carried an up-to-date card, for then she would know he was traveling in the right path.

Bro. Wilcox, of "MN," who has been laid up for some time with an attack of rheumatism, is being relieved by E. F. Ferguson, extra man, who we hope to be able to call Brother in the very near future. We hope that Bro. Wilcox will soon be enjoying good health again.

Bro. G. L. Ferguson, of Arnot, was off a few days recently, to attend the wedding of his brother at Verona, N. J.

Bro. Moshier, of Seely Creek, took a trip to Geneva recently, via trolley and boat, and reports having had a fine time.

We are very sorry to learn of the serious illness of Bro. Bush's mother, and hope she will soon recover.

Bro. Palmer continues making daily trips from his home in Arnot to Tioga Junction.

CERT. 222.

N. J. & N. Y. R. R. Branch—

One new member was brought into the fold last week, and three more are expected to be landed very soon.

Bro. Weitman, first trick man at "NF," has taken up a side line selling newspapers.

Bro. Ritter is adding a new dormitory to his house at "SV."

Bro. Blauvelt bid in third trick at "ZY," and "the old man" is just as much at home there as he was at "DA."

Bro. Greenip is waiting for another vacancy. He is getting tired of doing first trick at "DA."

Bro. Kociemba was given a two days' vacation recently, which he needed very much.

Bro. Romaine, at "PY," one of the oldest members on this division, devotes his spare time to raising fancy chickens.

Bro. Hering, doing second trick at "ZY," puts out the neatest and plainest 31's on the division. One of his copies is now framed, and hanging in the dispatcher's office at "JY."

Mr. "Eat-em-up," at "FM," has an idea no job is too hot for him, but we don't see any blue ribbons on him.

Let us all join hands at once and weed out the nons on this division, remembering the old motto, "No card, no favors."

Congratulations to Bro. Hering. The stork recently visited his home and left a bouncing baby boy.

We also desire to congratulate Bro. Weitmann on the arrival of a young son at his home a short time ago.

Div. Cor.

Meadville and Mahoning Divisions—

Arrangements have been completed by the telegraphers of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions for their second dancing party, which will be held in Excelsior Parlors, Youngstown, O., on the evening of Thursday, November 18, 1909. Bayle's Orchestra has been engaged for the occasion, and

a jolly good time is assured all the telegraphers and their friends.

The joint meeting of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, September 19th, was well attended by members from both divisions.

W. J. Holbrook, third trick at Leavittsburg, is off for two weeks; relieved by A. L. Taylor, third trick, Warren.

R. A. Straup, first trick at Phalanx, is off on a vacation; relieved by Miss Dorothy Dean.

C. W. Morse, second trick "BR" tower, has resigned and accepted a position with the Carnegie Steel Company at Youngstown.

D. G. Button, first trick "NK," has resigned and gone to Cincinnati.

Ed. Hagan goes from Girard to second trick "YO" office; J. E. Mohr, from third trick "CB" tower, to Girard and W. H. Owens, of De Forest tower, was the successful bidder for second trick "CB" tower.

S. H. Ridinger is back to first trick "YO" office, after a ten days' vacation, spent at Cottageville, W. V.

F. E. Brooks has given up the third trick at De Forest tower to return to school at Cleveland.

R. G. Kistler is relieving him.

Don't forget the meeting nights, the third Saturday night of each and every month at Warren Hall, over the Union National Bank, corner Market street and Park avenue. Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Almighty Father to summon our worthy friend and brother, M. D. McMahan to eternal rest; therefore be it

Resolved, That we submit in silence and sorrow, knowing that He of infinite wisdom had a purpose in so doing, that his mission on earth was fulfilled and that his appointed time had come; therefore be it

Resolved, That his genial and affable presence will be missed among his many associates, especially those of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions of the Erie Railway; and be it further

Resolved, That System Division No. 42, O. R. T., through these resolutions extend and convey our sympathy and condolence to his widow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions and a copy sent THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. R. BROWN,

E. J. MOYER,

W. H. OWENS.

Committee.

Wyoming Division—

D. O. Emery has been appointed agent at Wimmers, vice L. D. Edwards, resigned. We understand Mr. Edwards has taken the agency on the O. & W., at Forest City.

Bro. L. D. Brown, agent at "MA," has been laying off a few days, relieved by our old friend Jake.

Bro. F. W. Farley has been spending a few days at West Point and other points of interest on the Hudson.

W. C. Dunklee is back at his old stand as agent at "MO." We are glad to see Mr. Dunklee with us again.

"XJ," "HS" and "TR" at this writing are solid O. R. T. Bro. E. M. Kelley is working second trick at "XJ" and Bro. D. M. Solverson is working second trick at "HS."

S. D. Bishop, formerly dispatcher, has been appointed relief agent.

Telegrapher Oscar Bisbing is working second trick at "KO."

Telegrapher W. N. Norris is working third trick at "WN."

We understand congratulations will soon be in order for Bro. E. F. Smith.

"WJ" at this writing is being operated as a day office.

Summer passenger trains were taken off September 25th.

Boys, gather up a little news and send it to Bro. Correll. Other divisions have a "write-up" each month, why not the Wyoming division.

Remember, "No cards, no favors."

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to take this method of thanking the brothers who so kindly sent beautiful floral offerings, and the expression of sympathy during our recent bereavement in the death of our mother.

J. S. COLLIER.

Ann Arbor Ry.

Bro. H. H. Cudaback, Cert. 151, Division 48, died at the home of his sister in Vernon, Mich., September 13, 1909, at 7 a. m., aged 35 years, 1 month and 9 days.

Bro. Cudaback was born at Kansas City, August 2, 1874, and was a telegrapher from his 16th year, belonging to the O. R. T. for the last 12 years, and always carrying an up-to-date card. He served in the late Spanish-American war, and was made a non-commissioned officer for meritorious service under General Lawton in the Philippine Islands. In Bro. Cudaback the Order has lost a good member and a faithful worker. He was one of the best operators that have ever handled a key. His loss is mourned by all his friends, members of the A. A. and the D. T. & I., which was demonstrated by the numerous floral offerings. He leaves a wife, from whom he was separated a short time ago; two brothers, one, P. R. Cudaback, of Toledo, and another somewhere in the West, and one married sister, Mrs. Ada Cudaback, of Vernon, Mich.

The funeral was held from the home of his sister at Vernon, Mich. The pall bearers were all members of the O. R. T., Bros. Berryman and West of Toledo, Bro. Kerwin of Owosso, Bro. Taylor of Cadillac, Bro. Kappler of Thompson-

ville, and Bro. Lanham of Vernon, acting in that capacity.

Bro. B. L. Axford, who has for a number of years been agent at Clare, has resigned and will go to Owosso, where he will engage in business. Bro. Axford has been a worker ever since Ann Arbor was organized and we lose a good brother by his leaving the service.

Bro. E. C. Accompaugh has been awarded the Clare agency on bulletin, and Byron, Mich., the agency held by Bro. Accompaugh, is bulletined.

Bro. L. R. Taylor, our worthy chairman, has been transferred to Cadillac, "CY" office getting first trick on bid.

Bro. Kerwin, formerly of Durand "RA" office, is now on days at Owosso depot.

Third trick at Hallet tower was bulletined August 23d, but Bro. J. W. McNamee is back there at work again, although not in very good health.

Dispatcher "Tom" Lehy is taking a much needed vacation, visiting friends and relatives in Springfield, O.; relieved by Mr. Johnson.

G. E. L.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty in his supreme wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved Brother H. H. Cudaback, and

WHEREAS, We realize that in the death of our Brother we have lost an honored member, and the parents a dutiful son; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the D. T. & I. and A. A. System, Division No. 48, of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family its sincere sympathy in the hour of their affliction, and most earnestly commend them to our Heavenly Father for comfort, ever remembering that He doeth all things well and wisely; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the bereaved family, a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon our minutes.

L. R. TAYLOR,
F. W. KAPPLER,
W. F. KERWIN,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the members of the O. R. T., Division No. 48, for their kind sympathy and assistance in this our time of sorrow and trouble, when God has seen fit to take from us our beloved son and brother, Homer H. Cudaback. We wish to especially thank the brothers who so kindly assisted at the funeral; also the dispatchers of the A. A. Ry. System for their many kindnesses. We wish also to express our appreciation of the beautiful flowers sent by brother telegraphers.

MRS. MARY F. CUDABACK.
MR. AND MRS. P. R. CUDABACK,
MR. AND MRS. R. E. HOISINGTON.

Vernon, Mich., September 16, 1909.

Central of Georgia Ry.**Chattanooga Division—**

An interesting meeting was held at Lafayette the third Sunday in September. The attendance was not as large as it should have been, but considerable important business was handled. We wish we could get you all more interested, so you would attend regularly. We need you at these meetings and the interests of the Order, which are your interests, require attendance. Won't you try harder to attend, do your part and not expect just a few of us to do it all?

Bro. Murphy, of Whitesburg, took a few days off and was married to Miss Pearl Hogan, of Carrollton, on September 12th. We extend to them our hearty congratulations and best wishes.

Bro. Stewart, of Lafayette, whom we understand is a great fan, took in the ball game at Chattanooga recently.

Bro. Witcher, of Raymond, who was off a few days, was elected a director of the new bank at that place. Relief Agent Powell substituted.

Bro. Carmichael, of Senia, has taken his vacation.

Bro. Cochran, of yard office, Chattanooga, has been off a few days; relieved by a new man.

C. J. Logan, of Durham, can now be called brother. He is a comparatively new man in the service, but is making a good start and we are glad to welcome him.

How long does it take a member who doesn't pay his dues to become a non? Some seem to think always.

"No card, no favors," and stick to it.

CERT. 265.

Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry.

Brothers, don't be afraid to tackle a "non" when you find one and a little encouragement goes a long way. When application blanks are wanted you can get them for the asking.

Huston Junction was discontinued on October 1st on account of the double track being installed between there and Cool Springs.

Berwinkle is working the first trick at Red Raven, during Bro. Fitzmartens' vacation.

A new man is at "HK" tower, first trick; unable to learn his name, but understand he is up-to-date.

H. A. Brooks, from Woods, bid in the second trick at "XB" tower; being relieved by Mr. Etter, and W. D. Gregory bid in the second trick at Woods.

Mr. Lassinger, from "CT" tower, is now working at Hartnett.

SOUTH END KNOCKER.

Southern Pacific Ry.**Salt Lake Division—**

It doesn't look good to look for S. P. items and not see a line from one of the most solid divisions on the entire system. Bro. Tavelle is kept too busy lining up the new arrivals, to hunt news, and then he bills a train of sheep out of Deeth every few days.

Business here has been good all summer. Orange train No. 230 passed over the road recently. It looks something like two years ago. Several new men have been hired the past month and all are making full time.

Track laying on the cut off from Wells to Deeth is being rushed. When it is finished the S. P. will parallel the W. P. from Wells to Winnemucca.

The following appointments have been made on the last bulletin: Thorne, agency, C. L. Scruby; Wabuska, agency, A. D. Peek; Mt. Whitney, agency, P. O. Moraska; Winnemucca, agency, P. E. Born; Imlay, agency, G. B. Nunamaker; Imlay, first trick operator, G. S. Collins; Imlay, second trick operator, D. L. Tribe; Imlay, third trick operator, C. P. Maule; Clark, night operator, F. Woodruff.

By the way, reader, have you the new card. If not, you mail O. P. Bates, Orland, Cal., the six dollars and he will do the rest. The telegraphers' condition is fast improving, so don't be without a card. Remember, "no card, no favors."

Now, about the ladies' auxiliary, write Mrs. Henry Hurr, Engle, Texas, for a supply of application blanks. Here's a chance for the sisters to boost for the O. R. T. Our wives, mothers, sisters and daughters can become members; initiation fee but 50c, and monthly dues 10c.

How many shares of the bond stock do you own? Five shares would be an ideal investment.

R. A. Carroll, day operator at Elko, sick a couple of weeks; recuperated with his parents in Salt Lake; relieved by Telegrapher Scurby, a recent arrival.

E. J. Jellico, agent, Mill City, returned the 1st from a two months' vacation in Southern California.

Dispatcher E. A. Leahy and wife spent a couple of weeks' vacation back East. "Ed" sure had a rest coming, as he is one of the hardest working men in the Ogden office. A. A. Willison, who has been relieving dispatchers all summer, had Leahy's chair.

W. W. Brownson relieved N. C. Christian, agent at Montello, while "Chris" took a little vacation back East.

W. L. Moffitt, who has been on second trick at Wells, Nev., the past year, recently resigned to accept an agency at Boulder, Colo., on the Colorado Southern. C. B. Norton relieved Moffitt.

E. J. Ineck and wife, day and night operators at Lemay, are making an extended visit with relatives and friends, at Ames, Iowa.

Telegrapher Ford, a new one, filled in a few days at Carlin, Nev., third trick, and then relieved W. M. Bub at Deeth.

A. M. Peters has been re-installed at Montello again, with the Southern Pacific. "Pete" has been all over since leaving here last spring. He's a "cracker jack" and we are glad to see him back.

J. L. Kosta and wife have returned after a three months' visit, with the old folks, back on the farm, in Iowa.

C. A. Ditbrick, on Salt Lake Division, since 1906, the past year working first trick, at Cabre,

Nev., has resigned to take a course in dentistry at St. Louis. We wish him success in his new vocation. Telegrapher Enstram, from the C., B. & Q. relieved him.

Wm. Henry, a non from "all over," opened up Fencelon and held it just a month, when he was discharged for sleeping on duty. Mr. Flynn, who worked at Lake Side a couple of years ago, relieved him.

J. W. Carroll, who has been in the Ogden hospital since early in the spring, has returned to his agency, at Promontory Point, looking as strong and healthy as ever.

The writer has 21 cards without a break and in those 10 years, this is the first attempt at hustling news. I am only butting in now because I am always disappointed when there are no items in THE TELEGRAPHER from our Division.

CERT. 2624.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst and from her family, the beloved mother of our worthy Brother W. O. Sherwood; and

WHEREAS, We realize that while the promise of her future in this world was exceptionally bright, the realization of the great beyond is exceptionally brighter, and while our hearts are overflowing with sympathy for our brother and his family, in this, their sad bereavement; be it

Resolved, That while expressing our sympathy and sorrow, we commend them to Him, that doeth all things well, and while their loss and sorrow is great, their mother's gain is infinitely greater; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our bereaved brother and his family, a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon the minutes of Division 53.

T. C. LESTER,
R. GILLMORE,
D. A. NERTON,
E. M. BUSH.

Committee.

Southern Ry.

Asheville Division—

As your new local chairman I wish the co-operation of every brother in helping me to work the division up. A good many have dropped out, and there are a few who have never joined us yet. We must get organized before we can expect to accomplish anything more, and every brother can help if he will only talk to non-members when he can, and has the time to spare. If every one will help, we will get an interest started and then it will be lots easier.

We are trying to arrange to have a joint meeting as soon as we can decide on a place, and I would like very much to see every brother and non who can attend. Please do so. We will also arrange for monthly meetings as soon as possible.

Now, everyone get to work, as you know it is for better conditions, and you owe it to yourself

and family to see that your condition is bettered. Without organization where would we be? So, get busy, every member, and see what you can do. Everyone should carefully read "An Appreciative Member," by Cert. 22, Division No. 43, in August journal.

At this writing everything seems to be quiet on our division. I don't think there is enough energy taken to make things lively. Let us look at this matter from the right standpoint and put more life and energy into our work for the Order.

I notice a bulletin from Superintendent Pelter, recently in which he states that business is increasing and that it looks as if it would come up to what it was before the panic. He also requested every one to do their best. This will help all concerned, and I hope all of you will give him the best service you can.

I am unable to give many of the changes on our division this issue, but hope to be able hereafter to give them all, so each brother will have any information he desires.

I notice Bro. Miller, of "Q," has been off sick for several weeks. We hope he will soon be able to resume his duties. Telegrapher Moss, of "J," is relieving him, and Bro. Sigman, of "WD" second trick, who relieved Moss, says he will join a next pay day.

Bro. Sigman, of "WD" second trick, has secured "J" third trick on bulletin. Bro. Mingus is relieving Bro. Sigman.

Bros. Abernethy, of "GN" first and third tricks, have just returned from an extended trip out West, lasting six weeks.

Bro. Bumgarner, of "CD" first trick, is off on vacation.

We are glad to see Bro. Waddle on second trick at "BL."

We are all glad to learn of Mr. Alexander's promotion. He can and will make us a good general chairman.

Extra men have been rather scarce for the past month with us, but I hope every one will get a vacation who is anticipating one.

Have just returned from canvassing my division, and find the Toxaway solid, with the exception of one man, and he will join us this month. The A. & S. Division is also in very good shape. The W. N. C. Division needs a good deal of work, and I sincerely hope all of the members will help me work it up as fast as possible.

It is up to us to make it solid, and all we need is a little assistance from each member to bring it up to the standard.

I find there is some hard feelings existing. Boys, we must not have this. There can be no brotherhood shown that way.

I have promise of a good many new members this payday, and hope I'll not be disappointed.

Will appreciate any news or changes made on the division from any of you.

I was not installed soon enough to get a write-up in the last TELEGRAPHER.

Better times coming, boys. Cheer up and help me.

A. E. HUFFMAN,

Local Chairman.

An open meeting was held in the Odd Fellows Hall at Charlotte, N. C., August 25th, with about forty present, both members and non-members. The meeting was called to order by Bro. A. C. Pool, who stated in a few well-chosen words the object of the meeting, which was somewhat of a social affair, to give the nons an opportunity to meet the members and to see and learn the workings and intentions of the Order and the benefits accruing therefrom. He then called on Bro. Duncan, our assistant general chairman, to take charge of the meeting. Bro. Duncan took the chair and stated that he wished to line us up on the matter of being organized. By organized he meant to come to a better understanding as to the duties of telegraphers to the railroads on which they were employed, as well as to themselves in the matter of support and loyalty to the Order, morally as well as financially, and the promotion of that fraternal feeling which is necessary for the success of any organization. He called special attention to the strength that lies in organized labor, to better service given employers, and the respect and recognition given such organizations by corporations such as railroad companies, etc., when the officials understand that the recognition of organized labor means better service by the employees.

We were honored at this meeting by the presence of our general chairman, Bro. Alexander, whom Bro. Duncan then called upon to speak. Bro. Alexander gave a short and interesting talk, in which he demonstrated the fact that the O. R. T. on the Southern System is making a good showing. He urged all members to support the Bond Company by subscribing for shares, thereby helping to put it in effect. He stated that there was already about \$75,000 subscribed, and that as soon as the amount reaches \$250,000, the company will then be organized. He assured his hearers that the stock would be a good investment for any man. Bro. Alexander paid a high tribute to the Ladies' Auxiliary which, he said, was making fine progress. He expressed his pleasure at the large attendance, and then called upon Bro. Duncan to entertain the gathering. The eloquent and forceful manner in which Bro. Duncan discussed the various questions pertaining to the general good of the Order, was certainly a treat. He especially emphasized the necessity of good service and co-operation with the railroad officials, and an interchange of courtesies among members as the best means to promote a fraternal feeling and strengthen the Order.

He suggested in cases where members habitually neglect their work that they be told about it in a brotherly way, then, if they continue to be neglectful and show a "don't care" disposition, they should be expelled from the Order and the railroad company notified that they were of no account. His talk was very interesting and encouraging.

Mr. C. W. Fox, our block inspector, who was among the visitors, was then called upon, and in a very frank and friendly manner explained his

position toward the Order and the company. His presence at the meeting verified his statement that he wished to see the Order prosper, and all the men belong to it. He heartily approved the remarks of Bro. Duncan in regard to those who would not give good service, and promised his co-operation with the Order in weeding out the objectionables. His remarks were full of good advice and encouragement, and all were well pleased that heard him.

The meeting was both helpful and enjoyable to all present, and the outlook for the Order on the north end of Charlotte Division is particularly good. The few nons on this end will, I hope, when they read these few lines and see what the Order is and what it stands for, come in with us and see how nice it will seem to be in the ranks and feel like men, instead of remaining in a position where the finger of derision can be pointed at them. You may not have thought of it, but when we go before the management with a solid front of honest, trustworthy men with a good record, it will be better for you to be with us. Try it, and I know you will not be disappointed. The company wants good men, and Order men at that if they are good.

B. F. DARST.

Knoxville Division, East End—

We had a good meeting at the usual hour at Morristown, on August 28th.

Brothers, there are more of you who should attend and take an interest in these meetings. Ours, like every other organization, needs our attention, and one of the best and most successful ways to do this is to attend the meetings. There must be an interest taken in everything before success will come. We must first become interested ourselves before we can expect to have others interested in us. We must not forget the interest and welfare of the company for which we are working, for the company's interest is our interest, and we must make it so. Come out to the meetings, boys, where we can swap ideas and combine thought and effort.

Bro. W. M. Cutshaw worked a few days at Citico, relieving Bro. W. T. Roush. On Bro. Roush's return to duty, Bro. Cutshaw went to "KY" office, Knoxville, and relieved Bro. Vaughn. Bro. Cutshaw is a young operator, but is making good on the heavy "OS" jobs with an up-to-date, and wanted to join the Order before he had worked three weeks. That is the kind of men who help, and the kind who are best for both the company and the O. R. T.

Bro. L. H. Corbett bid in second trick at Morristown, leaving New Line third trick open.

Ex-telegrapher A. S. Corbett is filling New Line third trick for the present, and you can call him brother very shortly.

Block offices at Witt, Wolf Creek, Nocona and Baley were closed, September 8th, from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m., saving for the company \$7.00.

Bro. Stafford, first trick man at Rankin, was in Knoxville, September 8th, his office being closed on that date.

Block offices at Baily, Nocona, Sandy Bottom, Paint Rock, Del Rio Rankin and Witt were closed for one day on September 12th.

Bro. Johnston, agent at Bulls Gap, made a flying trip to Inman, S. C.

Telegrapher F. F. Remine, agent-operator at Russellville, is off a few days attending court, being relieved by Bro. Lenard.

We are glad to welcome our old friend Mr. Huntsman back in the service. We hope he will roll up his sleeves and put his shoulder to the wheel as he did in the days of old.

CERT. 1567.

Memphis Division—

We had a very extensive gathering at the meeting held at Tusculumbia, on September 19th in the Conductors' Hall. Bros. Dermody and Alexander were present and gave very interesting and instructive talks, which were very much enjoyed, and we believe all who heard them will profit by the advice given. Those who were not present don't know what they missed. After the meeting adjourned the boys were invited into the reception room, where delightful refreshments were served and very much enjoyed by all.

Let us all now put our shoulders to the wheel and push. Our division is coming to the front fast. A little more persistent effort and the race is ours.

If you don't get an answer from your first letter to a non, don't give up in despair, but write him another, and don't let him forget that we are after him and don't intend to let up until he gets a card.

Now, boys, your local chairman can't do it all by himself. It takes an effort on your part to help this cause along and hold it up on top. The great trouble has been that some of you on this division lack interest. Throw off this old dead drag and get a move on you. Put on your button and don't be afraid to wear it. Get after the student teachers and let's show them that they are raising hams and keeping themselves down in the lowest ditch, and the sooner they cut out the teaching the better it will be for them and the rest of their fellow-slaves.

Our former brother, Agent Enoch, at Stevenson, has just returned after a couple of weeks' vacation. Bro. Grant did the agent's stunt while he was away, Mr. Guy did the second trick, and Bro. Gossett the third. Enoch and Guy both say they will do the necessary soon.

Sorry Bros. Monk and Harcastle could not get up to Tusculumbia, Sunday, on account of being indisposed. Hope they will be able to attend the next meeting in the near future. Mr. Smith, at Lagrange, who has just returned from his vacation of a couple of months, has promised to do the right thing at once.

I will now again ask you all to get in behind the non and don't let up on him until you land him on the safe side.

CERT. 910.

Several of the boys on the Norfolk Division are still in the "non" column. We would be glad to welcome each one of them in the O. R. T., and will continue to urge them to "come over" as long as there is one of them out of the fold. Most of them have had personal letters from several of our members asking them to join, and we know each one of them would feel much better to have an "up-to-date" in their possession.

A meeting was called by Bro. Thornton, our local chairman, at Port Norfolk, Sunday, September 19th on the arrival of No. 2. We hope some of the brothers who attended will write up an account of it for THE TELEGRAPHER, as I was not able to be present on account of being on "The Branch." I hope to be with you, however, at the next meeting.

Mr. Virgil Walker, our long time chief, having accepted service elsewhere, places Mr. L. W. Hanberry, formerly first trick dispatcher in the chief's chair. Mr. J. Chaplin, from second trick, has been promoted to the first trick; Mr. E. D. Barham, from the third to the second trick, and Mr. Sweeney from extra dispatcher to the third trick.

We all in one voice thank Mr. Walker for his courtesy and kindness, and while we regret to lose him, we wish him well and bespeak success for him in his new field. To Bro. Hanberry, our new chief and his force we offer our congratulations on the upward step, and hope every man on the division who handles the key will lead his hearty co-operation toward making their work with us as pleasant as possible.

Mr. Morgan has been promoted from telegrapher to extra dispatcher, and Bro. Harding, from Emporia, goes to the dispatcher's office as telegrapher.

Bros. W. W. Magee, of Claremont, and Geo. A. Magee, of West Norfolk, were called home recently on account of death in the family. We extend them and the family our sympathy in this, their hour of bereavement.

Bro. Baptist, at Boynton, absent several days on account of sickness; was relieved by Mr. Williams, from Ach. We are glad to see "B" out again.

Bro. R. B. Neal, agent at Baskerville, is home again after a pleasant trip of several days to Baltimore, Philadelphia and other cities.

2095.

Queen & Crescent Ry. (North).

The meeting held by Division No. 62, at Williamstown, Ky., on September 2, 1909, was called to order at 11 o'clock a. m., Bro. Boutwell in the chair. We were disappointed at the absence of Bro. Willison, he being unable to attend.

Two of Williamstown members were present; several items of interest were discussed, and the meeting was a success, notwithstanding the small attendance.

Bro. M. W. Witt, of Sadieville, Ky., was appointed division correspondent, with headquarters at Sadieville.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p. m.

After a delightful dinner, for which we are indebted to Bro. Boutwell, we proceeded to the ball park for exercise, the day passed off pleasantly and all had a good time.

Bro. C. H. McNeill, second trick at Sadieville, is relieving Bro. J. T. Hurt, agent at Walton, who is on the sick list. Bro. Owen is relieving Bro. McNeill at Sadieville.

Bro. Brewsaugh, of Blanchet, nights, was off for a few days; relieved by Operator Dean.

Bro. Triplett, of Georgetown, days, is working in "SG" office, Cincinnati.

Bro. McGuirk, "DI," nights, is off sick.

Div. Cor.

A RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Our former General Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. K. C. Gardner has resigned, and

WHEREAS, We realize the faithful and valuable services he has rendered Division No. 62, during his official career; therefore be it

Resolved, That Division No. 62, of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in meeting assembled, herewith, tender its sincere thanks to Bro. Gardner for his valuable services, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Bro. Gardner, a copy be spread on our minutes, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. H. BOUTWELL, L. C.,

C. R. FAULSTICH,

M. J. KELLEY,

M. W. WITT,

Committee.

Great Northern Ry.

Cascade Division—

Some of the nons are saying: "I can not get away to join the O. R. T. today, my wife won't let me." Peace and domestic harmony in the home should be maintained at all costs, but if your wife objects to your joining the union, it is probably because she does not understand it, most women's knowledge of unionism being confined to the headlines of the newspapers, and they would, no doubt, be anxious to have you join when you explained that you did not desire to join for your benefit alone, but for theirs and their children also.

Such an excuse is a mighty poor one, get busy and write for blanks.

Telegrapher W. E. Flannery has returned from a leave of absence, which was taken to undergo an operation; he was relieved by Telegrapher W. C. Hopkins, a new arrival, who later quit the service.

Bro. J. E. Reed relieved B. J. Sherlock at Gold Bar, who relieved Philip Morgan at Wellington. Mr. Sherlock is an ex-member and promises to rejoin shortly.

Bro. W. V. Avery resigned at Wellington; relieved by Bro. Pat M. Farrell from the H. & T. C. in Texas. Bro. Avery expects to go to the C. P. R. We wish him success. He will find the C. P. R. an A-1 road, strongly organized from

the trackmen up. Bro. Mann, our local chairman, here, served on the C. P., and was also local chairman there for some time, and no one realizes the difference between that road and this one, more than he can.

Bro. J. E. Avery has resigned at Cascade Tunnel, being relieved by Bro. A. H. Schultz, from Berne, and Bro. Schultz was relieved by Bro. John Taber, late from the S. P., and a member of Division No. 53.

Bro. H. I. Mann returned from a ten-day vacation; was relieved by Bro. H. W. Fish, from Marritt, a new arrival, and a member of Division No. 100.

Bro. L. G. Waggoner has resigned at Monroe to accept a position with a lumber company there; was also relieved by Bro. Fish. We wish Bro. Waggoner unlimited good fortune in his new work.

Bro. John J. Swizer resigned at Scenic; relieved by J. E. Bucklow from Mosher.

Bro. F. A. Sherman, who has resumed work as agent at Index, after a month's vacation, was relieved by Bro. Fred Misner, lately of Stanwood.

Bro. H. P. Christensen, agent, Wooley, is away on vacation, being relieved by Bro. Fred Misner.

Bro. W. S. Seward, at Gold Bar, is from the N. P., and a member of Division No. 54.

Bro. Steve J. Mayhood, Grand Division Organizer, looking over the rank and file in the interest of the Organization, reports the Great Northern in better shape than ever before, especially the Cascade Division, of which fact your local chairman has assured you from time to time.

Mr. J. H. Donnally, Bellingham, will probably join on next pay-day.

The reason that "pay-day" is "the slogan of the telegrapher," is due to the fact that they need more money.

Applications are coming in right along, and we have the promise of the few left on the division who are eligible to membership.

Bro. Frank C. Wetzel, who recently went to Pac. Ave., Everett, from Merritt, has had almost his entire family sick all the time he has been there. We assure Bro. Wetzel that he has our united sympathy, and we hope for a quick betterment of such distressing conditions.

COR.

Spokane Division—

Bro. Morrison was recently joined in marriage with Miss Lillie Busy, of the same city. They visited the Exposition during their honeymoon.

Bro. Fitzgerald, of Leavenworth, is being relieved by Bro. Taylor, from Wenatchee, while enjoying a few weeks' vacation.

C. A. Prather, of Wenatchee, is now numbered among the brothers.

A. L. Yeager, lately of the signal corps, relieved Bro. Honsinger, at Columbia River, the latter going to Naples as agent. "CM" has always been "solid." Let us hope Mr. Yeager will do the necessary and keep it that way.

Bro. Easterly is the only man of any stability at Adrian. The others there are all nearly all nons.

Bro. R. E. Smith, of Division No. 33, is working third trick at Quincy. It requires "grit" to hold a third district position down there.

Bro. Kott, lately of Wilson Creek, is working at Edwall. Bro. Beisel being there, also, makes "WH" three strong. Logan and Davis are working second and third tricks there, respectively. We regret to see a point that has been "solid" for months thus weakened.

Six or seven ex-dispatchers are working as operators on this division, and from a union point of view they are of no value to us; because they enjoy the fruits of our organized effort, and then, without exception, refuse to give us any assistance at all.

Do not overlook Bro. Abbott's suggestion, that all members mail their copy of *THE TELEGRAPHER* to some non. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Dakota Division—

Two new members this month.

Bro. A. W. Price has returned to work at Athol, relieving Mr. Cross, who was sent to Elkton, nights.

Bro. Allen, of the C. M. & St. P., and a Mr. Miller, are the two operators at Sioux Valley Junction now.

Bro. R. J. Holmes is now working as third trick dispatcher on the east end. Bob is climbing right up, and there is room for a few more good ones to do the same.

Mr. Rumball, of Tyler, third trick, failed to show up one morning, and Bro. Roy Markusen was transferred from Elkton, nights, to Tyler, to relieve him.

Balaton is now a three-trick station. A new man being put on as third trick there recently. Understand he has the necessary.

The Northwestern is extending north from Blunt, through Onida to Gettysburg. Grading is now being done, and it is reported that the work will be completed this fall. Surveying has been done for another extension from Hitchcock to Onida, but actual work on this will not be started until next year.

The regular fall call for extra telegraphers seem to have been made in vain. There are plenty men, but nothing but good wages can tempt the ex-railroaders into the service again.

Bro. Zóllar, of Northville, is having a big time in Seattle. Mountain scenery and fishing has taken most of his time, but the navy yard was not overlooked. He expects to return to Dakota soon, but may not take his old position, as he is thinking of traveling.

Bro. Guy Smith, of Conde, is now buying grain for a firm there, but strolls in often enough to keep in practice by sending a few Western Union's. Bro. A. N. Spradling, of Iroquois, relieved Bro. Smith. Bro. H. R. Nelson, of Iroquois, third trick, relieved Spradling, and P. E. Long, formerly of this division, relieved Nelson.

A number of telegraphers on this division received circulars from the so-called Order of Railroad Station Agents, about a year ago, which caused considerable commotion, but failed to secure any members. Those interested should read Bro. J. H. O'Brien's letter, under N. Y. C. items, page 1327, of the August *TELEGRAPHER*. It fully covers the subject.

The cause for the temporary change at Arlington during the forepart of September, has been explained by the announcement of the marriage of Miss Mabel F. Stebbins, of Alburnett, Ia., to Bro. Bert F. Laity, of Arlington, S. D. Mr. and Mrs. Laity will be at home after October 1st.

A recent check of the membership list shows that we have the customary number of delinquents for this time of the year. One dollar has already been spent to prompt those in arrears on this division, and this must be paid by the membership in the form of dues. Undoubtedly, two or three dollars more will be spent for this purpose with the usual result that ninety-five per cent of the delinquents will pay us. Brothers, I believe this is more of a habit than anything else, as the list is the same from year to year, with few exceptions, and the majority of them are far from being dependent.

Application blanks for the Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T. have been received, and are ready for distribution. I am to assist Mrs. Paulsen in organizing a local on the Dakota Division, and will gladly furnish blanks on request. We hope to secure members enough to form a local at our next meeting, which will undoubtedly be held soon after the return of the committee. The initiation fee is 50 cents, and the dues are 10 cents per month. Mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of members are eligible for membership. Mrs. Paulsen, of Centerville, was honored by being elected President of Division No. 2, which covers the C. & N. W. System. Regarding her election, and that of the secretary and treasurer, the *Centerville Journal*, of September 2d, has the following to say:

"Mrs. Fannie M. Paulsen, of this city, was last week elected President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 2, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers System, Division No. 76. This auxiliary extends over the entire Northwestern system of railways, which covers some nine States of the Union. Mrs. Paulsen is a member of the grand body which originated at Atlanta, Georgia, where the last General Convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was held in May, this year. Mrs. Paulsen became at once very popular among the ladies at that meeting, which finally resulted in a unanimous vote for her as President of Auxiliary No. 2.

"Mrs. P. Hackbert, wife of the station agent at Appleton Junction, Wis., another popular lady, was elected Secretary and Treasurer of this organization."

Mrs. Paulsen is undoubtedly the right person in the right place, as she has had considerable experience in lodge and similar work, which will insure the proper management of the new Order on this division.

DE SMET, S. D., September 21, 1909.

To the Members:

On receipt of this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, please let me know of any position you wish bulletined, that is not held by a regular assigned telegrapher, who received the station or trick on a bulletin. A number of jobs are being held by new men that older men should have a chance at, and if you wish any particular one bulletined let me know, and we can have them all put on one.

H. A. STIMSON, Cor.

Pierre, Rapid City and Northwestern Ry.—

The P. R. C. is right in the midst of the fall cattle shipments, and it keeps things humming trying to keep orders filled with cars. One station shipped eighteen cars for one days' business, which gave it a total of over fifty for the month, and some of them have shipped as high as one hundred.

Chief Dispatcher Rauch was forced to work a trick, when Dispatcher Steadman was traded to the D. C. Later Mr. Rauch was relieved by Dispatcher Christensen, who was relieved by Jack Farrell, of Ft. Pierre. Later on Farrell was relieved by Bro. G. A. Dennis, who was then relieved by Telegrapher Albrich, of Midland. Bro. Dennis also relieved Agent Johnson, at Midland, for a short time.

Bro. John Cannon, of Ft. Pierre, days, has resigned to accept a position, as bookkeeper, with a local firm. "CN" has been at Ft. Pierre ever since the road was built, and it seems like losing one of the family to see him go.

R. L. Geist, a new man on this division, showed himself to be the right kind, and has remitted for an up-to-date.

Bro. Ed. Noe has been relieved as day telegrapher at Philip.

H. A. STIMSON, Cor.,

De Smet, S. D.

Iowa Division—

Bro. Geo. E. Long, former agent at Low Moor, but now an up-to-date merchant of that place, is taking a trip, visiting El Paso and Southern Texas points for a couple of weeks.

Bro. C. F. Morford has returned from a trip over on the C. & A. to his old home.

Bro. P. D. Hall, agent at Dewitt, is being kept on the jump this week, taking care of the Clinton County Fair crowd.

Bro. Wayckoff, of Beverly, was off a few days on account of sickness in his family.

Bro. Klahn, second trick at Beverly, took a two weeks' vacation, visiting relatives at Wheatland, and camping along the Wapsil.

Both Bros. Wayckoff and Klahn were relieved by Mr. Rohr, of Magnoheta, Ia.

Bro. Getz, of Beverly, lost his new straw hat recently in the Cedar River.

Bro. C. R. Williams, agent at Clarence, while in the hospital for two weeks lately, was relieved by brother from Dewitt.

The third trick man recently put on at Marshallton is working a split trick as telegrapher at

the passenger depot and clerk at the freight house.

Bro. J. H. Wise, Cedar Rapids passenger station, days, is off on a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Lowe, of Otis. Bro. Thoman relieved Bro. Lowe at Otis.

Mr. Watkins is working the message wire, nights, in "ON" office.

Bro. H. A. Caldwell, operator at Stanwood, recently enjoyed a two weeks' vacation in Colorado. He reports plenty of positions open in the West for railroad and all kinds of work. He was relieved by Bro. Norris, Stanwood, nights, who was relieved by Mr. Acott.

Bro. C. A. Schetz, formerly of Norway, bid in the agency at Stanwood, and is settled there now.

Bro. C. W. Beck, regular third trick man at Otis, but who has been doing the relief agent stunt for the past six months, has taken a trip to Seattle.

Bro. Hauptman, agent at Mechanicsville, enjoyed the services of a helper for about two months. He was taken off September 1st. There should be helpers the year round at Mechanicsville, where there is work for at least three men, and also at Norway.

We have the promise of Mr. F. G. Tomer, agent at Grand Mound, to come across next payday, and hope he will not disappoint us.

There are a few others along the line, including several new men without cards. Brothers, see that they brace up and get in line.

Bro. O'Neil, day telegrapher at "GX," Clinton, has returned from a two months' sojourn in California. He was relieved by Mr. Stocker, regular night man at "GX," a former member. There are several others at Clinton with cold feet, who don't know what they are missing by not being in the ranks. Come out to our monthly meetings, boys, and you will see that things are still doing on the C. & N. W.

The correspondent wishes to thank Bros. F. E. Conover and R. R. Brown for their items, and requests the other boys along the line to follow their example and help out a little in the same way; then we will be able to have a good write-up every month.

Div. Cor.

Nor. Wis. Division—

The meeting at Appleton, September 14th, was one of the largest ever held on the division, about thirty members being present. A great deal of interest was shown in the work of the committee on their propositions. A number of applications were voted on, and the following initiated: Edw. Stillmacher, agent at Van Dyne; M. J. Burns, agent at Glenbeulah; L. G. Kestol, third trick at De Pere; Thos. Paulets, agent at Little Chute, and R. W. Schuler, telegrapher at Plymouth. Such a good showing as this is very gratifying. Let the good work go on.

The following is a list of those who have been granted relief, and the points at which their vacations are being spent: Bro. J. H. Gilbert and family, visiting Seattle and other

Western points; Bro. Joe. Velliris and family, at the Exposition at Seattle; Bro. E. F. Jaehnke, in Chicago; Bro. R. G. Zuehlke and family, in the mining district, Northern Minnesota; Bro. R. V. Luther and family, at Milwaukee, attending State Fair, and shaking hands with "Bill Taft;" Bro. Schultz and family, at Appleton.

Bro. P. H. Noyes and wife have returned from their honeymoon, and he is still handing out the cigars.

The election of Mrs. Paulsen, President, and Mrs. Hackbert, General Secretary and Treasurer, of the Ladies' Auxiliary of No. 76, is a great compliment to the Nor. Wis. Division. Every member should take an interest in the Ladies' Organization, and have those related to him, who are eligible, make application at once. The initiation fee is only 50 cents, and the dues 10 cents per month. We should have at least a membership of thirty on this division. Necessary blanks and information will be furnished by addressing Mrs. P. L. Hackbert, 740 North Division St., Appleton, Wis.

We have but four delinquents on this division, but we can make this showing better. Get after these, boys, and see that they remit their semi-annual dues at once. We will need the money, when the committee is in Chicago, to carry on the work of bettering our condition.

Nons are located at the following points. Each member should use his influence and get after them, so we can put this division on a solid footing: Milton Junction, Calvary, Johnsons Creek, Malone, Juneau, Sheboygan Falls, Minnesota Junction, Tower, W. F., Oak Center, Tower, S. F., Oakfield, Neenah, Chester and Rosendale.

Let every member furnish the local chairman with such information as would be beneficial in securing better concessions for the membership on this, as well as all the other divisions.

The committee expected to meet with Mr. Moise, Tuesday, October 5th. Let the membership give the best possible services, so we will not be told our services have not been up to standard, but, on the other hand, that we are entitled to better conditions and increased salaries, because we have done the business and hit the ball at all times.

Show your appreciation of the work of the committee, and do not kick because some one may have fared a little better than you have. Keep after the nons, and keep paid up-to-date.

CORRESPONDENT.

Wisconsin Division—

We have as good a lot of officials as can be found anywhere, and consequently in return they get the very best of service.

Track elevating, etc., makes this a very busy division.

Among the changes in agents and operators, recently, are the following: Theo. Davis, formerly agent at Woodstock, transferred to agency, Crystal Lake; Thos. F. Nolan, formerly agent, Capron, transferred to Woodstock; Bro. H. S. Bixby, of Shopiere, transferred to Capron, and P. W.

Woodbury, second trick telegrapher, Shopiere, made acting agent at Shopiere, until assigned by bulletin; E. H. Woodbury, acting agent, Crystal Lake, has resumed his duties on first trick there, vice J. C. Frusher, transferred to second trick, Shopiere.

Chas. L. Hartstook, agent, Desplaines, vice C. A. Friabie.

Bro. R. D. Stone, first trick at Janesville, was off on a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Jacobs.

Tod Nolan, third trick, Capron, off a few days, on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Woldweiler.

Bro. Herrick, first trick, Harvard, is dispatching at Desplaines, the laying of new steel and elevating causing trains in both directions to use single track. He is handling the traffic in first-class shape.

Bro. Regan, of Capron, was off a few days to attend his sister's wedding, in Milwaukee; relieved by Bro. Briggs, of Caledonia.

Charles H. Lee, of Capron, is now at Campbellsport. Our local chairman will probably soon get him in line.

Bro. O. Houser, Agent, Chemung, is in Michigan on a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. Woldweiler.

The boys find it very difficult to get vacations, and some of the minor night offices have been closed on account of a scarcity of telegraphers.

One of the new extra men could not take an order on telephone, and the superintendent discharged him.

Pleasant Prairie and Bristol second tricks have been discontinued.

Bro. Dempsy has secured third trick at Bain Junction, on bulletin.

Bro. Bothlemy, of Bristol, took a three weeks' vacation, and visited friends in Ohio and at Niagara Falls; relieved by Mr. Monor.

Bro. Ray Stanford, third trick, Ohio St., on vacation; relieved by Mr. Wilcox.

Bro. C. R. Wightman, operator and ticket agent, Evanston, relieved by Mr. Shaver; while on vacation traveled from West Virginia to North Dakota.

Bro. J. W. Rhinesmith, agent, Highland Park, on vacation in September; relieved by Mr. Bucholze, freight inspector on this division.

Bro. Charles Brown, days, Lake Forest, visited the sights in northern Wisconsin, and other points. He was relieved by Bro. Radke, second trick at that station.

Bro. C. E. Pennington has returned after a two months' vacation through the West, visiting Seattle and the Exposition. He is now relieving Bro. Hogsett, agent, Maplewood, who is spending a few weeks in Missouri.

A policeman has been added to the staff of employees at Wilmette.

Bro. Ratke, of Lake Forest, was called home on account of the sudden death of his father, on August 20th. He has the sympathy of our Fraternity.

Bro. C. A. Stevenson, of Capron, who has been West for two months, has resumed work on third trick at Capron.

The Air Line has been very busy for the past two months, as we have three gravel trains and one unloading crew between Barton Gravel Pit and Lindwerm.

We do not hear a murmur from the men on account of the additional work, which is due to having the best officials on the system, who use the boys right and do their share in return.

Bro. C. R. Smallwood, third trick, Rockfield, has returned from his six months' leave of absence.

West Bend has three operators during the gravel rush: Bro. Herman works first; Bro. Taplin, second, until bulletined, and Ex-Bro. Trinwith, third.

The local chairman desires the members who have not paid their monthly local dues of 10 cents per month to do so at once. This money is used for flowers or wreaths in case of death in the family of members, and for hall rent. Remit to R. B. Boyington, 1922 Darrow Ave., Evanston, Ill., who is the local secretary and treasurer. This information is for the members that can not attend the meetings.

Bro. Caldwell, second trick at Granville, is on the sick list; relieved by Mr. Bush.

C. H. Litcher, an old-timer on this division, is holding first trick at Barton Gravel Pit. He will be with us again before long.

Mr. Caveney, from second trick at "Z," Milwaukee, is working a trick on the W. & W. Ry.; being relieved by Mr. Quinn, formerly at Hunting Ave.

Bro. Bernent, of Allis, has gone to switching in the Milwaukee yards. Div. Cor.

Colorado Midland Ry.

As there seems to be no regular correspondent on this division, I am going to volunteer, and send in a write-up. The value of these monthly articles giving the news of the divisions can hardly be estimated, and it is invariably the case that the division regularly appearing with good write-ups in THE TELEGRAPHER are the best organized. Just so long, however, as there is no one regularly appointed to do this work it will be neglected, and we will continue to drift along in the present half-hearted way.

Our chairman should appoint a division correspondent at once, and we should all put forth every effort in our power to bring this division up to the proper standard, and as it is practically impossible for one man to keep in touch with the men on the other tricks, it would no doubt be a good plan to appoint three men on each district (one on each trick) to watch the newcomers and keep them lined up, sending a list each month to the division correspondent. In this way we would all know what was going on and every one would take more interest.

The Midland employs about fifty telegraphers, and I doubt if twenty-five of them belong to this

division, and we have some nons with us, also. We cannot afford to allow affairs to remain in such a condition as this indefinitely.

It has been suggested that we take in the Short Line, which I think is a splendid idea if we could arrange it, as the Short Line employs about 25 telegraphers, and, I understand, they have no organized division. We could easily take them in and have a good division.

There are a number of important questions we can discuss later. I have talked to a number of the boys and all are in favor of doing something on the lines suggested above.

Bro. Fipps, agent at Cardiff, is attending the fair at Seattle, being relieved by Bro. Shaffer.

Bro. Delsole resigned third trick at Leadville. Bro. Hock, of Division 79, is relieving him. Bro. Delsole expects to locate in California.

Bro. Evans is working third trick at Arkansas Junction. I understand the Junction is a pretty "hot job" since dispatchers have been put in at Cardiff.

It is to be hoped the boys will now each put forth a personal effort to get things working systematically. CERT. 40.

Texas & Pacific Ry.

Ft. Worth District—

W. G. (Fatty) Leach, old-time third trick man at Eskota, was married to Miss Millician, of that place, on Sunday, September 5th. They are now off spending their honeymoon. The boys all extend congratulations to the happy couple. Mr. Collins, from "SW," and Bro. Paylor, from "RH," went over Sunday to attend the wedding. "Fatty" thinks a second trick is about what the doctor ordered for him now. "Nuff said."

D. C. Hamilton, third trick at Colorado, who recently resigned, was relieved by H. C. Rollins, an old-timer, who was in turn relieved by Bro. T. E. Paylor for a few days.

Bro. Bird, third trick at Midland, is taking 15 days' vacation, relieved by Mr. Johnson, an extra man.

Mr. J. Skipper, first trick at Midland, has returned from a 30 days' vacation, Bro. Florence working first, and Bro. Bird working second during his absence.

Telegrapher Wood, first trick at Colorado, has been off considerable this month, on account of the death of his sister. Extra Telegrapher Rollins relieved him.

Mr. Saunderson, first trick man at Abilene, is off a few days, relieved by Bro. Paylor.

Mr. Griffin, second trick at Roscoe, has resigned to accept a telegraph position with the "Orient."

Mr. Batts, second trick at Toyah, has been transferred to Addis, La. He was relieved by Telegrapher Runyan.

Bro. Smith, regular third trick at Toyah, has been doing extra agents' relief at Westbrook, Odessa, Monahans and Allamore. He is now going to El Paso "FD" to work a while extra.

Extra Telegrapher Lindsay, at Toyah, was sick for about 30 days. An extra man from Ranger named Nolen relieved him.

Mr. Allen, extra agent, is relieving Bro. Perry at Millsap.

Understand Bro. Laster, at Merkel, will leave for his old home about the 15th, to be off about 45 days.

Mr. J. E. Pitzer, agent at Merkel, was off a few days on account of sickness, and Bro. Allan, the cashier, wore the cap during his absence. The office force at Colorado have been taking their vacations this month. Mr. Frank Harbison, bill clerk, has just returned from Mineral Wells, where he spent most of his time.

First trick dispatcher Sisk is laying off, relieved by Dispatcher Davis. We all are glad to see Mr. Taylor back on this district again, dispatching.

Sweetwater has some new faces around the office now. Mr. Harrison has left the service, also Cashier McNutt and Bill Clerk Smith.

Mr. J. C. Meyers, cashier from Terrell, is relieving Agent Harrison.

Bro. Bird is relieving Bro. Dowdy, agent for a few weeks. CERTS. 273 and 206.

Illinois Central Ry.

Chicago Division—

Our regular meeting was held at Gilman, Ill., September 11th, and a goodly number of the brethren were present. The attendance at these meetings, however, can be greatly improved upon if those brethren who live close to the meeting place will only come out. Those who live at a distance are, of course, not expected to attend as regularly as those who live nearer.

Bros. Bash, Newman and Searl were present from the south end, also quite a number from the north end and the Gilman line.

We are going to have a hot time at one of these meetings, boys, just as soon as arrangements can be made. There will be something to eat, and maybe something to talk about, so you had better come out to that meeting and enjoy yourselves.

Bro. E. C. Philps secured Savoy on bulletin. Bro. Searl being transferred to Homewood.

Bro. Fitzpatrick, of Manteno, nights, off on 15 days' vacation, visiting friends in Cincinnati, Ohio.

We just learned that Bro. C. T. Hupp, of Ashkum, is very sick. How seriously we have not heard. We hope for his speedy recovery.

I wonder what has become of my friends who have been sending in items. I have not received a single item for this month's publication. Brothers, is there anything wrong, or have you become tired or neglectful? Please let me have your news and let's keep up the Chicago Division.

J. F. C.

St. Louis Division—

As Gloomy Gus in his September epistle appeared swallowed up in the sea of despondency in regard to the conditions on the Chicago Division, I will

try to put before the St. Louis Division a few items of possible interest. As the picture painted by Gloomy Gus is true also of conditions existing on the St. Louis Division, it is time for us to halt, take stock, and consider the forces that made it possible for us to follow, with some degree of pleasure, our chosen occupation, without the constant fear of demanding our rights as wage-earners. We must not lose sight of the importance of this condition, brought about solely through the effort of our organization. Some few of the agents on this division appear to have forgotten what our organization has done for them, and are loath to stand by their "Redeemer."

Among the temporary changes which have occurred as a result of some of the boys taking their vacations (without pay, however), we find Bro. J. Dunn at Villa Ridge being relieved by Bro. J. S. Breeze.

Bro. Winstead, of Wetang, has resigned the position he has held for several years to take up farming in the West.

Bro. Johnson, of Irvington, was off on a "haying it" vacation during September; relieved by Bro. W. H. Nation, a former employe of this division, who until recently was located in Oklahoma in newspaper work. While in that "woolly" country he found an "Indian" (sympathizer) for a helmpet.

Bro. Jag Green relieved Bro. Van Buskirk at Cobden, while Bro. Van was out confiscating some of life's pleasures, "resting up."

Bro. Avett, third trick at Anna, took advantage of the fair and also assisted in furnishing some excellent music, being relieved by Bro. Hartman, regularly of Cache. "DELICATE JOE."

Mississippi Division—

Hello, boys! here I come again. Was detained at home by business and could not be with you at the last meeting.

Bro. Thos. Cooper keeps right after the nons on the Aberdeen District. Let's all get after them in his energetic fashion, and it won't be long until the "old Mississippi" will be the banner Division.

It is now "Brother" J. G. Passailaigue at Aberdeen Junction. We are certainly glad to see all the good ones coming in.

The depot at Sardis is being overhauled, and the hammering bothers "S." every time he comes in on the line.

Bro. M. S. Terry, agent at Batesville, Miss., after returning from Colorado and other Western points of interest from his honeymoon, was taken seriously ill with small-pox and quarantined outside of Batesville for thirty days, but is now improving rapidly.

Bro. J. S. Crow, of West, Miss., is acting agent during Bro. Terry's illness.

Bro. J. E. West, agent at Duck Hill, has just returned from a pleasant westward trip. He was relieved by Bro. T. E. Winborn, first trick at "RH," during his absence.

Bro. J. M. Bryant being the oldest man asking for second trick at "UC," is now handling the telephones, block and telegraphing at Grenada, Bro. Ross having resigned.

Bro. W. B. Wright bid in the third trick at Winona, J. M. Ezell going to Pickens, and Bro. Calhoun to Aberdeen Junction. Mr. Ezell promises to line up in the near future.

Bro. Thos. Cooper acting agent at Enid, has returned to Ackerman, Bro. Durley again taking charge at Enid.

J. W. Davis, who was on the sick list for several months, is back at Coffeyville. Come in, now, "J. W.," "the water is fine."

Bro. W. Jones, who relieved Mr. Davis, is at home again at Tillatoba, doing the "hello" stunt.

Bro. W. P. Lawton, who was off a few days last month, is now back in the "anxious chair," acting as "hello" girl.

Bro. Geo. Franklin, of Aberdeen, was obliged to double some last month on account of his brother, Ike (the cashier), being ill, but "HN" is back at his post again.

Understand there is now a thick carpet on the dispatchers' floor. Wonder when the telegraph offices will be thus favored?

Bro. A. M. Weir is back at Weir after a 60 days' vacation, which we understand was also a honeymoon, too. Congratulations.

CERT. 1568.

Y. & M. V. R. R.

Vicksburg Division—

We don't see very much about the bonding company in THE TELEGRAPHER recently. Now, I think that stock in such an enterprise would be a very profitable investment, and the Order would be made much stronger by bonding its own members. Besides this, it would give many a good man a show who has heretofore lost his bond on account of some trivial matter.

The depots at Cleveland, Leland, Hollandale, Rolling Fork and Greenville will be in deep mourning for thirty days owing to the death of Mr. E. H. Harriman.

I understand that we are to have several new offices opened up soon for the winter rush.

I don't think we have a single non on this division now. If anybody knows of one, write him up and we will call on the gentleman and see if he won't get right.

The correspondent who has been sending in the news of this division recently has so much to do now that he is unable to make the rounds any more. On that account we have not had a write-up for several months, but if the boys will send me a little "dope" at Leland every month, I will be glad to put it together and send it in. By so doing we will be enabled to keep up with what is going on.

Bros. W. M. McNeily and R. A. Lansdals, first and second trick telegraphers at "CV," have both returned after a month's rest in Kentucky.

Bro. Walt has also returned with his family after a pleasant stay in Kentucky.

Bro. Floyd has been at Benoit helping Bro. Wollum out on account of Mrs. Wollum's sickness. I am glad to note that Mrs. Wollum is much better.

Bros. Walt, Mitchell, and Burke attended the agent's meeting at Leland, recently. We have not heard of anything important that transpired at the meeting.

Bro. Frier, who has been away for several months, has been checked in as agent at Helm, vice Bro. McKalpin, who resigned.

Miss Mary McCray, "CV," is spending a while in Mexico, this month, relieved by Bro. Edgar Dover.

Bro. Happy Campbell, "AC," second trick man at "NY," has returned after a thirty days' vacation.

Bro. Calloway, agent at Rosedale, is off for a few days, relieved by Bro. Kinard.

Bro. White, former agent at Percy, has accepted the agency at Cary. Bro. Owens has resigned.

We don't hear very much of Bro. J. S. Weeks, agent at Sherard, since his marriage last month.

Bro. B. B. Kinard is the father of another girl baby.

Bro. Thomas, of Boyle, don't seem to be able to get out to meetings, although he is a benedict.

Bro. Childress, at "GR," spent a few days at home this month.

Bro. Gilley, of Boyle, still holds out days there.

Bro. W. B. Burke is working nights at Shaw now.

I hope to be able to give a good write-up next month, and will appreciate any news you can send me.

CERT. 2699.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

Northwest Division—

We have just learned of the death of one of our good and faithful brothers, W. C. Smith, of Division 96, former agent at Coates on the Northwest Division, and a former assistant local chairman, death taking place at Santa Ana, Calif., where he went to regain health. It has been only a few months since we received the sad news that this brother had been afflicted with total blindness. We were hopeful of his recovery and to have him with us again. Through his demise this division has lost one of its most faithful and earnest workers, one who was a great help in keeping up our membership and in securing new members. His untimely death calls forth our sympathy, and leaves a feeling of regret with each one of us. His memory will remain with us always.

C. E. N.

The boys that attended the September meeting, at Byron, enjoyed a good time. We had an enthusiastic meeting, and will have another one at the same place this month. All that can should try and be there.

We only have a few nons left on this division. Let's get after them, boys, and line them up.

The members of Division No. 96 wish to express their heartfelt sympathy to Bro. W. F.

Caustin, and relatives, for the loss of his dear mother.

Bro. C. E. Kyle, of Bolton, is away on a vacation, taking in the sights around Portland and San Francisco; relieved by Bro. J. A. Phipps.

Bro. T. F. Buckley, of Kent, enjoyed his vacation in the Sunny South; was relieved by Bro. Norris.

Ingalt—Bro. Halsted away on ten days' vacation; second trick telegrapher relieving. Telegrapher Marshall, second trick, has left the service, for parts unknown.

St. Charles—Bro. "SI" away on ten days' vacation; Bro. "C." relieving. Bro. Hanna now working second trick. Telegrapher Chinn from west end to third trick.

Sycamore—Telegrapher Howe, non, has returned to work on second trick, and Bro. Mason has gone back to third trick, Telegrapher Donnelly going to De Kalb.

De Kalb—Bro. Willard is away on an extended trip through the East, Bro. Love relieving; and Telegrapher Donnelly relieving Bro. Love.

Clare—Second trick at Clare was opened August 8th. Telegrapher Harvey was the lucky applicant. Bro. Cosgrove now says the nine-hour law is O. K.

Esmond—New man on third trick, unable to learn his name.

Stillman Valley—Now a two-man station; Bro. Scott being the night owl.

Byron—Bro. Tillison has returned from a vacation spent at his home in Michigan.

German Valley—Bro. Chevalier is enjoying his annual vacation.

South Freeport—Telegrapher Ladd is away on an extended vacation; Bros. Sheckler and Myers relieving.

Winston—Bro. Sherrard was the successful applicant for the agency at Aurora, and Telegrapher Fitzgerald for Winston agency.

Rice—Bro. Markham bid in second trick at "RH," and Telegrapher Larkin is the new agent at Rice.

Farley—Agent Kretz lands the third trick at Dubuque. Farley agency is now open for bids.

Aurora—Agent Hacheak has left the service, to take a position on the M. & St. L.; Bro. Sherrard relieving. Div. Cok.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

All Members of Division No 97—

Your general committee met in Savannah and secured a contract with the Southern Express Company, effective July 1st, 1909, a copy of which has been mailed to each member and to the nons as well. To the nons because we wish to show the good work accomplished and what it means to them, hoping they would see that it was not to their interest to stand on the wrong side any longer and would get into the band wagon, while it was passing.

One non who could not stand it any longer sent for a set of blanks, and said, "I hope you boys will have me." This brother is now making us a

good worker. There are other nons who should do likewise at once. We need you and you need us.

The contract is a very good one, and many congratulations have already been received. There's the two minimums (something not heard of before) handling of unjust claims (this means when you think you are unjustly asked to pay such), and the duplicate vouchers, when the messenger hands you your commission.

If there is anything you wish to know, write your local chairman. He will be ready and glad to enlighten you. Don't be a croaker, but become a personal hustler.

At the meeting in Savannah it was decided to select some one to go over the system for the "Good of the Order." This fell to my lot, and I started out during July and returned in September. Much good was accomplished, lining up a large number of nons, and getting up the few delinquent members, and now we are in good shape, with large percentage. The newcomers I came across were put up to the good, and they have gotten down to hard work.

I will ask that each of you keep after the few nons left, and it will be only a question of a short time before you will safely land them. If you wish to know who they are, write me.

During my trip, numbers of the brethren were very kind to me, and I wish to take this open method of thanking each one of them.

A few who promised to line up this payday, I am glad to report, are making their word good.

To the few nons who are looking at a certain chair supposed to be vacant for them, I again ask to do the right thing and share with the Order some of the good things it is getting for you. Do you think it is right to take the increase in your monthly pay checks we have paid out our hard-earned money to gain and then remain unwilling to share your success and advantages with the Order? Be reasonable, won't you?

What does the good book say about giving? All of us are making sacrifices in your behalf. Will you forever be a taker only? By the time this is in print the good work of the committee will have been completed, which will again mean more for you.

There are about 133 railroads in an organization that compels them to install the ghost system to a certain extent, and on the roads where they are installed, trains are being continually delayed, because business cannot be handled as quickly by that system as it can be by telegraph. Railroads that are not in the organization will have nothing to do with the ghost system.

Now is the time for all to give us good words of cheer and encouragement. Speak to the very few nons and show them the right pathway in order that they may repent of being on the outside, and come over the wall. Show them that they are on the wrong side.

Let me remind each of you that it is your duty to render to your employers the best of service, allowing no room for complaint and show them our appreciation.

I can assure you, without mentioning names, that the committee joins me in thanking you all for your kindness. We have some good friends, and it is up to us to make good.

Don't be a knocker. Hide your little hammer, try to speak well of the Order. When a worker drops in, jolly him. Tell him we have the best Order on earth—and it is. Don't discourage him by speaking ill of it, for that won't mean success. Let him try to show you your errors. Nobody gets stuck on a knocker, and you gain nothing by being one. Remember, the percentage. There is still a little work to be done, so boys, get to work and line up the few yet out.

We extend to our loyal general chairman, Bro. May, and wife, our congratulations. May the little lady live to be a great blessing and comfort in their old days.

F. O. CUMMING,
G. S. & T.

First Division—

All members are requested to read under the Norfolk & Western items, an account of the joint meeting held in Petersburg on the 18th of September. Note the change of meetings from the third to the fourth Saturday night.

Special talks will be made at each meeting and refreshments served. We would like to see a good crowd out from the S. A. L., at future meetings.

Sec'y.

Second Division—

Dan Hamilton has been relieved as agent at Apex by J. R. Norris. This shows how much a corporation cares for the scabs—men without principle—who turn traitors to their own cause. Hamilton's career as professor (?) of the Cheraw telegraph school will be remembered; how it failed, and the way he rooted a good man, Mr. Birmingham, out of the agency at Lumberton; also about the scrape he got into there and had to leave; how he kept up his dirty work after he came to Apex; the trouble he gave the traffic department, etc., soliciting orders for a Richmond whisky house, which also got him into trouble with business men in Apex.

After the Seaboard relieved him he hung around until his brother-in-law, Mr. Smith, at Pinner's Point, gave him a clerical job of some kind at that place.

Hamilton, it will be remembered, charged a negro barber with selling whisky, and when the negro was on trial before United States Commissioner Nichols, at Raleigh, Dan was a witness against him. We have not forgotten "the grilling" he got then, during his testimony. He was asked by Attorney Sims if he had not been expelled from the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for conduct unbecoming a member. He replied that he had not; that he had never belonged to the Order; that he had made application for membership at one time, but was turned down on account of the insurance,

The members in the South will remember how this man scabbed; that he was offered a trial, and the reply he made to the committee. They will also remember the notice in THE TELEGRAPHER of his expulsion for conduct unbecoming a member. A man who will turn traitor, however, and violate his obligation, is always ashamed of the truth.

Now that this scab has gotten his just deserts, our members are glad; the conductors are proud; the citizens of Apex rejoice that they are rid of a pest, and the Seaboard will undoubtedly get its share of the business from that place. Some of the members on the north end of the R. & A. should now get after Cunningham and Renfrow. Hamilton cannot "exert any further influence over them, and the disgraceful finale of his career will be a lesson that no "cold-footed" member can ever forget.

The R. & A. is all right now, with the exception of a few old miserly individuals, who always put up some kind of an excuse when asked to join, but we have them spotted. Some of them raise tobacco, and work in other lines of business during the eight-hour rest. They wear the best clothes, dress their wives like millionaires, and enjoy the raise and short hours secured for them by the committee; but they never have enough money to join the Order.

Brother Cumming has been on the C. & K. and organized that end thoroughly. Hurrah for Bro. Cumming. He has done some wonderful work and I for one am in favor of keeping him on the line all the time. He is a good worker, a deep thinker, and a broad-minded man.

Mr. Smith, agent at Cheraw, is now a member.

At Hamlet conditions are about the same, except one or two new members. The boys should not forget the regular meeting night there and all that can possibly get off should attend each one of them. They are very enjoyable, socially and beneficial financially. Little Messenger Page is doing a great deal of telegraphing and at the same time depriving himself of a much-needed education.

Bro. Hines, our correspondent at Cary, has left the service, to accept a position with the Bank of Cary, as cashier; relieved by J. E. Foster.

The second division being the most important of the Seaboard, there ought to be plenty of news available, for the journal, yet we see nothing but a short article about every three months. Unless the members take enough interest in this department to furnish the news the correspondent certainly cannot be expected to send in a newsy report each month. He, like the rest of us, is tied up to his job, unable to get changes much further than three stations on each side of him. Realizing the importance, therefore, of a report from this division, I have gathered up and am sending what news I could for this issue.

HAMLET.

Ulster & Delaware Ry.

The meeting at Oneonta on September 14th was well attended and very enthusiastic. The one previously held at Arkville, was also a good meeting.

A number of changes on the road are expected shortly, on account of the change in the time table, which took place September 21.

We "main liners" would like to hear from Stony Clove. Brothers, please drop me a line.

"The Stork" visited Bro. Kelly's home at Roxbury recently and presented him with a son. We all desire to congratulate him and his good wife and hope that John will tell the boy all about the O. R. T. as soon as possible.

Bro. John Garret, third trick man at the Grand Hotel station, is thinking of going South, for the winter.

Bro. Peter D. Leming went back to the first trick at Oneonta September 21st. That leaves Bro. Morgan alone with his favorite dog, "Bill."

Bro. Potter is now working second trick at Big Indian; he formerly worked second trick at Haines Falls. Bro. Thomas working first.

DIV. COR.

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry.

Bulletins are out, covering positions as agent at Moran, Wellsburg, Au Train and Lake Nebagamon; also positions as operator at St. Ignace and Calumet yards.

Mr. D. Herbert, agent at Humboldt, has resumed work after a three weeks' vacation, being first relieved by Relief Agent Dygert and later by H. McMaster.

G. L. Maker, agent at Michigamme, on vacation, relieved by Bro. J. H. McLean for about ten days, pending the arrival of regular Relief Agent Schulze. Understand the boys at "MY" are looking for the smokes when "M" returns.

Second trick, at Humboldt, has been opened, commencing 1:30 a. m., and closing at 10:30 a. m. This will be a decided lift to Agent Herbert, as he has had his hands full taking care of the ore trains in addition to his regular station work.

Regret that I am unable to get out a better write-up this month, but it is simply impossible to keep in touch with all that is going on.

We wish the brothers would take more interest in these write-ups and send in all the items of interest to be obtained. You may be assured that it will be appreciated by the brothers and myself, as we are all glad to know what is going on around us. Did you get after that non yet? We need him.

DIV. COR.

Hocking Valley Ry.

Hocking Division—

The block signal system is again in our midst and although we are not inclined to knock, we are constrained to state that a better bunch of "hams" were never before authorized to delay trains than were installed at some of the blocks reopened, and we are inclined to doubt that

"Uncle Sammy's" inspectors were on the job when this particular consignment was billed. We do not mean all block men, but what we do mean is that it was downright cruelty to remove some of these "kids" from under the sheltering parental roof and from that immensely successful educational institution, known as the "ham college."

What a vast difference between what the beloved professor told them and the actual realities of the craft, can be left to the imagination of the old heads, who were once mulcted as these "tender lambs" are now being stung. Seriously, it begins to appear as though the employment of such material was intended to discredit the Order. If so, the damage done to rolling stock and further articles of equipment, which must eventually be destroyed through the efforts of these alleged telegraphers, not to speak of the possible loss of life or limbs, will not be borne by the O. R. T., but must figure on the loss side of the company ledger.

Unless the members on this pike get busy, we will soon have a non list as large as the membership, a good thing for a division seeking to commit suicide, which I don't think we feel inclined to do. Time was when operators on the H. V. were discharged from the service for holding membership in the O. R. T., and when at last we did organize, there was no one discharged and the officials have shown every indication of being favorable to the organization. Still there are a few timid souls, dead beats and would-be scabs, if the test came, who handicap their more manly brothers. These kind of men are more contemptible than a mangy cur roaming the streets and alleys, seeking what they can devour from the hard-earned pittance of their fellow-craftsmen.

We have been called some pretty hard names at divers times, but do not know of any we would not prefer to that of "non," because we believe it belongs in the same class with thief, liar, blackguard and moral pervert, and indicates a state of utter depravity seldom witnessed in the modern commercial life, where organization is rampant among the mighty as well as the weak.

"Postie" has had another brain storm, which he publishes in a number of newspapers in the shape of a four-column advertisement. We quote from it in the Columbus (O.) *Dispatch*, which is also "scabby," as follows: "You've often been importuned and many have been commanded by various means to refuse to buy anything unless it bears the union label. Looks harmless on the face of it, doesn't it? It is really a demand that you boycott the products made by over 80 per cent of our American workingmen and women, who decline to pay fees to and obey the dictates of union leaders. It demands that you take away the living of this 80 per cent."

We have often wondered if this man Post enjoyed good health, or was in his right mind. Such utterances are an insult to the intelligence of the ordinary citizen and are intended to delude a class of people who are not in a position to judge the merits of labor unionism except from newspapers, which content themselves with sensational reports

of strikes and alleged violence whether true or otherwise, and do not publish the acts of kindness done by labor unions amongst the poor, needy, jobless and hopeless individuals, thrust from their positions because of their sympathy for unionism. "Postie" is "sore" because labor unionism guarantees a full dinner pail, by the help of the union label, filled with palatable food instead of the "scab" substitutes made in "Postie's" scab establishment. His hypocritical anxiety for the maimed and bleeding "scabs" is very touching, and entirely in keeping with his calling to Almighty God to know when it is going to cease. It will all cease when men of "Postie" ilk discontinue their efforts to keep free men in slavery and stop taking from them 99 cents out of every hundred they earn, and not till then. It will never cease as long as men like him continue using all the means at their command to have us labor long and unceasingly for a mere pittance, as the only reward for our toil.

J. F. S., Cxrt. 251, Div. Cor.

St. P. & S. S. M. Ry.

W. & P. Division—

We are in pretty good shape on this division, but there are still a few of the brothers who have not paid up their dues and of course do not yet enjoy the pleasing sensation that the possession of an up-to-date card always gives. Hurry up, boys, and get in line.

Conductor D. Kelly, of Minneapolis, who was operated on for cancer of the stomach, died from the effects of the operation, on August 29th. His wife, one daughter and two sons survive him. He has been in the service of the "Soo" for 16 years, the last five or six as a passenger conductor. He was a brother of Bro. "Jake" Kelly, second trick telegrapher at Weyerhawn. The bereaved family have our heartfelt sympathy.

The wife of our genial traveling freight agent, Bro. A. G. Belanger, is convalescing, after having undergone a severe operation at St. Paul.

Business on the east side is beginning to pick up again and we should all do our best to give our officials "the best of service."

The brothers who have been sending us in some items recently have our sincere thanks, and we only hope that more will follow their good example, so that we may have a nice write-up each month.

Bro. Smith, of Pennington, has resigned, and gone West, where he drew a homestead, being relieved by Bro. Shigly, from Prentin.

Bro. Griffith has been relieved at Bruce by Bro. McCorker, formerly on nights at Goodeman.

Bro. G. K. Farr, of Rapid River, has resigned and gone West; relieved by J. C. Nelson, relief agent, until a regular man is assigned.

Understand the D. S. S. & A., are pretty "hard up" for telegraphers. The third trick men at St. Mary's are said to be only beginners.

Agent Engadim was in town last Sunday, seeing the "Bloomer Girls" from the city play fast ball.

Bro. Starime, formerly of "AN" office, Harvey, N. D., is on a vacation at "The Soo," but seems

to be spending most of his time on the Canadian side.

Bro. L. R. Wallan, from Trout Lake, spent Sunday in town seeing "the game." He reports Trout Lake as a "solid O. R. T. station," with O. E. Strand on second trick and A. Pollard on third.

A little girl arrived at Bro. T. E. Slater's home a few days ago.

Bro. Hogan has been transferred from Hermansville to Amory; Bro. Guslin from North Escanaba to Hermansville; Bro. Brown from North Crandon to North Escanaba, and Bro. Louk from Armstrong Creek to North Crandon.

We understand Bro. Tillman, formerly telegrapher at Ladysmith, is at present working the side wire in the dispatcher's office at Brooten and will take a trick there soon.

Bro. Betts, at Faithorn Junction, is back from his vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Carlson from Hermansville, who we understand is on the sick list at present: A. V. S. Co.

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Ry.

Bro. Foster took a flying trip to Roanoke and says that the N. & W. boys evidently know a good thing when they see it, for they are nearly all in line, and the non has a very hard road to travel on that pike. We certainly ought to follow suit and improve on it some by having no nons at all. Boys, we will need all our strength before many years, and then the truth of the old saying, "In union there is strength" and "United we stand, divided we fall." Let's prove this by standing undivided, getting into line and staying there. And above all, get that non and send in his application. Don't let him say, "I will next 11th, but make him do it now." The more men we have in line the more respect we will command when we go up for a schedule. Remember, an army is not powerful owing to the number of brass buttons on the uniforms, but because, like a machine, it moves as one man, and obeys orders. So get in line with an up-to-date, if you haven't one already, and then keep up-to-date. Then we will be able to prove that we are standing together. Come to the next meeting, and bring the applicant's name to the following one.

As the "Pennsy" has declined to come across with its share of the expense of the train known as "The Annex," between Washington and Alexandria, that train was discontinued October 1st. This puts nearly every man who works at Potomac yard to the inconvenience of having to use the electric line from Mt. Vernon to Washington, and these cars are not to be depended upon during the winter months. Many who live in Washington will often have to walk out. Not a very pleasant prospect, to say the least.

"DK" block office, Potomac yard, was closed from 12:01 a. m., to 8:00 a. m., on the night of the 27th, on account of Bro. Merchant being sick, and no one available to take his place. Was it Mr. R. F. Flowers, of Philadelphia, who said the new Barclay automatic system would soon displace the present corps of operators?

We understand the grading has commenced for a new freight station at Fredericksburg. This will doubtless be a change for the better, when it is completed.

Bro. Moss, of Quantice, was married in July to Miss Mary Edna Fink, of Rockville, Md. Our genial chairman did not know of it until too late to get it in last month's TELEGRAPHER. We now offer congratulations.

Bro. Eubanks, of Guinea, has our sympathy; his little child has been very sick, but we hope the little one will be O. K. by the time this is in print.

Bro. Swift, of "K," Richmond, is doing the third trick, the regular dispatcher being off on his vacation. Bro. Binford is working in Bro. Swift's place. Bro. Binford was relieved a while by Bro. Riney, of Clopton, and later by Bro. Herndon, of "JR," Richmond. Bro. Ryketts doing the blocking at "JR" in Bro. Herndon's place.

Bro. A. S. Pennypacker, first trick at "YD," Potomac yard, spent several days at Colonial Beach, last month, and reports a swell time.

Bro. T. P. Bray paid a short visit to his old home at Winnsboro, S. C., recently.

Bro. McInteer, first trick, at Quantico, did the "RJ" stunt at "PY," Potomac yard, in Bro. Graham's place for a few days, Bro. Graham doing a little housework.

Agent at "F" has been on a short vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher Dent. Was unable to connect the name of Mr. Agent, so will have to leave it out.

Bro. Abele is doing a little relief work at "X" block office, on second trick.

I was asked by Bro. Graham to try and get in a little write-up this month. If this gets past Bro. Quick's waste basket block, with a white board, may try it again next month. Will all the brothers on the line kindly send us any and all things of note.

A. L. PIXLEY.

C., R. I. & P. Ry.

Missouri Division, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts—

We are gratified to find that our new local chairman, Mr. C. A. Jackson, is taking so much interest. He seems to be the man we have so long needed, and no doubt with the proper assistance from the brothers he will do us good work. We want to see that he gets all the help possible from every one of us in Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts. It is for our own welfare to do so. Now let us all get busy and show him what good support we can give him. It will only take a few spare moments each month to make these districts what they should be. Speak an encouraging word to every non you meet and see if you cannot bring him in. This will help the Order. Make a showing for 126 and show our local chairman that we are doing what we can to make our division look like it should.

We have only a few nons left on our division, and if every one keeps working as he should,

it will not be long until things will be solid from Davenport to St. Joe.

The O. R. T. meetings were held at Col's Junction, Seymour, Altamont and St. Joseph this year. Local Chairman Jackson was present at all the meetings, making the boys nice and appreciated talks. The only regret was that all the boys could not be present. We should have better attendance in the future.

At Seymour, Wednesday night, September 15th, there were present Local Chairman C. A. Jackson, G. E. Hughes, H. O. Sawyers, S. E. Miller, H. Briggs, A. L. Haines, C. C. Wallingsford, C. F. Cochern and Mr. Hoover, and Bros. Cochern and Hoover, from the C., M. & St. P. The Commercial Club of Seymour arranged its hall for the occasion and we certainly appreciated this kindness and thank the members very much therefor.

Bro. Ivan. Newlin has left Princeton and accepted a position in the dispatcher's office as one of the relay telegraphers. Ivan was wire chief and first trick man at Princeton for about three years. We are glad to see him doing good work at "RN."

We have not learned yet whether the lady working at Paris is a member or not, but understand she is from the C., M. & St. P., where they believe the same as the "Rockey," in solid "O. R. T.-ism."

Sister Madison has been off for three weeks sight-seeing in Denver and Colorado Springs. She reports having had a nice time, and we are glad to see her back at "Q" again doing good work, as usual.

Sister Lottie Fox and her sister, Maud, have also been taking in the sights of Colorado, Miss Lottie being relieved by Telegrapher Ferrell.

Bro. Rouch has left Altamont and accepted the agency at Unionville.

Bro. Nash Logue, first trick telegrapher at Eldon, Iowa, who has been laid up several weeks on account of a severe fall, is now able to be out, but not able for duty yet. John Hawn, regular second trick telegrapher at Centerville, is holding down the trick until Bro. Logue fully recovers.

E. E. Sperry fell and hurt his ankle, just after being operated on for appendicitis, but is back at work again.

Bro. A. B. Waits, agent for County Line, has returned from Denison and desires to thank the brothers there for the sympathy shown him in his hour of trouble.

Bro. Roll Carter, agent at Libertyville, spent a very pleasant evening with Bro. Waits recently at County Line.

O. C. Ferrill, who relieved Bro. Waits, was recently married to a young lady at Clio. The boys join in congratulations, as we are all expecting to soon call him brother.

Bro. G. C. Wallingsford took a flying trip to "PR" recently, having just returned from his vacation a week or so ago down in Missouri, visiting home folks.

Bro. H. O. Sawyers made a flying trip to Unionville recently on account of his mother being ill. The manual block system has now been dispensed with from Eldon to Davenport, superseded by the automatic block. It will no doubt be an improvement as soon as we get onto the ropes.

We understand Bro. John Allen, of Cameron Junction, has resigned. We hate very much to see Bro. Allen leave us.

Bro. Cox, of Rushville, goes to Eldon as second trick man, regular. We all wish him good luck.

Bro. Igoo, regular second trick man at Centerville, has resigned and accepted a good position with the Swift Packing Company, at St. Joseph. We wish him success in his new work.

Bro. G. C. Wallingford bids in the job at Seymour, leaving the extra work at Eldon.

Cameron Junction, Columbus Junction and second trick at Fairchild, have been bulletined. There still seems to be a chance for all.

Bro. Hughes left his regular job and did the extra stunt at Eldon for five or six days on account of Bro. Sperry taking suddenly ill.

McCartney and Bruce are doing the extra work at Centerville, until filled by bulletin. We must find out whether these boys are in line, for we want to call them all brothers.

Bro. Caswell bid in the job at Princeton, third trick, from the west end. We hear he is a good worker.

Bro. Fox, from the "Q," is doing the extra work at Princeton on second trick, until it can be filled by a regular man.

Bro. Miller, from Col's Junction, had a nice visit with the Seymour people Wednesday between trains Nos. 1 and 2.

Bro. Abernathy, from Clarksdale, bid in second trick at Cameron Junction.

Charles Robinson bid in Stillings Junction. We hope to soon address him as brother.

Business is good on this end. It seems to me that it would be the proper thing for the brothers to give our dispatchers the accurate figures on all trains doing work at their stations. I am quite sure the dispatchers would appreciate this, and it is as much to their interest to get trains over the road as it is for the dispatchers.

Some of the boys on nine-hour jobs should certainly know that it would be better to consider their calls a little more promptly. Dispatchers, trainmasters and superintendents would not doubt appreciate this, as showing more interest in trying to improve the service.

Bro. D. M. Boose, agent, and Telegrapher McCullum, are working second trick at Kenmoor.

Mr. Moss, at Stillings Junction, is on the sick list.

Bro. L. L. Stuart was relieved at Donovan by C. H. Turner for a few days on account of sickness.

Mr. Pilcher, of Winthrop, has gone to Gallatin, nights; relieved by G. E. Wells.

Understand C. H. Turner has bid in Rushville, second trick.

We are all wondering why Whalen, at Winthrop, and Stiff, at De Kalb, do not come through with the proper papers.

Be careful and avoid second copying of train orders. One of the boys left the service recently on the "dark line" on account of lapping an order on a second copy.

W. B. Stone has relieved Mr. Gillis, at Gay. The latter is not in the service any longer. Mr. Hawkins also resigned at Gay after working a short time.

The following have been taking a vacation: Agent Parker, Plattsburg; Bro. Plum, Edgerton Junction; Bro. Oliver, Dearborn; Bro. Harrah, Kenmoor, and Bro. Harrah, who went West for a few weeks.

Bro. W. Freeman has resigned at Rushville to go to the R. I. in Oklahoma.

Bro. D. M. Boose, E. C. Tays, W. H. Stone and F. Mauley, who did relief work at Rushville the past two weeks, claim there is too much work there for the money.

Bro. Cook is back at "DG," St. Joseph office, after a month's vacation. Mr. Stannon worked the second trick during Bro. Cook's absence.

We would like to see the boys on Sub. Divisions 8-A and 8-D help out in yard office at St. Joseph as much as possible. Keeping the grain sheets and other work going is a stiff proposition and they deserve all the favors that can be extended them. G. E. Wells promises to do the right thing payday.

Missouri Division—

Business still increases as the months roll by.

Some of the agents and operators were very slow in getting their information blanks filled out and returned to the local chairman this month. This is a very important matter and should always be attended to immediately. Never neglect an information blank or a time roll.

W. H. Plum has just returned to Edgerton Junction after enjoying a month with his wife and family on his annual hunting and fishing trip in the mountains of Colorado. He was relieved by Bro. R. A. Dean while away.

Bro. Roy E. Freeman, of Rushville, assistant local chairman, has been showing the boys that he means business. "Every bit helps a little."

Telegrapher F. O. Gold is working the third trick at Cameron Junction while that position is on bulletin. We would like to see some good member draw it and bring Cameron Junction from darkness to light.

Bro. I. L. Newlin, formerly of Princeton, is working in the dispatcher's office at Trenton.

T. N. O'Neil, of Gallatin, while attending a funeral at Lineville some time ago, visited friends and relatives at Seymour before returning.

Bro. Arthur Ham, of Platte City; Bro. L. M. Girdner, of Camden Point, and Bro. J. T. Hanley and wife of Edgerton, attended the Plattsburg Chautauqua on Sunday.

There remains a few nons along the line. Like candidates, they are friendly fellows, sometimes.

Telegrapher V. A. Hank, of Leavenworth, promises to get in line soon.

Altamont & St. Joe Line—

Mr. Wertenberger, third trick, Clarksdale, who spent his vacation in Oklahoma and Kansas, was relieved by Bro. McCullum, of Division 96, who says he is going to get a transfer to 126 at once. Mr. Carrier, who is working second trick, has been out of the business for a couple of years, but promises to send in that remittance on pay day. We have been unable so far to get either Mr. Strong, the agent, or Mr. Wertenberger to fill out those blanks. We understand Mr. Wertenberger has bid in the second, and Mr. Carrier the third trick.

Bros. Orcutt, at Amity, and Johnson are at Maysville.

Bro. Wagoner, at Watherby, will no doubt remit soon.

Bro. Lowe, third trick, Altamont, on his vacation during August, missing the hot weather, was relieved by Mr. Fulmer, who after a few days at "SY," went to Plattsburg as agent.

Bro. Gregg, agent and first trick at Altamont, is off on a trip to his old home in Ohio.

Mr. Edwards, from the M. K. & T., went to Hickory Creek, nights, but not understanding the block system, was sent to Altamont to be educated, but he only stayed a couple days.

I wish the boys would send their items promptly to the local chairman or Division correspondent. Let one of us know what is going on. We want to make a good showing in the future, and can do this if every one will lend a helping hand.

Div. Cox.

Arkansas Division, West End—

Our local chairman is working hard now to get a solid line-up and all the members should lend a helping hand. Whenever he hears of a non on the division he goes after him with a letter and a set of application blanks, so boys you should keep him thoroughly posted as to the new men that come on your district.

These efforts on the part of our local chairman should bring some good results as his assistants are all in positions where they can reach most of the employes in a short time and can nail the nons as soon as they light.

Bro. R. R. Wright, our old reliable, covers the west end, Boonville to Little Rock, and is making it warm for the nons, although he has some old sinners on his district, who are hard to handle.

Bro. T. N. Kimmel has bid in Brinkley, first trick, and is assisting the local chairman on the White and Black River line and also on the main line. Bro. S. S. Scudder has bid in second trick at Forrest City, and is assistant local chairman, Memphis to Forrest City. Bro. J. E. Jones, DeValls Bluffs, is assistant local chairman and handles the Searcy & Des Arc line, as well as the main line, Argenta to Brinkley. These men all have heavy tricks to work, but give their time when off duty, helping keep a line up on the division, something which all the members should do.

Telegrapher A. C. Myers, relieved Operator Elston at Butterfield, both promise to get up-to-date soon. Telegrapher McCreanor, is in the hos-

pital at Little Rock. Bro. W. H. Scott is working third trick at Haskell now.

Bro. W. S. Mauney has returned to work after an extended vacation, Bro. R. R. Maloan, relieved Bro. Mauney as agent at Blue Mountain.

Bro. W. H. Scott has returned to work at Haskell, after a trip to Colorado, for his health. We are glad to have Bro. Scott back with us.

Germania has been made a continuous office, Bro. H. Ethridge, from the Cotton Belt, is working third trick.

L. A. Yeager is serving as agent at Griffithville, now, Bro. Baxter has resigned to enter more remunerative employment.

Bro. C. A. Rosenbaum has been sick for a few days, we are glad to note he is able to work his trick and fight mosquitoes at Argenta again.

Bro. E. Kianer relieved Bro. Rosenbaum on second trick at Argenta, during the illness of Bro. Rosenbaum.

Bro. E. R. Weiss got Carlisle on bid, he is at home now and has a day job.

Several other changes have been made, that I am unable to get the particulars of.

There have been two men put on at Benton, Bro. S. S. Mitchell, from the I. C., is working second trick and Bro. Speers, delinquent, working second trick.

Telegrapher McBride is relieving Agent T. C. Jameson at Ola, Bro. F. W. Mitchell, is holding Palestine down.

Telegrapher J. I. Eliston relieved Bro. F. W. Mitchell, at Butterfield.

Div. Cox.

Arkansas Division, East End—

We are glad to see Bro. J. W. Allen back at Des Arc, after a few days' absence on account of the illness and death of his baby. He and Mrs. Allen have our deepest sympathy in this their great bereavement. Bro. Allen of Des Arc was relieved by a Mr. Meek, who promises to get the necessary in the near future. He is to go to Heth on the return of Bro. Allen.

Bro. L. R. Cotney, formerly days at DeValls Bluff, is now holding down the agency at Hazen, during the absence of Bro. Johnson, who is spending his summer vacation in the north and north-west.

Mr. J. M. Holmes, formerly night man, at DeValls Bluff, is now working days at Hopefield. He was relieved by J. M. Ashley, a new man, who promises to "make good" soon.

Bro. J. F. Gillespie, agent at Carlisle, is on his summer vacation, being relieved by his Bro. M. J. Gillespie, formerly employed on this division.

Bro. T. N. Kimmel, formerly agent at Edmondson, is now holding down first trick, at Brinkley.

Mr. W. P. Powell, now has the necessary blanks, in his possession, and will probably be up-to-date before this goes to press.

Louisiana Division—

We had our General Chairman, Bro. Brown, with us a few days. He reports business rapidly improving, as well as better conditions all along the line.

The way our new local chairman, Bro. Hugg, has taken hold, looks like there could be something doing all the time.

The better conditions and increased salaries so long needed and waited for, on this division, can only be secured by sending our representative in fully prepared.

Bro. J. G. Wyatt, our former local chairman, is now doing the stunt in "CD" office, and Helper, Utah, has gone to the D. & P. G. His name is no indication that he believes in Mormonism.

We regret very much to learn of the death of our good Bro. W. L. Clark, agent at Dodson, who died of Bright's disease after a short illness, leaving a wife and two small children, to mourn his loss. We all tender our sympathy to Mrs. Clark and her two fatherless children, and also to Bro. N. C. Cagle our energetic agent at Crossett on the death of his estimable wife. May the Lord help and comfort these afflicted ones in these dark hours of grief.

Agent Wainwright, at Fenter, has just resumed work after a prolonged spell of chills and fever.

Bro. D. W. McQuiddy has just returned from a 30-day vacation.

Bro. Lim Perrine, who has just returned from a 60-day fishing and hunting trip was relieved at the yards by Bro. McQuiddy.

Bro. Joe Atker, Alexandria freight house, has also returned from his vacation.

Bro. Shelton, of Mamen, resigned and relieved by Bro. W. H. Simpson, whom we are glad to welcome in our midst.

Bro. Eleman, of the Missouri Pacific, is doing the shift at Harrell.

Bro. Barnard is fighting chills and mosquitoes and calling "LR" on the banks of Oachita "way down South, in Arkansas," at Calion.

The bunch at "DO" should get together and make it unanimous before the pay car comes again.

Bro. R. E. Stratford, from Mo. P., is at Randolph.

Bro. L. J. Jones, at Lillie, was relieved for sixty days by W. H. Crackett, who has the papers started.

Bro. M. L. Ganes, of Wyatt, is off on a sixty-day vacation.

Bro. McKnight is at Quitman, and Bro. F. V. Campfield, from the I. C., is at Dodson.

Bro. C. W. Bridges, Cornfield yard, is off for 30 days, on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. H. Woffered.

Bro. N. C. Cagle, C. E. H., is at Crossett, and Bro. W. L. McCormick, is at Banks.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Being, in His infinite wisdom, to call to the great beyond Mrs. N. C. Cagle, wife of our esteemed Bro. N. C. Cagle; therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of Division No. 126, Louisiana Division of the C. R. I. & P. Ry., that

we extend our sincere sympathy to husband and relatives in their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Bro. Cagle, a copy spread on the minutes of this division and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. E. HENRY,
J. E. MORRISSEY,
WM. A. HUGG.

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom deemed it wise to remove from our midst Bro. W. L. Clark, who was agent at Dodson, La.

Resolved, By the members of No. 126, that we extend to the wife and family our heartfelt sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy be sent to the wife and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. E. HENRY,
J. E. MORRISSEY,
WM. A. HUGG.

Committee.

L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Toledo Division—

The "ham factory" at Oberlin, Ohio, has "busted," and the students are suing for their money because the professor (?) did not secure them the positions promised. The manager has gone to Detroit, Mich., where he is doing a wireless stunt.

A new office has been opened days at Olmsted Falls, while they are putting the four track through. They have the arch over Rocky River nearly finished.

Bro. Longee got the job.

It will only be a short time until the L. S. & M. S. Ry. will have a four-track road.

Business is fine here and we expect to see a few more new offices opened this winter.

The students are getting scarce. They seem to have become discouraged lately.

Those who have not got an up-to-date card should get it as soon after pay day as possible. Talk to the men on the other tricks, and let us see if we cannot have a good per cent of O. R. T. men on this division.

Bro. Wells got Gypsum, days, during peach season. Too much work for Bro. Si Gerlan to do alone.

Bro. Sleckner has resigned and "13"; he is on B. & O. at Hammond, Ind.

Bro. Geo. Goschke is doing third trick at Sandusky.

Bro. Bears is still at "FT" days during the rush at Camp Perry.

Bro. Jump subbed a few nights at Wakeman recently.

Eastern Division—

Hurrah! hurrah! The "nons" must fight for existence,

And fight with a royal vim;
For Kipp, with the "Order's" assistance,
Is out to have them in.

Two more applications in thirty days. Now, if you three or four delinquents will brace up and slip over those dues, we'll be able to show a strong front when the committee get together.

We are not able to announce definitely what arrangements are contemplated at present, but Chairman Kipp expects to announce a general committee's meeting shortly.

It was very encouraging, indeed, to note the increased attendance at the meeting held at Erie on September 16th. The Order members must certainly be congratulated upon the visible showing made. Bros. Diffenbach and Barrett were conspicuous in bringing up interesting questions.

Bro. Geo. Clavin, now postmaster at North East, attended the meeting and reported big business in the postal department at that town.

The boys will be glad to know of the success of Jim Sennett, formerly agent at State Line, N. Y. He is now chief clerk for Trainmaster E. V. Brogan at Erie, Pa.

Bro. Hank Nemeoyer, of Seneca yard office, was conceded his correct seniority standing recently. The mistake made in his record several years ago, was remedied by Mr. Tompkins. This makes Bro. Nemeoyer, one of our oldest members, and a pioneer of the Lake Shore Railway.

Bro. Garnow reports Dunkirk tower solid, Bro. A. C. Will being the latest recruit to the ranks.

A. A. Cobb may now be addressed as brother. He now proudly displays the coveted card.

We presume Bro. Lin McIntyre is quite fatigued with the extra traveling necessary to do the extra work at Bufo depot. Bro. McIntyre is a very efficient man for that position, and we hope to see him situated there permanently in the near future.

CERT. 472.

C., B. & Q. Ry.

La Crosse Division—

We are glad to see the La Crosse Division have such a nice write-up in the "journal" every month, and that so many of the brothers have been prompt in paying dues. This is what counts. There are some yet, however, who let them drag along before paying until the habit becomes chronic.

Quite a number of the boys want to lay off before cold weather, but, owing to telegraphers being so scarce, they are unable to get relief. We understand 19 more operators could be used on this division.

Business is still picking up all along the line, and we are all kept busy getting the trains over the road.

Bro. M. Duffy, agent at De Soto, on a month's vacation with his wife, making a tour of the West, during which he attended the annual meeting of the coupon ticket agents at Colorado Springs, Colo. Bro. Duffy is being relieved by Bro.

G. M. Marks of the second trick there. Bro. Marks and Telegrapher Mourning, of Cochrane, are relieving.

Should any of the brothers happen to stop off at Victory, Bro. G. L. Dederick would no doubt be pleased to take them a spin on the river in his new launch, which is a dandy.

Bro. L. White, second trick operator at Lytle, was down the line one day recently soliciting aid for the section foreman who lost his wife by death. Assisting the afflicted and unfortunate in such a manner is certainly commendable.

Agent M. J. Burns, of Prescott, is laying off and Bro. J. C. Wittenberger of East Dubuque, Ill., is doing the extra work. Bro. Wittenberger let Telegrapher Groff take his place, and went on as extra agent so that Mr. Burns could get away.

Bro. C. E. Bright is doing the extra work as third man at Lynxville during the absence of Bros. Wm. Bright and Otis Berger, who have been taking in the sights at Chicago and Michigan.

Bro. C. E. Dodge, days, East Dubuque (also our assistant local chairman), passing down the line recently, dropped off and shook hands with the boys. We are always glad to meet such a jolly fellow.

Bro. C. E. Dyer, second trick at Grand Crossing, on vacation visiting friends in the southern part of the State, was relieved by Telegrapher Kincaid.

Bro. Si. Johnson is holding down the third trick, extra at Grand Crossing depot.

Bro. Owen, day operator at Lytle, spent a few days at De Soto visiting home folks.

Bro. M. A. Griffith, of Fountain City, who was under the weather for a few days, is feeling better again.

Telegrapher Risser, of "H" office, Minneapolis, has gone to La Crosse, taking a trick as side wire man in "CX" office.

Bro. J. E. Hornby, agent at Bagley, secured the application of R. M., of Alma, who is working third at Bagley.

Now, brothers, get after the rest of the nons. There is no reason why they should not lend a helping hand after what we have done for them in the way of better hours, pay and other things.

"HARD WORKER."

La Crosse Division—

We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Thos. Artery, of Alma, Wis. "Tom" was at one time one of our best workers, joining the Order when it meant to lose your job, if the company found it out. He remained a member until about two years ago, when he resigned and went West for his health, taking a job in a coal mine near Butte, Mont., where he was killed by an explosion while at work. The remains were shipped home for burial Sunday, September 19.

No. 52 struck and killed a flagman for an extra gang two miles north of McCortney, on September 21st. The engineer says he was sitting on the rail, apparently asleep, and he did not see him

in time to stop. The poor fellow was cut all to pieces.

Bro. Wittenberger, agent at East Dubuque, was transferred to Prescott to relieve Agent Burns for a few weeks. Telegrapher J. P. Groff, of La Crosse, taking the agency at East Dubuque during Wittenberger's absence. We understand Burns will take in the fair at Parthom.

Telegrapher and Ticket Clerk O. Groff, of the city ticket office, Dubuque, is off on a 30-day vacation; relieved by Bro. A. A. Fitz, second trick at East Dubuque; Telegrapher Shyur, of Winona, relieving Fitz. Understand Bro. Fitz makes a fine ticket agent.

Bro. Willard, of McCortney, has just resumed duty after an extensive trip through the West.

Bro. A. E. Griffin, first trick at Losey, intends to hit for the wild West in the near future.

Bro. M. L. Betzel has taken first trick at Curry. This puts Bro. G. E. Leavett on third trick at Prescott. Understand Bro. Betzel sent in his resignation to take effect September 30th, and will accompany Bro. Griffin in his search for big game in the "wild and woolly West."

T. O. Buan, agent at Hastings, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Ray Garber, of Diamond Bluff.

Telegrapher Smith, of Dubuque, who has been relieving Bro. Parr, at Alma, made a jump across the State and is now located at Marcus, Ill.

Telegrapher Fuller, who was taking Bro. Brown's place, second trick at Potosi, left on short notice, leaving that place without a man. On account of the scarcity of telegraphers the station there was closed three or four nights.

Bro. Dodge, first trick at East Dubuque, took a run up to Prescott and Bay City the first of the month.

Understand Bro. Earl Gorber, second trick, Diamond Bluff, is the proud father of a nine-pound boy.

Bro. Cooper, first trick, Savanna, is off on a vacation to Denver and the West.

Telegrapher Glubha, of Savanna yard, just returned from a 15-day vacation visiting friends at Winona, Minn.

Mr. McCann, cashier and telegrapher at Galena, took in the "home-coming" at Winona the first of the month.

Telegrapher Risser, from the "H," Minneapolis, has been transferred to a side-table job at La Crosse.

Telegrapher Paul, sidewise, La Crosse, has just returned from a 30-day vacation. Walter Holms, also sidewise, La Crosse, is spending his vacation in New York.

Telegrapher J. B. Groff, acting agent at "DN," has just returned from his wedding trip.

Agent Milton, at Hager, is off on a vacation; relieved by a man named Sperry.

I am indebted to Bros. Wittenberger and Cooper for notes this month. CERT. 1371.

Beardstown Division—

On account of the heavy shipments of grain, Barrows Station has been opened up, but the wires have not yet been cut in.

Hager Station has been doing a rushing business in watermelons this summer, having shipped out about 80,000.

Quite a bunch of the boys are trying to lay off, but are unable to do so on account of the shortage of men.

J. B. Chambers, agent at Centralia, being successful in securing a leave of absence for ten days, visited home folks at Lowell, Mich.

R. M. Hendrickson, agent at Sesser, spent a few days visiting his mother at Galesburg, Ill. Bro. O. C. Welch looking after the station affairs while he was away.

Telegrapher E. C. Garnier, second trick at Centralia, promoted to first trick in "B" office, Beardstown, was relieved by Operator Hale.

A. D. Hale, second trick at Centralia, transferred to Winchester, Ill., was relieved by Mr. Wilgus, an "old timer" from the Illinois Central. Seems as though the boys are all afraid of Centralia, as no one bid for that position when it was bulletined.

Understand a few changes have been made in the station force at Litchfield.

E. H. Berry, of East Alton, who took quite an extended lay off, was relieved by Mr. Bergen, formerly a fireman for the "Q."

R. V. Haney, agent at Arenzville, off several days, was relieved by Mr. A. D. Hale, of Winchester.

W. K. Mosier, second trick yard office, off several days, was relieved by A. D. Hale. John Riley, third trick, has gone up stairs to the relay office; relieved by Earl Bowman, of Alsey.

J. O. Guyer, of Riggstown, is back from the "woolies" of Montana to civilization. "Jim" says no more batching for him. He goes to work in the yard office at Quincy. We are glad to have him with us again.

C. E. Brown, first trick at Chapin, off several days on account of the serious illness and death of his wife, was relieved by some Wabash man.

W. E. Osborne, of Greenfield, spent several days at home this month.

R. E. Livese, third trick at Concord, promises to be with us this month. "Red" says he has been thinking of getting married was the reason he hasn't gone in sooner. L. C.

Q. O. & K. C. Division—

If all the brothers on the Q. O. & K. C., will work hand in hand it won't take us long to make a showing. So let us be up and doing and see how many new members we can get lined up this next month.

We will appreciate any assistance in gathering and sending in the news each month. Send in all the items you can, boys, and make the Q. O. & K. C. as newsy as possible.

All the men are working, and there are few changes or vacancies.

Mr. Birg, after several weeks' vacation, is back on second trick at Smithville.

Bro. Beardon, from Coffey, is working as extra agent at La Belle.

Mr. Harding, agent at Braley, was off a month; relieved by Mr. Zerby.

Miss V. S. Bates, agent at Santa Rosa, was off a few days visiting in St. Joe.

After several weeks off, Mr. Steinhauser is back on second trick at Plattsburg.

A. D. Baker, telegrapher at "HE," Kansas City, was off a few days; relieved by E. Alexander, of Novinger.

D. C. Horn, "CD," and "TM," at Milan, has resigned. R.

Creston Division No. 30—

The Creston division telegraphers and agents held a meeting at Villisca on Sunday, August 21st which was the first one for some time. Quite a number were present and a rattling good time was enjoyed by all. It is safe to say that Creston Division never witnessed as enthusiastic a bunch of members at any meeting as attended this one. Bro. Burton, of Villisca, was elected local chairman for the division, and will personally call on every one in the near future. General Chairman C. L. Lamb was with us and gave us an outline of the work that had been done, on not only this but every division on the system, and gave us an interesting talk on O. R. T., telling us of its early struggles for existence. We only wish that every member of the Order could have heard him, as we feel that they would more fully realize what the Order is doing for them. Bro. Byarly, of Villisca, was present and also told us of his experience with the O. R. T. during its infancy. Bro. Byarly was personally acquainted with several of the "old time" organizers of the O. R. T. and his talk was interesting from start to finish. Under the head "for the good of the order" every one discussed the various questions arising each day, the aroma from the good cigars bringing out the oratorical powers of the boys, who told of their troubles and suggested helpful thoughts for the others.

Plans were made to hold monthly meetings hereafter at Creston, and Chief Dispatcher J. R. Young has kindly consented to relieve every man he possibly can to attend these meetings.

We were disappointed in not seeing Bro. Henry, of Fairfield, who had promised to be with us, but was unavoidably detained.

The meeting adjourned at six p. m., and after a banquet at a local cafe, all departed for their various homes, feeling glad that they belonged to such an Order.

Announcement of the next meeting will be mailed every one in sufficient time to arrange so that one or two men can attend from every station, and we want to see you all there.

At our next meeting to be held in Creston, a school on time card and blocking rules will be held. Let's all get 100 per cent.

Think of our conditions five years ago and then at the present time. If your card is not up-to-date get it that way, as you owe it to yourself and the Order to do so. Remember that a union card does not make you a union man and that there is considerable more to do than to

carry a card. Boost your Order. Talk it over with your neighbor, if he is a non, and convince him that we need his help. Too many say "I'm with you all right, but I can't come in now." The worst men we have, are the fellows that always are with us but never help us.

While our line up is good on this division, yet there are quite a number of "Misters" and they should all be "Bros." Get after them and let every member land a non.

Simpson, Atkins, Murphy, Daniels, Robins and Cherry are the next victims for the goat. All have promised to line-up with us.

Business has been rushing in all departments for the last two months, and no signs for a falling off as yet. That's the way we like it. Means more money for us.

Everybody and his brother (and the dog, too) are clamoring for their vacations now, but the scarcity of telegraphers and agents makes it almost impossible to get away, as good relief men are very scarce, so many having entered other different lines of work.

Two steam shovels have been working this summer between Villisca and Red Oak, with an average of 8 and 10 dirt trains. Trainmaster W. F. Shiffer and Roadmaster Wm. Peterson have had personal charge of this work and it has progressed very rapidly. When completed Creston Division will have one of the best pieces of track on the Burlington system. There have been no delays to regular trains while the work was being done, showing that telegraphers and dispatchers were wide awake and attending to business all the time.

The new time cards just out, September 12th, announces some new idea on trains Nos. 1 and 6, and all agents should familiarize themselves with these changes, as they are very important and make these two trains the best that are run on any line west of Chicago, including reduction of time and all the modern conveniences to be found on any system.

We are sorry to learn of Bro. Camp's resignation at Yard office, Creston. He has been with us some time and has always been an active worker. As he leaves railroad work, we lose a valuable brother. He will probably locate in Creston.

Bro. Bollman, formerly agent at Stanton, has located in Montana, and is now proprietor of a cafe, some place along the line of the Milwaukee. Here's wishing him success.

Bro. J. Connett, third trick at Red Oak, is spending his vacation in Colorado, being relieved by Bro. B. C. Mierretto.

Bro. Nixon, agent at Macedonia, has been waiting on the relief to take his vacation for several weeks.

Bro. H. L. Huntsman is doing the stunt of "general agent" at Masseli, half way between Stanton and Villisca. He is also agent for the "Twin Lot Site Co.," and will be glad to give any brother wishing to invest in real estate a good bargain.

Bro. F. A. Yarger, agent at Emerson, who has returned from a visit with relatives in the West, was relieved by Bro. F. A. Rose, second trick at

Emerson, the latter being relieved by Mr. Camp, of Corning. It's up to Bros. Yarger and Rose to change that from Mr. Camp cognomen to brother.

Bro. C. E. Sandall, second trick at McPherson, is off on a thirty-day vacation to Chicago, and elsewhere; relieved by Bro. Mingleddorf, from the Y. & M. Ry., recently transferred to this division.

F. E. Bellus, of Stanton, has been assigned to the agency at Henderson, relieving Bro. L. J. White, who bid in the agency at McPherson, relieving Bro. C. H. McReynolds; resigned to attend school.

T. B. Sawyer, third trick at McPherson, resigned, relieved by F. M. Cox, who promises to line up in the near future. Keep after him.

Bro. T. R. Gurwell has resigned the agency at Coburg, going West for his wife's health. We are sorry to see Bro. Gurwell leave us, as he has been a very faithful member and was always found with an up-to-date card in his pocket. We hope the change will be beneficial to Mrs. Gurwell's health.

Bro. Phillips, second trick at Brooks, resigned; relieved by L. H. Jarred, from the Illinois Central, whom we hope to see in the right pew in a short time.

Mr. Atkins (Bro. soon), second trick at Nodaway, returned recently from taking in the sights at Seattle and other points, and says he had a splendid time.

Dispatcher Jarvis and Jeffries have been taking their vacations; relieved by Extra Dispatcher Chas. Connett.

Remember your local chairman cannot do all the work alone. He needs your assistance. Send him a list of the changes and happenings at you. station each week, and you will help to make a good write-up.

We are indebted to Bro. White, of McPherson, for a nice bunch of news. Let every one send in a few lines.

L. C.

Galesburg Division—

The C., B. & Q. is painting the Quincy branch and putting things in fine shape for years to come, including stations, outbuildings, mile posts, etc., as they come up with them. There's nothing like a nice clean station to work in.

D. Van Meter, agent at Macomb, is off two weeks, attending the Ticket Agents' Convention at Denver, and attending to private business in North Dakota. He is Third Vice-President of the International Association of Ticket Agents. Extra Agent L. W. Colville is doing the relief act during his absence and will then go to Norris for a few days.

J. A. Atherton, Western Union Messenger, of Macomb, Ill., is ill with typhoid fever.

Bro. "Jack" Flack, of Colchester, is at Macomb frequently now looking after his interests in the new glove factory there. The output has already been put on the market. Here's wishing him success in his new venture.

Some complaints have been made lately in regard to some of the operators being late, some having to be called as often as two or three times

a night. This should be discontinued. Make it your motto to be there on time.

The telegraphers of Quincy don't seem to realize that they are enjoying nine-hour tricks and better pay, as a result of the efforts of the O. R. T. That place is sadly in need of a few more union operators. Bros. G. E. Long and Clyde Clayton, being the only members we have in that beautiful city. Bro. Long has been off for several weeks suffering from a bad stomach. He was relieved temporarily by Mr. Lashmet, who was relieved later on by Bro. Guyer.

Mr. Sherman, of Colmar, is working at Saluda now.

Supt. S. H. Shults and Chief Dispatcher W. P. Fuller, of Galesburg, were in Chicago in the early part of the month, helping arrange a new time card, effective September 12th. Another new one takes effect September 19th, owing to the bad connection at Galesburg with No. 6.

Bro. L. A. Ansteth, of Alpha, was off a week the latter part of August on account of his wife being very sick; F. D. Baker, extra, working for him.

Bro. W. P. Vincent, of Warner, has returned after a three weeks' vacation visiting in North Dakota and Missouri, with his wife and little daughter; W. L. Eiker, extra, relieved him.

Bro. Meara, of "SY," Peoria, who resigned to accept a position with the Corn Products Co., of Pekin, Ill., as operator and stenographer, was relieved September 1st by Mr. Carter, formerly of "GY" office at Galesburg, and Mr. Carter was relieved by Mr. Knight the following day.

Bro. W. A. Harris, of Bardolph, has resigned at Abingdon, and left for Cincinnati, Ohio, to fill the position as treasurer of the Y. M. C. A., there. We are glad to hear of Bro. Harris' good luck, but sorry to lose such a good and friendly brother from our vicinity.

Bro. F. J. Graves, of Abingdon, has returned from a two weeks' vacation, visiting his old home in Wyoming, Ill., and friends in Wichita, Kans. He was relieved by Bro. Harris. Mr. Lashmet, extra, taking second trick, formerly held by Bro. Harris.

Bro. J. O. Guyer, who relieved Bro. Long at Quincy, has just returned from the Northern Pacific, in Montana.

W. A. Work, of Macomb, off on business in North Dakota, was relieved by A. H. Robertson, of Camp Point, who went from "S" office, Quincy, to relieve him.

Bro. C. E. Smith, of Bardolph, has resigned as agent and operator there to take up another line of work.

Telegrapher Chittendon, third trick, Prospect street, Galesburg yards, while on a 60-day vacation was relieved by Telegrapher Carter, from Bushnell.

Bro. Mercer, "YD" Galesburg yards, off on sick leave the latter part of last month, was relieved by Telegrapher Carter from "GY" office, Galesburg, and Jack Tobin. The former was relieved at "GY" office by Telegrapher Knight, formerly an organizer of the B. of R. C., and Car-

ter was then sent back to "GY" office, and Knight to Peoria yard office. Mr. Knight will no doubt soon be carrying an up-to-date in the O. R. T., as well as the B. of R. C. On return of Bro. Mercer, Telegrapher Tobin relieved Mr. Carter at "GY," Galesburg, and was then sent to Golden.

A. S. Slater, of Golden, who has been visiting in Missouri, several weeks, was relieved by Mr. Carter, who then returned to Galesburg.

Many of the boys who want to take their vacations are unable to get away, on account of a shortage of relief men.

Mr. Jolly, of Graham Tower, bid in third trick at Galesburg yards "YD" office, and his position at Graham, first trick, has been bulletined. We hope he will be lined up there, and we can again report "YD" solid O. R. T. He promised over two years ago, and should now make good.

Bro. G. E. Long, of "S" office, Quincy, visited his Bro. John, in Galesburg, the early part of September, and also called on Bros. Malone and Mercer at "YD."

Mr. Boyles, of "S," Quincy, will "probably" line up with the O. R. T. and "stay with the brass work."

Bro. "Joe" Weekly took a short vacation the latter part of August, visiting friends and relatives on the Quincy branch. Mr. Carter relieving. "Joe" is one of our best members.

Trainmaster Brown was down to Yates City, not long ago, trying to figure out a way to make the train register large enough to accommodate the increasing business. Good showing for the Burlington, when a train register isn't large enough.

Bro. Walker, of Maquon, laid off with a very sore foot, recently, relieved by Mr. Sherman, of Colmar.

Night offices were opened at Oak Hill, Edwards, Pottstown and Peoria yard, in charge of Bros. Walker and Ogle. A. H. Robertson, and Assistant Superintendent F. G. Robbins, on August 27th, owing to Barnum & Bailey's circus traveling from Peoria to Galesburg.

F. P. Mayberry worked at Knoxville during the Knox county fair, August 27th and 28th.

Bro. Ben. Ramp, wife and daughter, of Knoxville, visited friends in Canton, on Sunday, August 29th.

Mr. Seffens, agent at Brimfield, while off on a 60-day vacation, was relieved by Mr. H. C. Eymann, former helper, at Bradford.

Roy Kemper, third trick, at Canton, champion motor-cyclist, on his end of the line, went to La Salle recently and won second place in a race there. He also won first place at the Lewistown county fair, and second prize in another race there the same day. Some of this easy money might buy a nice new pink up-to-date. Try it, Roy and see.

Bro. J. H. Botkins and Miss Sarah Simmons, of Abingdon, Ill., were married on September 18th.

E. G. A.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

First Division, Wilmington District—

Complaint that the seniority rule is not being observed on this district seems to be made with good cause. What is our committee going to do about it? When such places as Chadbourn, Marion and Newbern are filled, without even the appearance of trying to observe the seniority rule, it seems as if it was time something was doing. No one knows of any bulletin having been issued for the Chadbourn agency. Mr. Womble, the new agent there, is all right, but not entitled to the place, as he has been out of that department for some time. It is reported that Bro. T. M. Jaudon was discharged at this point last week, for refusing to go off duty a few minutes before 1 a. m. and return at 3:30 a. m. to meet a late train. If this is true, it is the rankest kind of injustice, as Chadbourn is a nine-hour office, and to force a second-trick telegrapher to go off duty after working eight hours and fifty-five minutes and return two and a half hours later even for five minutes is not in accordance with the nine-hour law. The trick made vacant by this discharge has not been bulletined, either.

Understand that Bro. Land is going into the stock business in South Carolina.

Mr. W. D. Pridgen has resigned the Fair Bluff agency and is succeeded by Bro. A. C. Martin, of Cerro Gordo.

Bro. M. C. Harper, of Clarendon, bids in the Cerro Gordo agency.

Clarendon is now on bulletin, with three applicants for the place.

W. T. Penny, Smith Creek yard, has left the service, and is succeeded by M. G. Norman, whom we expect to see with a new card ere long.

Some changes have recently taken place in "D," but as we never hear of any of them until we catch a new man on the wire, it looks as though it will be necessary to break into that office with an axe if any of the men out on the line are ever to get into it. There certainly is something for the committee to do on this district. Let's hear from them.

KICKER.

Second Division—Waycross District—

Bro. Ed. B. Lary, of the Waycross dispatcher's office, is off on vacation in Asheville, N. C.

Bro. U. G. Swearingen, of Thomasville, has returned after a delightful trip in Western, N. C., and Virginia.

Bro. F. B. Powell, of Thomasville, who was off on account of sickness, is back at work.

Bros. Swearingen and Powell were both relieved by Bro. Burkhalter, of the time-keeper's office, Thomasville shops.

Bro. A. C. Bennett, of Ochlocknee, recently returned from a trip to Atlanta, where his wife is in the hospital; will remain at Meigs until the traveling auditor has time to transfer Bro. R. L. Hall, the regular man at Meigs, from Albany, where he was sent to relieve Bro. C. T. Strickland, so he could go to Waycross to be near his father, who is quite sick. Bro. Strickland is

working in the Waycross dispatcher's office while there.

Bro. F. W. Stanley, agent at Baconton, who has been in the Waycross hospital quite sick, is convalescing and will soon be able to resume his duties. He was relieved by Bro. H. E. Harrell, who was also on sick leave, but who was considerate enough to relieve a brother who was worse than himself.

Bro. T. H. Matthews, McDonalds, who has been away from his station for over a month on account of the sickness of his wife, will soon return to work, as Mrs. Matthews has sufficiently recovered so he can leave her. We all deeply sympathize with Bro. Matthews in his afflictions.

L. A. Vestal has been let out at Nahunta. As he was no longer a member, we were unable to take up his case and learn the cause. Understand he filed new application with Bro. Sasser before leaving and is now at work on the A. B. & A. We trust the next time he has trouble, he will be able to have it adjusted in the proper way.

Bro. C. A. Welch, of Bakers Mill, is rusticated down in "Alabam" for a few weeks. Bro. J. G. Kirkland, of Tarver, has also taken a vacation to his old home, where "hog and hominy" is always in plenty. Brothers W. R. Corbett, Homerville, and J. L. Fuller, Ousley, have also been away a few days on vacation.

Bro. G. J. Dryden bids in Nahunta and thereby gets back nearer home. The agency at Argyle has been bulletined on account of Bro. Dryden's transfer to Nahunta.

The clerk-telegrapher position at Live Oak and the third trick at Nahunta have been bulletined since last month.

Bro. J. G. Rice has been transferred from Sylvester to the agency at Pinebloom, relieving Brother Mills, who was promoted to Albany yard.

Bro. M. Potter has been transferred from O'Brien to Metcalfe, the change being made on account of his health.

It may be of interest to the members to know that Bro. R. G. Bullock, formerly dispatcher in Waycross and Albany, is now with the Q. & C. at Birmingham and is well pleased with the Iron City. We all wish Bro. Bullock great success.

Third Division, Lakeland District—

We don't hear enough O. R. T. talk down this way. "For out of the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaketh," is a scriptural quotation, which would seem applicable to the situation here. The reason we hear so little O. R. T. talk on the line must be that your hearts are not full enough of the enthusiasm of organization.

Have you asked the man working side by side with you if he is a member? Have you seen his card? Have you asked him to join the O. R. T.?

If you can not answer all of these questions in the affirmative, then you have fallen short of your duty as a member. If all the men working at your station are members in good standing, then the same will apply to your immediate neighbors on either side of you.

It is not the officers of an organization that make it strong, but the individual work of the members at large that makes of it a force, that can not be resisted, instead of simply an organization that moves with the tide, up and down (mostly down) with regularity.

Get busy, show the nons and the weak members that you are in earnest, that you have faith in your organization. Nothing impresses outsiders so much as the earnestness of the members themselves. Our local chairman is doing good work, but he needs the help of each individual member.

I want to ask each member: Have you ever written, or asked him, if there was anything you could do to help him with the work? You know that all the remuneration he gets, is his dues free, 75 cents per month. Just think of the amount of time and work he gives to your interest. Instead of abusing the committee for not doing things, don't you think it would be a very good idea to find out what help they need and lend a hand? I honestly believe, if we can get the membership thoroughly aroused along this line, we will soon have the strongest organized road in the country. Just now, when the "gators" are looking for winter quarters, and the tourists are turning their eyes from the bleak shores of the North to the "Land of Flowers," and all business is taking an upward turn, is the time for us to all move as one man and see that every telegrapher in Florida carries a card. The rate to join in October is only \$6.75. There are very few men who can not raise that amount, if they try.

I am in a position to know that there has not been an application filed on the Lakeland District this month.

We can make it ten by October first.

Will you try it?

I will.

D. C.

Norfolk Division—

There are still some nons over here who need our attention. Let's get after them, brothers, good and strong. Our new local chairman has been working faithfully on them, and has been very successful in landing quite a number of them on this side of the river. He should receive better encouragement and more help. Let us take a little more interest in our own welfare from now on. We are not doing our full duty by simply keeping up our dues.

There have been lots of changes in this district since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, and business is picking up all the time.

Telegrapher J. L. Watson has been working third trick at "CV," South Tunis, while Mr. Haynes was relieving J. H. Robertson, of "AH," Ahaskey.

We are all very sorry to hear that Bro. J. P. Harrell, of "KD," Kelford, has lost out over here. We hope he will get a better job at some other place.

Telegrapher Herring is working third trick at Kelford until it is bulletined.

Bro. C. H. Roberson, of "MY," Palmyra, was off on a ten days' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Williams. Bro. Roberson spent his vacation at Washington, D. C., and had a fine time. Lots to be seen there.

Telegrapher Copps, Western Union scab, is now working first trick at "RA," Tarboro.

Bro. A. R. Blow, of "BG," Kingsboro, was suspended for thirty days, on account of not checking a train order.

The "ham factories" at Bethel, Robersonville and Williamston, are still trying to teach telegraphy.

The following is a list of places bulletined since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Relief agent's job, paying \$65.00. Bro. W. L. Bailey succeeded in getting this.

Conotor agency, paying \$50.00. Bro. B. T. Alkbrooks was the lucky man.

Third trick at Wholey. Unable to learn lucky one's name.

Cofield agency, Bro. Cowen now holding it. Do not know who will get the place. It is a small agency, and only pays \$45.00 per month.

Bro. Bailey, regular relief agent, is now working at Port Norfolk, while Mr. Rainey, the agent, is off for several weeks, on account of his health.

Bro. Epp L. Brown has been appointed agent at Scotland Neck, vice Bro. R. C. Pender.

Bro. Storey, of "KU," Bruce, off a few days; was relieved by Telegrapher Buttler, a new man over here. Do not know his color.

Mr. Darden succeeded in getting third trick at "B," Boone.

W. E. Robertson is now on first trick at "SU," Suffolk, relieving Bro. G. C. Blow, who is doing the copying in "KN," Norfolk dispatcher's office.

Bro. J. B. Winborne, third trick man at "W," Wholey, is now on second trick, relieving Bro. Monquette, who has been doing some relief work.

Bro. J. M. Taft, of "GS," Gotes, was off on a ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Monquette.

Bro. N. E. White, of "WN," Eure, is now off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Monquette.

Bro. G. V. Turner, of "C," Tunis, was off on a ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Haynes.

STONEWALL JACKSON.

Richmond District, North—

There were not as many members from A. C. L., at the joint meeting held at Petersburg on September 18th as should have been there. This looks bad for us, as we first started these meetings. We are trying to make them attractive, and with your help we will succeed. Come out next month (fourth Saturday night) and all have a good time.

Bro. Cooper, local chairman, has been off on ten days' vacation, visiting Norfolk, Ocean View, and his old home, at Weldon.

Bulletins have been issued for first and third tricks at Jarratts, and there are two applications for each of them.

Pleasant Hill agency is also bulletined. We understand Bro. W. L. Alston is the only applicant, and will probably receive the appointment.

Bro. S. B. Binford, of Dunlop, who has been off for some time, on account of sickness, is again at work. Bro. D. D. Clemmer, who relieved Bro. Binford and also relieved Bro. L. Clemmer, is now on the waiting list.

Bro. J. K. McCotter is off on a ten days' vacation.

Bro. B. E. McNeely goes to Weldon permanently on the first trick, relieving Mr. Young, turned down by bond company. This is another reason why we should have the O. R. T. bond company.

Every member is requested to read the account of the joint meeting held in Petersburg on September 18th (see Norfolk and Western Railway, Norfolk Division).

Each member on the A. C. L., who can possibly attend these meetings is requested to be present at every one of them. Note the change in the date from the third Saturday night to the fourth Saturday night in each month.

L. E. COOPER, L. C.

Jacksonville District—

Brothers I wish you all would advise your local chairman whenever a change takes place at your station, and then we could have a complete write-up each month. Changes are taking place right along, but are not mentioned in our write-ups because no one reports them.

It was reported in last month's TELEGRAPHER that Bro. Evans of Orange Pk., was off on leave of absence, but this was an error, as he has just left for his vacation, being relieved by Harold Henschen, whom we understand can be called brother next write-up.

Bro. Sigler, of Winter Park, advises that a packing house there, one of the largest in the State, is being equipped with all modern machinery for handling oranges. This will greatly increase the work at that already busy station, especially during the winter months. The company has erected a new baggage room at this station and repaired the buildings in general.

The agency at Thonotosassa has been transferred from D. E. Hazen to R. C. Jones, on account of Mr. Hazen having been granted leave of absence.

Bro. T. N. Tedder, of Seffner, our efficient local chairman, has been given the freight agency at Plant City. We all are glad to see Bro. Tedder get this position, as we understand it is a good job, but regret very much to lose him from the telegraph service. Bro. W. W. Tedder relieves Bro. T. J. Tedder and Bro. J. C. Vick gets the Seffner agency.

Bro. Powell, of Altamonte Springs, reports he is well pleased with that station and that he is going into the poultry business as a side line. He has the best wishes of us all.

The agency at Altoona has been transferred from Bro. Hinson to Bro. Clark. It is quite lonely over there in the woods, as the wires have not yet been cut in.

The agency at Deleon Springs has been transferred from Bro. Glisson to Bro. Yelvington.

There are several ways of breaking up a telegraph school, but we understand one of our members is going about it in a different way from that which has usually been pursued.

In this case the teacher happens to be a very nice looking young lady. Let's us all wish him the best of good luck.

Now let's all do as outlined in August write-up; devote one or two hours each day for the benefit of the O. & T., writing letters to the nons and see if we do not note some improvement within a month or so. It is your duty to do this for your own benefit, for whatever benefits the Order also helps you.

CORRESPONDENT.

Montgomery District—

Bro. Strain, third trick at Bainbridge, was relieved for a few days by Bro. Dykes, from second trick. Bro. Dykes was relieved by Bro. Johnson, extra telegrapher.

Bro. Thames, Climax, is taking an extended vacation, visiting Chicago, Ill., Hot Springs, Ark., and other points; relieved by J. C. Thames.

Bro. Carter, nights at Grady, was relieved a few days by Bro. Johnson.

Understand Y. A. Wilkerson, of Luverne, has been discharged, reason unknown. Mr. Robinson, Bainbridge, has been appointed agent at Luverne.

Bro. Mathis, of Waterford, was relieved for a few days by Bro. Evans.

Mrs. Ashton, superintendent's office, "MO," Montgomery, is taking a vacation and will visit Seattle, Wash., and other cities. Telegrapher Lawson, nights at Dothan, relieving her, and Bro. Brantley is relieving Lawson.

Bro. Davis, of Brinson, has returned to work. He was relieved during his vacation by Bro. Evans.

Bro. Mixon, of Ramer, was relieved a few days by Bro. Johnson on account of the death of his brother.

H. H. Hodges, Jr., of Cowarts, can now be called "brother."

We have several more applications about ready to be acted upon, and hope to soon see this district solid and not a non-member on it.

Bro. Strain, third trick at Bainbridge, has resigned, we understand, to attend college. Bro. Jones, second at "X," Montgomery, has bid it in. Bro. Dykes, from second, is working it for a few days until Bro. Jones gets a little more familiar with the ticket rates, etc. Mr. Mullins, extra at "X," Montgomery, until vacancy is bid in.

How many applications have you sent in this month?

Have you made any effort to secure any?

If not, won't you get busy and see if we can't make a good showing on this district?

Have you paid your dues for the term ending December 31st, 1909? If not, you should do so at once. "73" to all.

CERT. 1247.

To Members Montgomery District, Atlantic Coast Line—

BROTHERS: I acknowledge with many, many thanks the receipt of the beautiful little gift you boys gave me as showing your appreciation toward

my good service while local chairman of Montgomery District.

While I did not expect anything whatever, yet I must say it was very kind of you boys to think of me, and I assure you the gift is very much appreciated by me, and I take this method of thanking each and all of you who took part in same.

Again thanking you, I am with best wishes,

Fraternally,

D. A. WALKER,

Cert. 10.

C., C., C. & St. L. Ry.

At the meeting held in Union Labor Hall, in Anthony Block, at Muncie, Ind., August 24th, a local lodge was organized and the following officers elected:

Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Solomon, of Wainwright; Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Kelly, of Selma; First Vice-Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Melvin, of Muncie; Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Hutsell, of Muncie; Marshal, Bro. Roberts, of Winchester; Inside Sentinel, Bro. Arbuckle, of Harrisville; Past Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Jenkins, of Muncie; Outside Sentinel, Bro. Thatcher, of Fortville.

Fourth Vice-President J. J. Dermody was with us, and rendered valuable assistance. Music was furnished by Bro. Roberts, of Winchester. A good many turned out at this meeting, but a better attendance is expected from now on.

At our next meeting Bro. Roberts will preside at the piano, and Bro. Kelly will assist him with his cornet in furnishing the music to entertain us. Come out, boys, and join in the good fellowship.

A regular meeting night will be selected at that time. Those who may not be able to attend will be informed of this by letter, and also through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER.

We regret to report the death of Bro. Smith's infant daughter, and extend to him the sympathy of the entire division.

The work of putting in the new signals at "SC," Selma, has been completed. This gives the brothers three more levers to warm up on.

Bro. Young has returned from a 30 days' vacation in the "blue-grass" country, bringing back with him a bride. Everybody wishes him happiness through life.

Bro. Martz, second at Farmland, is off on vacation to Texas for 30 days, Bro. Kindell relieving him.

Bro. B. A. Olvey, first at "SC," Selma, is back to work after several days layoff, account of sickness.

Bro. Young, third at "MU," Muncie, while on his vacation in Kentucky, was relieved by Bro. DeBoben, of second at "MU," Muncie. Telegrapher Schultz relieved Bro. DeBoben.

Telegrapher Baker relieved Telegrapher Long, second trick extra, at "CJ," Muncie.

Bro. Hatcher is relieving Telegrapher Harvey, third at Wainwright, for 30 days.

Bro. Hodges relieved Bro. Fouts, first at Fortville, for fifteen days.

Bro. Hatcher has been assigned to first trick at Gretna.

Extra Telegrapher Schultz, second at "MU," Muncie, is off on account of sickness. This caused Bros. Jenkins and De Boben to work twelve hours on August 27th, their relief coming next day.

Bro. G. E. Smith is back to work on second trick at Harrisville.

Telegrapher Frier relieved Telegrapher Sheppard, second at Raleigh, who was off on account of sickness.

Telegrapher A. M. Smith has taken the second trick at Union City, relieving Bro. Hegadorn, who will lay off for two or three weeks.

Bro. Slagle relieved Bro. Hess, first trick at Spafford, for a few days.

Bro. Connelly has been assigned second trick at Elroy, Telegrapher Long relieving Bro. Connelly at "SC."

Telegrapher A. M. Smith, working extra second at "MU," Muncie, was called home account of the sickness of his brother, Telegrapher Hill relieving him.

Bro. Jenkins, first at "MU," Muncie, attending committee meeting at Indianapolis, Telegrapher Sellers relieving him.

Telegrapher D. B. Olvey relieved Telegrapher Hardy, first trick at Raleigh, for a few days.

Bro. Young has resumed work on third trick at "MU," Muncie. Bro. DeBoben now goes to second trick, and Telegrapher Hill to his assignment on second at "SC," Selma.

Bro. Martz is back to work, after a 30-day layoff.

One of our worthy brothers sent us in some good items for this issue. Wake up, boys, and get busy.

"THE RUNT,"
DIV. COR.

Here's to Old Jack Trindle,
And Blaine Pitsenbarger, too;
If we can just keep going,
The nons will soon be few.

Rhodes is now among us,
This surely makes us glad;
But the way some guys are acting,
Surely makes us mad.

Let's all now pray for Chesterfield,
We've got some nons down there;
We'll hope if gas keeps coming,
They'll have the dough to spare.

"BLONDIE."

St. Louis Division—West—

It is quite likely before this is in print that we will be working under a new schedule, as our committee has already been in consultation with the general superintendent in regard to it.

As we have a general chairman whom we should all feel proud of, and he is striving to better our working conditions, it is the duty of every man on

the Big Four Lines to equip himself with a brand new card and help secure a better schedule, or in maintaining the one we now have.

These hard-luck stories some of the nons are putting up won't pass muster much longer. As long as you allow your saloon bill to run up bigger than your grocery bill and spend your money in other ways just as reprehensible, you are not doing your duty to the men who got you a schedule and a raise once before from \$45 to \$55 per month.

It's time you men woke up to a sense of your own interests and responsibility in this matter. Some of you ought to be ashamed to look a good O. R. T. man in the face. The amount required to put the right kind of a card in your pocket and show that you are really a man is just \$7.00, beginning with the month of October, and you can if you want to send it by P. O. money order to Bro. L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the O. R. T., located in the Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.

The following are some of the changes on this division:

Bro. Andy Leitch, formerly third trick at Hillsboro, who recently bid in "SI" tower first trick, was married to Miss Mae Olive, of near Livingston, on August 29. We all extend congratulations and wish them all the success that the world affords.

Telegrapher Keefe was at Tower Hill relieving Bro. Shanks, Bro. Bradish, Telegrapher Davis, Bro. Tinnions and Telegrapher McLean while all were taking their vacations recently.

Bro. Cook, at Irving, is spending his vacation in St. Louis and vicinity, and Bro. Bradish is relieving him.

Bro. Glasgow, of "HM" tower, who resigned, went with the Illinois Southern at Coulterville, Ill. He was relieved by Telegrapher Fitzgerald.

Bro. Hall, from the "Van," has been working extra third trick at "DK," Lakeview.

Bro. Supan, late of C. & E. I., Division 34, is working second trick at Hillsboro, Bro. Leitch having bid in "SI" first trick, and Bro. Whalen third at Hillsboro.

Bro. Bandy, formerly of the Big Four, now of the Mo. Pac., has returned home for a visit with his relatives at Irving.

Bro. Scaresdale, of "HM" tower, on Short Line, bid in Witt second trick; Bro. Gillespie bid in second. Man named Hall is working third at "HM."

Bro. Hankins, of Witt, has been filling the vacancy caused by Bro. D. V. Wycoff bidding in 12th st. at Mattoon, is working third trick at Witt, while Bro. Hart is off on vacation.

Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—

These items are going in too soon to report the meeting to be held in Dayton, the 21st. Hope it was a success.

Telegrapher Downs has been transferred from Tiffin to Marysville, and Bro. Sweeney from Cincinnati to Tiffin.

Telegrapher Matthews, second, Belle Center, relieved by Telegrapher J. C. Maynes, and has gone to Carey, taking the position vacated by Telegrapher Stienmetz, who left the service.

Bro. C. B. Lary, of Marysville, has taken the agency at Plattsburg; relieving Bro. R. P. Smith, who has taken third trick at Tiffin.

J. McFarland, from Grants, has third trick at Dover, relieving Bro. Columbus, promoted to the second trick. McFarland promises his application soon.

Bro. Rogers, of "YK," was so badly burned in an oil explosion, while starting a fire at the tower, that he had to be taken to the hospital. He is now able to be up, and we hope he will soon be at work again. Gasoline was mixed with the oil, which caused the explosion.

Mr. McKean is working at "YK," in Bro. Rogers' absence.

Bro. Slagle off on a two weeks' vacation; was relieved by Bro. C. M. Stabler, of the B. & O.

Bro. Weber, of "YK," was off for two weeks.

Telegrapher Evans, of "WD," and Dick Schwartz, second trick at Meyers, have paid in the necessary, and are now up-to-date. It is, indeed, a pleasure to send in news like this. Come on in boys, the feeling of being a real man is fine. Try it.

Bro. Furgeson promises to be paid up by October pay-day. More good news.

Bro. Edwards, of Ivorydale, off a couple of weeks, was relieved by Jack O'Connor.

"Dewey" Burhisel, of Lockland, has had a slight attack of "cold feet."

Bro. Lang, of "RH," off several days on business; relieved by Telegrapher Evans, of Springfield.

Bro. L. A. Gardner, of "RH," has gone to the country for a few weeks to recuperate.

Bros. Foley, of Franklin and Houser, of "FA," are taking their vacations; relieved by Bro. McMahon.

Bro. Stevick has just returned from a western trip.

Thanks for the above items, brothers; come again. Sig. "CR."

St. Louis Division, East of Mattoon—

Business seems to be on the increase, and most of the boys, who have been off on vacation, are back to work again.

Mr. Hauersfield recently made a trip over this end of the division with his examination car, and all passed as far as can be learned.

Understand the general committee are at present in session at Indianapolis, working on a new schedule. We hope before this appears in print, they will have met the officials, and a satisfactory schedule been agreed upon.

Brothers, get to work at once on the nons in your vicinity, and we may be able to say next month as we are at this time: Several new members are reported for this month. When you hear a man say that he has belonged to the O. R. T. for any length of time, and that he can not see any good it has ever done him or any one else, you can just make up your mind that he either

hasn't good sense, and that he properly belongs in the Ananias Club. The old adage: "A rolling stone gathers no moss," will probably fit his case very nicely.

Bro. Roller, agent at Lena, and Miss Isa Combs, of that place, were married in Green Castle, August 13th. Bro. E. E. Evans, of "JB," relieved Bro. Roller, and Bro. Evans was relieved at "JB" by Bro. Kessinger.

Bro. E. F. Wade has resumed work on third trick at Carbon. E. N. McQuinn, who was relieving him, went to Midland, second trick.

Bro. Lucas, of the C. & E. I., at "CB," resigned, and went to the "Big 4." Bro. Andrews relieved him.

Bro. Tincker, agent at Hadlen, off on short vacation; was relieved by Bro. C. S. Byrd, second trick, Reno, and Byrd was relieved by Mr. Hunt, who promises to join as soon, as he gets the coin.

Bro. G. W. Sims, agent at Delmar, while on vacation was relieved by J. T. Sacra, second trick, who was relieved by Bro. Moorehead.

Div. Cor.

Cleveland Division—

How can a non work his eight or nine-hour trick, step out of the office and say that the Government did a wise thing for him? Please bear this fact in mind, Mr. Non: If the O. R. T. men of the United States had not flooded the halls of Congress with telegrams and letters, when the hours of Service Bill was under consideration, and the prospects were it would be killed, and demanding its passage in no uncertain manner, you would still be on your little twelve-hour beat. So come in, Mr. Non, with the men who have done so much for you in the past. With the increase in numbers your membership will make us better able to do much more for you in the future.

Relieving the agent at Rushsylvania of the wire work, has made a vacancy on first trick. These vacancies are rather slow being advertised, and if some of our brother members will please wake up and keep the local chairman posted on these affairs, he will endeavor to have a better observance of our schedule by the officials.

Bro. Eberhard is visiting Seattle, San Francisco and other Western points of interest, during his vacation. He reports that the possession of an O. R. T. card has made his trip all the more pleasant. During Bro. Eberhard's absence from Rushsylvania, Mr. Fawcett is working first; Bro. Elliott, second, and Bro. Nelson, third trick. As the old saying is, "A rose between two thorns."

Bro. Gallagher, of Ridgeway, is the proud owner of a new card. If a few more nons would look at the bright side of life, as Bro. Gallagher did, when joining, we would soon become a solid body, working as one man. Awake! Ye sleepers—

By the time this is under cover, we can call J. H. Nelson and G. E. Dodd, of Harper, brothers. We are increasing in membership on the west end, and would like to see the men between Gaion and New London take more interest in the Order.

Bro. Ed. White, of "DK" tower, is back to work, after a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. J. F. Gambo bid in Burton St., leaving a vacancy at "F" tower

Mr. Le Valley, "the kid" extra man, is making quite a hit, tackling some very stiff lever and wire jobs. At present he is working at Linn-dale, in place of Bro. Bogan, who is sick. He is to be one of our future brothers, so treat him courteously.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Florida East Coast Ry.

This road is almost solid now, with the exception of a few agents who have been here for so many years that they imagine they have "a snap," and don't seem to want anything better. There are some of these, however, who could be induced to join, if the boys would only talk up the Order, and show them what it has already done for us.

Send them your RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS to read, and try to get the dispatchers interested also. I know of at least one up-to-date chief who says he would keep up his card even if he went to farming.

I remember a road on which I applied for a position not long ago, where the chief had a sign placed over his door, "No card, no favors." Now, we can put this road in the same position if we will only all go at it right.

Get after the W. U. boys, too, brothers. It won't be much trouble, the way they are all being treated now, to get them on our side.

Fruit and vegetable growers are beginning to ship oranges and grape fruit from several points along this line now. The tomato, celery and bean crops are fine and the agents will now likely be able to make up on their express shipments for the short catch of fish the past summer.

Ball games have been "the go" down this way the past summer, and a team of Indians from Oklahoma just about "eat up" the ball players "alive" nearly every place they tackled them, till it came to Palatka, where they were beaten by a score to 3 to 0, by the boys at that place. Hastings caught the fever and rushed out a team to Titusville, Cocoa, Eau Gallie and Ft. Pierce. Hastings put it over the Cocoa boys 5 to 0, showing they were good for something else besides "diggin' 'taters," but they met their Waterloo at Titusville, being beaten by the team at that point, 7 to 3. Bro. J. L. St. Clair, of the Eau Gallie team, went up to Cocoa and helped the boys out with the game there.

W. E. Stephens, our trainmaster, who fell from the coal chute at St. Augustine, recently, only survived the shock a few hours. We were all sorry to lose him, especially by such a fatal accident. He had been with this road only about two years, starting as a third trick dispatcher.

There have been very few changes on this road recently, and probably won't be before next summer. If we can only all hang on this coming winter,

perhaps, when business gets dull again, we may be able to get off on vacations and let the "relief boys" cuss the bugs, mosquitoes and poor express.

Several new offices will probably be opened up soon on the Key West extension between Knight's Key Dock and Key West, making a few more places for our boys.

Bro. R. S. Snell has been transferred from Titusville second trick to Eau Gallie third, Bro. A. B. Whilden relieving him.

Bro. R. L. Everdek, agent at Ft. Pierce, checked out for a few weeks' vacation, and has been relieved by Bro. Colder.

Bro. E. L. Cline, chief dispatcher at Miami, has returned from a few weeks' vacation in North Carolina.

SINGLE SHOT.

Mineral Range Ry.

Business still continues as good as during the past summer months, but navigation will soon close, and that will do away with the most of our coal traffic.

There are no new faces along the line; the whole bunch appear to be sticklers.

Quite a few have been off enjoying vacations, although it was hard to find extra men to relieve them.

The depot at Gay burned down recently, destroying all the records. The loss of the depot did not amount to much, as it simply consisted of two box cars placed end to end. It is to be replaced by a new stone or cement structure, which will no doubt look good to the people at Gay.

Telegrapher Cohen still hangs out at Mohawk. We have been unable so far to get him over into our lines.

Bro. Olsen has returned to Ahmeek after enjoying a two weeks' vacation around the copper country.

Bro. Galby has returned to Kearsarge after a two weeks' vacation, visiting down around Chicago and through Illinois. A Frenchman, from Montreal, who relieved him, was unable to speak English and the dispatchers no doubt had their troubles with him.

Bro. Cates holds forth at Calumet passenger depot, "UX," nights.

Bro. G. L. Allen has returned to Calumet yard after a three-week vacation with relatives down through Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. He was relieved by Bro. H. F. McMaster, who, on Bro. Allen's arrival, left on a three-week vacation down in the Southern part of the State on a fishing excursion.

Telegraphers Owen and Davis have traded places, Davis being now at Upper Mills and Owen at Lake Linden.

Bro. Warner is back at Hancock after enjoying a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. Sims.

Telegrapher Wileman holds down Keweenaw Bay.

Bro. Guthrie, at Moss, and Agent Housen, at the latter point, has also been enjoying a few weeks' vacation.

Mr. Boylan holds down Alston.

I hope that in the next write-up we can call more of our co-workers "brothers." The showing is not so bad, but it could be better. So long, 73's. "A."

Kingston & Pembroke Ry.

Although our road may not be as long as some of the others, it is just as wide, and our schedule practically the same as the Canadian Pacific has, with the exception that we receive overtime for any portion of an hour, after working twelve hours. We also received a 10 per cent increase in monthly pay. This is a very good start for our first schedule, and everyone on the line feels grateful to our committee, which assisted by Bro. D. Campbell, our worthy Third Vice-President, and Bro. G. D. Robertson, Local Chairman, C. P. System, put up such a hard fight to secure it for us.

Bro. Cameron Parham has returned to duty, looking hale and hearty, after rustication on the old home farm.

Our worthy chief, Bro. Clarke, spent his holidays with friends on Dalhousie Lake; relieved by Bro. Wells, of Godfrey, who was relieved by Relief Agent Bertram.

Bro. Walker, Mississippi, gave the ballast trains the "23," and took advantage of their absence to secure his holidays. Burleigh, Folger, will go next, and Sister Appleby, of Flower, will then take a trip out West for several months.

Business is picking up on the line, making overtime for our brother trainmen.

We are glad to see that Bro. Campbell, at Verona, has fully recovered.

Now, boys, keep the ball rolling, and let the old K. & P. be represented each month in our journal. CERT. 1908.

New Orleans Great Northern Ry.

There has never been anything published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER heretofore, to my knowledge, about "N. O. G. N.," and I think it is about time we were getting into the limelight. I wish to let all the brothers on connecting roads know that we are working hard for the Order, and have secured quite a few new members in a short while. At present we have a petition up for signatures of members to get up a system division on this road. We have struck several hard cases, but will soon find a way to handle these men, who have a supposed grievance against our Order, or who won't join through indifference and lack of union spirit; but who wish to reap all the benefit that they can, without paying anything for it. Such moral cowards have no thought of the future. Men who have been railroading for a number of years, and have no card of any kind, usually have few friends. Many of these seem never to have given true unionism a thought, and when you talk to them they say, "I

believe in unionism all right," but ask one of them to get a card, and nine times out of ten they will give some poor excuse, and will not join unless they are compelled to in order to get a job. These men find out sooner or later that the best way is the only way, and some of them want to come across when it is too late. Take, for instance, the commercial telegraphers. There has been no discrimination shown by the companies between the strikers and the scabs, since the strike was called off. Both having been treated very badly, and working conditions are worse, and salaries smaller than ever before. This treatment of the scabs is a sample of what corporations do for those remaining "loyal" to them. I should think it was about time men were waking up to the fact that they will have to protect themselves and stand together, or they will never get anything like decent treatment.

We soon expect to get our charter, and hope our brothers on the I. C. and N. O. and N. E., with whom we work, will take a little interest, and find out who is who over here, and help us along with the good work. Get busy, brothers. We can accomplish much in a short time if we will only work hard. "XI."

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Allegheny Division—

The latest discipline bulletin shows quite a number of cases of sleeping on duty, which is to be regretted, because many persons argue that the reduction in the number of hours of service has not been of material benefit to the telegrapher, and that it has not increased the efficiency of that department. The difficulty seems to be that the operator, having been accustomed for so many years, to working twelve and more hours a day, seems to be utterly unable to make a good use of the surplus time, and it hangs heavy on his hands. He seems to lack ambition to study, or in other ways improve the three or four hours added to his leisure each day. If some one could only point out a way for him to employ his spare time profitably, the result would be a blessing to society in general and to the telegrapher in particular.

It may be that we are worse off now than when we were confined to our offices for twelve hours a day, as it kept us out of mischief that much longer. Most people are benefited when they are restrained from carrying out the fancies of their idle hours, the telegrapher being no exception. It is clearly the duty of our leaders to devise some means, by which we can put to better use the extra time which has been thrust upon us. We believe this is a subject worthy of attention, and trust some one will be able to suggest something of value along these lines.

Once more I would urge upon every one of you to be ever watchful of the company's interests, and when any irregularity comes to your notice send a statement to the division operator. It is not intended that you should report every trifling thing that transpires, but matters of a serious nature that will be investigated anyway, and

which affects this department, should be promptly reported in order that the head of our department may be fully aware of what is going on, and in case he is called upon for an explanation he may be prepared to properly defend himself and those within his jurisdiction. If you, at any time, perform some useful act, not exactly within your prescribed duties, do not fail to make a written report of it, with a view toward securing a commendation, which will be of material benefit to you, should you subsequently become subject to discipline.

Sister Mercer has resigned as agent as Sabula, we understand to embark upon the sea of matrimony. We extend to her and her husband our very best wishes for a long and untroubled journey through life. She was a loyal, worthy and consistent member, and we trust she will always carry a card.

Sister Snyder, at Oil City, recently, attending the investigation of the accident at Kennerdell, when the pay-train ran into another train on the main track. She was not to blame for the accident, her testimony was required to fix the responsibility.

The new office recently established at Bell, where the L. S. & M. S. connects with the Low Grade, is manned as follows: Bro. E. J. Stanley, first; V. E. Cable, second, and Bro. M. L. Stanley, third. It will probably be solid O. R. T. before this is in print.

Bro. J. A. Bever has returned to second at Ford City, after a 30-day leave of absence spent in the West, including a visit to headquarters in St. Louis.

Bro. J. B. Reynolds has returned to Kittanning after an extended trip South and West. He was relieved by Bro. Canfield, extra telegrapher.

Bro. W. W. McCollum has returned to third trick at Red Bank, after quite a lengthy vacation. He was exonerated from any blame in the recent yards accident.

Bro. R. D. Jones, third trick "NY," injured while playing ball recently was relieved by Extra Telegrapher S. Q. Hull.

Bro. J. E. Landis has secured third trick at Falls Creek on bid.

Bro. A. M. Fuller, of "K" office, Oil City, has returned to duty after spending a two weeks' vacation at Corry and Spartansburg.

Bro. J. C. Lamb has returned to duty at Riverside Junction after a few weeks leave of absence.

If there is a non working near you, invite him to join our ranks and help us to complete organization. Our "Star of Hope" is in the ascendancy, and if every member will call himself an organization committee and secure at least one new member, or induce a delinquent member to pay up, that for which we are striving will be assured.

Every member get a member. "BRIGHAM."

P. & N. W. Division—

I regret that I am unable to secure any information as to what is taking place on our division. I have asked the boys for a helping hand, but have failed to receive any news from them. They

do not seem to care whether the news of this division is published or not. It is time we were waking up and showing our sincerity as members by doing all in our power to make our division solid. If we will all work together we will soon succeed in making our road solid. Try and give me a little news from your offices for the coming month, and I will do all I possibly can to have the P. & N. W. properly noticed in every issue of our official publication. We must show to those who are not yet with us, by example as well as by precept, the great necessity of becoming members of our Order. To the knockers we say: "If you can't boost, don't knock!" Think this over, boys, and try to realize what you are to the O. R. T. Drv. Coa.

Susquehanna Division—

Sister H. I. Williams, second trick at "D," had leave of absence, September 13th. If she could only have had the 14th off also, and attended the meeting at Williamsport with her brothers, she would no doubt have enjoyed the meeting as well as the company.

Bro. E. F. Holmes, third trick at "GD," went to Center Hall to work on the L. & T. R. R. several days, on account of the Grangers' Picnic. Bro. Strunk went to Rising Springs for the same purpose.

Bros. T. A. Minnier, second, and A. Wetzel, third trick at "HU," were relieved for several days recently by Telegrapher F. W. Wetzel on second and Telegrapher Walborn on third.

Telegrapher E. I. Leister, third trick at "FY," was relieved by Mr. Fenstermacher, September 4th.

Telegrapher F. W. Wetzel worked second trick at "VN," September 6th in place of Relief Telegrapher Strunk.

Bro. H. T. Derrick, with his wife, enjoyed a week's vacation recently, taking in Niagara Falls.

W. H. Kebach worked first trick at "RV" while Bro. Riland was clerking at Herndon Station during Agent Wagner's vacation.

Bro. N. A. Steffen, of "CF," attended the Sunday school picnic at Edgewood Park, Shamokin, on August 28th.

Bro. M. A. Burns and W. H. Kebach worked relief trick No. 4 during Bro. Derrick's absence.

Bro. A. Wetzel, third trick at "HU," was relieved by his brother, F. W., during a short leave of absence.

Fred expects to carry an up-to-date card in the near future.

Kauffman and Putt, of Halifax, took in the sights at the seashore on their vacation, F. W. Wetzel working second trick at "UR."

Bro. E. F. Bailets, first trick at "D," was relieved by W. H. Kebach, of Dalmatia.

Bro. Strunk worked for Bro. Bourne, first trick at "RF," September 18.

Bro. M. A. Burns worked for Bro. Lantz, of "GD," September 11th.

Bro. J. E. Rubendall, extra operator in "GO," visited his parents, Sunday, September 18th.

Bro. M. A. Burns is working third trick at "GD," in Bro. Holmes' place. Drv. Coa.



MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 124 is due July 1, 1909.

Time for payment expires Aug. 31, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....	\$2.40 per year
On 500 00 (Series B).....	3.60 per year
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....	7.20 per year

BENEFITS PAID DURING SEPTEMBER, 1909.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CERT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
930..	Ernest L. Amley.....	Tuberculosis	16..	12290..	C..	\$1,000 00
933..	Douglas G. McLearen..	Cerebral Spinal Meningitis....	59..	12266..	B..	500 00
934..	Jesse Roy Greene.....	Appendicitis	54..	18622..	B..	500 00
935..	Martin F. Boehmer....	Malarial Pernicious	Grand..	16946..	B..	500 00
936..	Nelson H. Hileman....	Paresis.....	2..	15464..	B..	500 00
937..	Charles E. Crawford...	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	32..	19689..	B..	500 00
938..	Millard F. Brown.....	Sun Stroke.....	31..	9033..	B..	500 00
939..	Arthur Leon Wyatt....	Otitis Media	38..	24456..	C..	1,000 00
940..	Joseph Cronin.....	Heat Prostration Causing Heart Failure.....	38..	29949..	A..	300 00
941..	Nicholas E. Lacy.....	Accidentally Killed by Train...	8..	11331..	B..	500 00
942..	Floyd H. Campbell....	Struck by Fast Freight Train..	7..	6439..	C..	1,000 00
943..	Otto C. Franke.....	Typhoid Fever	123..	19130..	B..	500 00
944..	Archie P. Brake.....	Accidental Drowning.....	93..	24816..	C..	1,000 00
945..	L. P. Pelletier.....	Consumption.....	7..	5662..	C..	1,000 00
946..	Chas. A. Davis.....	Hemorrhage from Bowels.....	6..	11213..	C..	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to August 31, 1909	\$814,551 52
Received on Assessment Account September, 1909.....	2,841 69
	<u>\$817,393 21</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to August 31, 1909.....	\$554,681 47
Death Claims paid in September	10,300 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,198 15
Assessments transferred to dues.....	205 13
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, September 30, 1909.....	251,008 46
	<u>\$817,393 21</u>

L. W. QUICK,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

General Offices, St. Louis, Mo.

GRAND OFFICERS.

H. B. PERHAM.....President	L. W. QUICK.....Grand Secretary and Treasurer
St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis, Mo.
J. A. NEWMAN.....First Vice-President	T. M. PIERSON.....Second Vice-President
Flat "B," 3960 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Ill.	St. Louis, Mo.
D. CAMPBELL.....Third Vice-President	J. J. DERMODY.....Fourth Vice-President
264 Rushholme Road, Toronto, Ont.	St. Louis, Mo.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. O. Sinks, Chairman, Jefferson St. Depot, Portland, Ore.	C. E. Layman, Troutville, Va.
Geo. O. Forbes, Secretary, Spring Hill Junction, N. S.	C. G. Kelso, 1106 N. Jefferson St., Springfield, Mo.
	Geo. E. Joslin, Lock Box 11, Centerdale, R. I.

ADVERTISING.

All correspondence pertaining to advertising should be addressed to W. N. Gates, Advertising Manager, Garfield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

DIVISION DIRECTORY.

GRAND DIVISION—Attached membership not confined to any particular railroad or territory. H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Masonic Temple, cor. Main and Market sts. (P. O. Bldg.), Lewistown, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munea, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo.; W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen'l Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 53 Jameson ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st., and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. A. Haughey, Local Chairman, 14 Prospect st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division meets 3d Saturday evening in Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at Rochester, N. Y.; Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov., at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. M. B. Lynch, Local Chairman, 962 State st., Schenectady, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Wednesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Beech Creek District meets 2d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Mechanics' Hall, South Clearfield, Pa. J. W. Martenis, Local Chairman, Vilas, Pa. Electric Div. and Grand Central Terminal—Meets 2d Wednesday at 9:30 a. m., and 4th Wednesday, at 8 p. m., each month, Colonial Building, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York. H. D. Murty, Local Chairman of Grand Central Terminal, 115 South High st., Mount Vernon, N. Y. E. M. O'Meara, Local Chairman of Electric Div., Dumont, N. J.; G. P. Alrutz, Asst. Local Chairman, in charge of Station Depart-

- ment, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div. —Regular meetings will be held at North Tona-wanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.
- No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2nd floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; F. K. Ament, S. & T., Box 205, Malvern, Pa.
- No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N. 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.
- No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.
- No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.
- No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount, Ont.
- No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.
- No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System, 1st, 2nd and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio. A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
- No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyan, Pa.; C. E. Downie, Local Chairman, Southern Div., South Falls-burgh, N. Y.; S. H. Mulligan, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., Middletown, N. Y.; F. A. Wood, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., East Branch N. Y.; W. F. Persbacher, Local Chairman, Scranton Div., Dickson City, Pa.; P. A. Towner, Local Chairman Northern Div., Sidney, N. Y.; F. A. McCuen, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Div., Oneida, N. Y.
- No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.
- No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System. R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Dumas, Ark.
- No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., and the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Ry. Systems. District meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.; E. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.
- No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberg, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 837 High st., Williamsport, Pa.
- No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex.; J. O. Edgington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex.; I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex.; L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.
- No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Thursday each month at 8 p. m., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y. E. N. Pickerill, Chief Tel., Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, N. Y.; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.
- No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7016 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; E. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., 1516 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office, Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. J. D. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman Eastern District, Baltimore Division; C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO," General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman; M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburgh Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburgh, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio, G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35—PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., 373½ Main st., Springfield, Mass. H. I. Woodward, Chief Tel., 156 Carew st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Crowthorn, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2603 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton, Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairman.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. B. C. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 17 Bergen ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. W. Aiken, Gen'l Chairman, Cotopaxi, Colo., A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2015 Routt ave., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, Gen'l Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. A. A. Kolb, Chief Tel., 570 Duquesne ave., Swissvale, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., ~~Tobacco~~ Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, Drexel, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets fourth Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets

- 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.
- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingan Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road. St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.
- No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S. W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.
- No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Asst Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy O. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nicholls, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.
- No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets third Sunday each month at Hattiesburg, Miss.; J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., Shriver, Miss.
- No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Decatur, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne Gen'l Chairman, Limestone, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.
- No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2 next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden,

N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.

No. 85 TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J.; N. T. Bryson, Chief Tel., 84 Sweets ave., Trenton, N. J.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.

No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m. and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.

No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T. Carbondale, Pa.

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. DeSouza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m. in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 4831 Pensacola ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and

Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18th South Catherin st. Mobile, Ala.

No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.

No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Belmond, Iowa.

No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Tempe, Ariz.

No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Englehart, Ont.

No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. T. M. Seem, Chief Tel., Starkey, N. Y.; D. R. Dunning, S. & T., 103 Smith st., Elmira, N. Y.

No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.

No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.

No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.

No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.

No. 105 CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H.; G. A. Hall, Chief Tel., Boscawen, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen N. H.

No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.

No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.

- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.
- No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets first Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Cone-maugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.
- No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.
- No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tuppersville, N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres, Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; J. H. McLean, Acting Gen'l S. & T., L'Anse, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:15 p. m.: Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct. and Nov., and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, Sept. and Dec. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springfield, Ind.
- No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and of place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edwards, N. Y.
- No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets second Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, third floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E. Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A. South End, Penola, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., fourth Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Box 176, Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; I. W. Lusk, S. & T., 406 Chestnut st., Virginia, Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Board of Trade Bldg., Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Local Chairmen. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Bladell, N. Y., and Local Chairman Eastern Division; E. E. Smith, G. S. & T., Stoneboro, Pa., and Local Chairman Franklin Division; C. D. Hull, 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio, Local Chairman, Toledo Division; J. H. Walker, Hillsdale, Mich., Local Chairman Michigan Division; M. S. Lowe, Monroe, Mich., Local Chairman Detroit Division; W. R. Adams, 402 W. 7th st., Auburn, Ind., Local Chairman, Lansing Division; E. D. Graham, 207 E. 7th st., Mishawaka, Ind., Local Chairman Western Division.
- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.

No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—C. A. Bilo-deau, Chief Tel., Beauce, Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.

No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on second Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.

No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets third Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.

No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Bldg., Olean, N. Y.; D. F. Cashman, Chief Tel, Machias Junction, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Cal-cium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 138—Division covers C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chair-man, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, In-dianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Bldg., Springfield, Ohio. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman. Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman. Indianapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Divi-sion meets at Greensburg, monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Sum-man, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets sub-ject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; I. A. Schlosser, 111 N. Lynn st., Urbana, Ill., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlemoir, Local Chairman, Carrier Mills, Ill.

No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fel-lows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. V. W. Hobbs, Gen'l Chairman, Mattawamkeag, Maine; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. B. Dunn, Gen'l Chairman, Centre Point, Texas; J. H. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Josephine st., San Antonio, Texas.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & West-ern Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chair-man. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. I. C. Hart, Gen'l Chairman, Elmira, Mich.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.

No. 144 - Division covers the Trinity and Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Texas.

No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. Geo. C. Webster, G. S. & T., Dalhart, Texas.

No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. W. M. English, Gen'l Chairman, Talladega, Ala.; J. C. Means, Gen'l S. & T., Oglethorpe, Ga.

No. 147—Division covers the Norfolk & Southern Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. R. S. Tilden, Gen'l Chairman, 32 George st., Newbern, N. C.; Chas. D. Lane, Gen'l S. & T., Dover, N. C.

No. 148—Division covers the Grand Trunk West-ern Ry. System. M. P. Brophy, Gen'l S. & T., Upton Works, Mich.

No. 149, PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—T. L. Kiser, Chief Tel., Old Bridge, N. J. S. W. Skirm, S. & T., Perth Amboy, N. J.

TWIN CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB—Meets second Saturday night each month at Columbia Hall, Prior and University aves., St. Paul, Minn. R. R. Foulkes, Pres., 232 Cayuga st., St. Paul, Minn.; T. H. Line, S. & T., 2365 Doswell ave., St. Paul, Minn.

TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF N. Y.—Meets subject to call of President at "The Plaza," 141st st. and Edgecombe ave., New

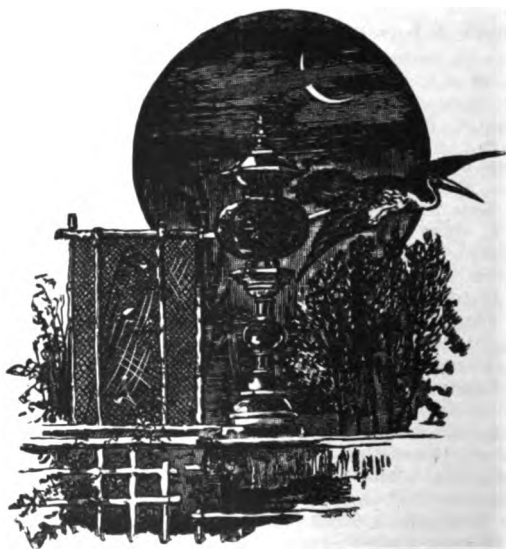
York City; M. G. Woolley, President, 155th st. and 8th ave., New York City; E. Neumuller, S. & T., 126 Union st., High Bridge, New York City.

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF RICHMOND, VA.—Meets at Picket Camp Hall, 307 N. 7th st., second Saturday night of each month. All O. R. T. men are cordially invited. There will be short talks on various subjects of interest to telegraphers at each meeting.

PRETZEL CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB, FREEPORT, ILL.—Meets third Friday night of each month at Stein Hall, 103 Stephenson st., Freeport, Ill. All O. R. T. members are cor-

dially invited. This club is organized more particularly in the interests of the telegraphers of the C. M. & St. P., C. G. W., and I. C. Railways, all of whom should make special effort to attend. Walter Kelly, Chief Tel., Rutland, Ill.; H. E. Kiester, S. & T., 60 Second st., Freeport, Ill.

DIXIE TWIN ORDER TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB OF ATLANTA, GA.—Meets second Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., Federation Hall. All up-to-date O. R. T. and C. T. U. of A. brothers cordially invited to attend. C. H. Livsey, President, East Point, Ga.; Lawson Lamar, Vice-President, Gould Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Miss Dita May West, S. & T., 319 E. Georgia ave., Atlanta, Ga.



Fighting the Trust



READ! A Watch Offer Without Parallel

Write for our FREE book on watches; a book that posts you on "selling systems," and explains the reasons for our most remarkable rock-bottom-price offer DIRECT TO YOU on the highest grade Burlington.

IF YOU WANT a highest grade watch (ladies' or gentlemen's), or if you ever expect to own such a watch, write NOW for the free Burlington book. See coupon below.

We won't "knuckle down" to selling systems among dealers, so we have decided to make such a tremendous and wonderful offer direct to the public on a first-class time piece, that no trust, no dealers under contract will or can stop us.

You too will seize this opportunity to get the "Burlington Special" direct on this wonderful offer.

You should not buy a worthless watch just because it is cheap. Nor need you pay trust prices now for a top-notch watch. The free Burlington book explains.

\$2.50 A Month At A No-Trust Price

\$2.50 a month for the world's most superb time piece! The easiest payments at the rock-bottom—the No-Trust price. To assure us that everybody will quickly accept this introductory direct offer, we allow cash or easy payments just as you prefer.

No Money Down

We ship the watch on approval, prepaid (your choice of lady's or gentleman's open face or hunting case). You risk absolutely nothing—you pay nothing—not one cent—unless you want the great offer after seeing and thoroughly inspecting the watch.

Get the FREE Burlington Book

THIS BOOKLET will quickly convince you too that you DO want a No-Trust watch—made in the independent factory that is fighting the trust as best it can by giving better quality and superior workmanship throughout; we will quickly convince you that the Burlington watch, on which there is only one rock-bottom price (the same rock-bottom price everywhere) is THE watch for the discriminating buyer; that it is THE watch for the man or woman who wants, not the largest selling brand which everybody has, but the best watch, the watch bought by experts, THE watch that is absolutely perfect in its many points of superiority—the Burlington Watch.

You will be posted on inside facts and prices when you send for the Burlington Company's free book on watches.

BURLINGTON WATCH COMPANY
Suite 1217 Millard Station, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Now Write for the free book. It will tell you what you

ought to know before you even examine a watch. It will tell you the inside facts about watch prices, and will explain the many superior points of the Burlington over the double priced trust products.

Just send your name and address.

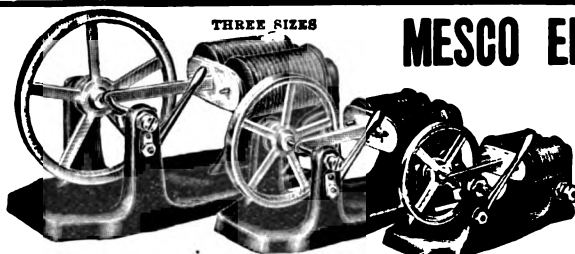
No Letter Is Necessary—
COUPON
Will Do

Name.....
Address.....

BURLINGTON
WATCH CO.
Suite 1217 Millard
Station
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

Please send me (without obligations and prepaid) your free book on watches and copy of your \$1,000 challenge, with full explanations of your cash or \$2.50 a month offer on the Burlington Watch.

Wireless Pamphlet and Catalog No. G24 ...FREE...



MESCO ELECTRIC ENGINES

Will run all kinds of Toys. Our engines can be belted up with long strings extending entirely across a room and a number of toys can be operated in this manner.

MADE IN THREE SIZES

List No. 1011.....Price, **\$1.25**

List No. 1012.....Price, **1.00**

List No. 1013.....Price, **.60**

No. 1011

No. 1012

No. 1013

CAN BE OPERATED BY RED SEAL BATTERIES

RED SEAL DRY BATTERY

Amperage over 20. Voltage over 1.50

The range of work this battery will do satisfactorily is equal to any battery on the market.

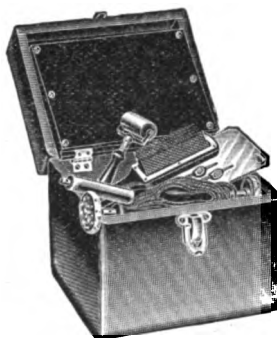


Positively guaranteed to give satisfaction for ignition or other work that dry batteries of any other make will do. Not intended for competition with cheap dry batteries on the market. Its class is with the highest priced batteries, and we guarantee the results on any kind of a test.

MADE IN THREE SIZES.

List No.	Size.	Price.
A 2445A	2½x6½ in.	\$0.25
A 2446B	3 x7½ in.	.45
A 2447C	3½x8½ in.	.55

APOLLO MEDICAL BATTERY



This new double cell medical battery is particularly recommended where more current is desired than can be obtained from the single cell type. It is furnished in polished oak or mahogany case. All metal parts finished in polished nickel. Dimensions, 9x7x8 in. high. Furnished with one Foot Plate, one Foot Sponge, one Massage Roller, one Hair Brush and two Metal

Hand Electrodes, two Wooden Electrode Handles, one pair Silk Conducting Cords. It has Nickel-Plated Binding Posts, Battery and Pole Changing Switches. Induction Coil arranged with graduated scale. All Electrodes contained in a separate compartment.

List No. 223. Apollo Battery.....**\$7.20**

STEEL LEVER KEYS



All parts are handsomely finished. Has nickel-plated lever, gutta percha knobs and highly polished brasswork. It is the standard of the Postal and Western Union Telegraph Companies. Price... **\$1.00**

By mail, 9c extra.

STEEL LEVER KEYS TOP CONNECTIONS

A thoroughly reliable instrument that has been universally adopted by telegraphers. All keys are fitted with our improved adjustment spring holder.



Price.....**\$1.10**

By mail, 9c extra.

EUREKA TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENT



A moderate priced combination set, being low in price, durable and efficient. Copy of Philosophy and Practice of Morse Telegraphy free with each instrument. Wound, 5

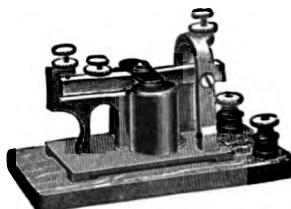
ohms, \$1.25; Wound, 20 ohms, \$1.40.

IMPROVED GIANT SOUNDER

Unequaled for quick action, loudness and clear tone. A very popular instrument with expert telegraphers.

Price, 5 ohms,

\$1.40



MANHATTAN ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CO., New York

NEW YORK,
17 Park Place.
110 West 42nd Street (Branch).
37 West 125th Street (Branch).

General Offices and Salesrooms

CHICAGO,
188 Fifth Avenue.
FACTORIES (Lewy City, N. Y.
Evansville, Ind.)

I Guarantee to Cure ECZEMA TO STAY CURED!



It is also called **SALT RHEUM, SCALD HEAD, TETTER, ITCH, WEEPING SKIN, MILK CRUST, PRURITUS**—these are different names, but all mean one thing—**ECZEMA**.

**DR. J. E. CANNADAY,
THE DOCTOR WHO
TREATS NOTHING
BUT ECZEMA.**

I prove every word that I have said—I give to every sufferer

A FREE TRIAL

Just to show you that you need my treatment. It is yours for the asking. If you have been to other Doctors, if you have taken patent medicine, and used lotions and salves till you are disgusted, write to me—I will send you **ABSOLUTELY FREE OF CHARGE, A TRIAL TREATMENT**. There are no strings to this statement. There is not one cent to pay—not a penny accepted. I know what my trial treatment will do; I know that it will convince you more than anything else on earth that you need my treatment.

Don't Miss This Chance for a Cure

If you are **SUFFERING FROM ECZEMA** you can only be cured one way—**REMOVE THE CAUSE**. What is the cause? **ACID IN THE BLOOD**. How do you remove it? By cleansing the blood of the **ACID**.

My treatment is soothing—relieves the dreadful itching at once and cures the disease quickly. You don't have to take treatment for months and months. **ONLY ONE CASE IN TEN** needs the second treatment—**ONE IN FIFTY** needs the third—think of that!

What Eczema Is

Eczema is a disease of the blood and affects all parts of the body—the face, lips, ears, hands, feet, genital organ, etc.

SYMPTOMS.—Yellowish red eruption; the pimples or patches may swell and the itching is so great the person will scratch the top off, then they bleed and dark scales form; there is an oozing of matter. In some the skin cracks and bleeds. Itching is terrible; a person suffering will scratch till they bleed. Scales form on parts of the body, where the clothing comes in contact.

Ten Years Guarantee

I positively Guarantee that every case cured by me will stay cured **10 YEARS!** It must be good or it could not be sold this way.

Strong as Rock of Gibraltar

I am a graduate from two leading medical schools. I am the holder of a **GOLD MEDAL** taken in Competitive Examination. Does this not show that I am fully qualified? I will send you my book, showing endorsements of business men of all classes. Also testimonials and pictures from cured patients everywhere. Some of them may be **YOUR NEIGHBORS**.

MY BOOK

Is the most complete book ever sent out. I explain every form of the disease plainly and fully. I show pictures of many severe cases, which are extremely interesting. I send you names of thousands who have been cured and are grateful.

DR. J. E. CANNADAY
900 Park Square
Sedalia, Mo.

Reliable Beyond Question

This is a statement from the bank of my home town, where I have done business for years.

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF SEDALIA,
Sedalia, Mo.
February 11th, 1908.

February 11th, 1908.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This certifies that Dr. Cannaday's patients, from all over the United States, have been placing their money in this bank while they tried his treatment on eczema. In all this time we have been called upon but five times to return the patients money.

One died before the treatment was shipped; two did not get the treatment as it was lost in transit; one paid cash for the treatment three days later after getting her money; and one was not satisfied.

*Citizens Nat. Bank
R. F. Harmon
Sedalia, Mo.*

FREE OFFER—OUT HERE

Dr. J. E. Cannaday,
900 Park Square
Sedalia, - Mo.:
Please send without cost to me prepaid Free trial treatment, also copy of your Free Book.

Name.....

Address.....

Treatment and literature sent in plain wrapper.

WE SELL ON TIME

TO REPUTABLE OPERATORS



Note the
two lower
sills are
steel tub-
ing.

Buda No. 10 Motor Velocipede.

Many who intend "some day" buying a car put in the "some day" clause because they have not the ready money. Now you need not wait on this account. You can purchase a car from us on monthly installments convenient to you and use the car in the meantime.

If you expect ever to get a car, you need it now just as much as ever you will. Why not, then, arrange to get one now? Why deprive yourself of the advantages of a car until some later time?

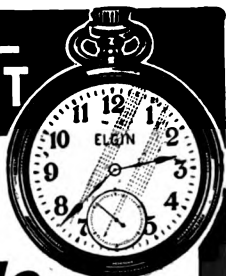
Money you would spend in some other way you can apply to a car and no doubt get a good deal more benefit out of it. A car of this kind comes about as near being a business necessity and a luxury at the same time as anything one can think of. It is certainly a boon to the man at a small station. Some of our cars have seat arranged for passengers. We sell lots of these velocipedes to operators, and everywhere they are declared the best. And they are.

Hand Propelled Velocipedes. These cost less of course. Some find they serve their purpose very well. Being ball-bearing they operate easily. We sell them on time also. Get our new catalogue and look them over.

Write today for our New Catalogue Jy. T. 135. It shows all types of Motor and Hand Propelled Velocipedes.

BUDA FOUNDRY & MFG. CO.
CHICAGO, ILL.

ELGIN WATCHES - ON - CREDIT



**GUARANTEED TO PASS
ANY RAILROAD INSPECTION**



P. S. HARRIS,
Pres. Harris-Goar Company.
Mr. Harris and the Harris-Goar
Co. are well known and recom-
mended by the Kansas City Banks.

Let Me
Send you this Genuine 21-
JEWEL ELGIN in Double
Strata Hand Engraved, Gold
Filled Case, Guaranteed for
25 Years, \$38.00, only
\$5⁰⁰ a Month

**THIS IS THE WATCH
YOUR JOB DEMANDS!**

It's accuracy protects property, lives, positions, and makes
of it the **KING OF RAILROAD WATCHES.**

READ--

The Correct Factory De-
scription of this 21-Jewel
Elgin and you will know
Why it is the
Official Watch of MORE Railroads than
ALL OTHER WATCHES
COMBINED.

Open Face; Lever Set; Nickel. 21-ruby
and Sapphire jewels (gold settings); adjusted to temper-
ature, isochronism, and five positions; double roller es-
capement with steel escape wheel, pallet arbor and
escape pinion, cone-pivoted and cap jeweled, exposed
sapphire pallet stones, compensating balance, Breguet
hairspring, micrometric regulator, patent recoiling click,
double-sunk dial, dust ring, engraving inlaid with gold
damaskeened plates; closely timed and finely finished
throughout.

We ask no security and no interest—just plain honesty among men. Our Elgin Watches
are so well known and our Credit Plan so Easy, that no matter where you live, **we will trust you**, so that
you and every honest man and woman can own a genuine 21 Jewel Elgin, guaranteed to pass any railroad in-
spection, in a beautiful gold filled case, **guaranteed for 25 years**, and you wear it while paying for it in
such small payments that you never miss the money.

EVERY WATCH SENT PREPAID No Money Down

You assume no risk whatever in dealing with us, because **before you buy or pay one cent, we place the**
watch of your choice right in your own hands and let it do its own talking. Elgin watches are made
strong and accurate. This is the reason we can send them on approval and **guarantee safe delivery.** You
cannot afford to buy a watch of any kind until you have our catalog and prices for we are the Largest Watch
House in America and will sell you a fine Elgin Watch **\$2.00 A MONTH.**
at \$15.00 to \$25.00 on terms of

Our Big Free Watch Catalog
contains the true Factory description of every High-Grade Elgin watch
made. You and your friends should have it. Our prices and the simplici-
ty of our Easy Credit Plan will astonish you.

Just Your Name and Address on a postal or
the coupon will
bring you our **FREE CATALOG** and a photograph and history of the Elgin
Factory, the largest in the world,

**Send For
Catalog
Today**

BARGAINS FOR WOMEN.

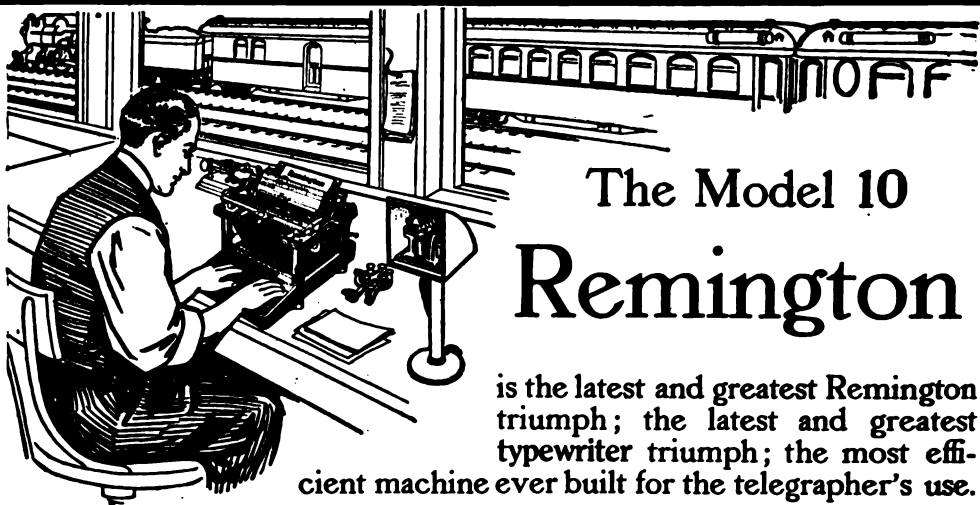
Every woman should send for
our Free Catalog. It will enable
you to buy Watches, Diamonds,
Solid Gold Jewelry, Silverware,
etc., and pay for them out of your
pin money. **WRITE TODAY**
for CATALOG. Do it NOW!
HARRIS-GOAR CO.

**HARRIS-GOAR
COMPANY**

1367 Grand Ave.
**KANSAS
CITY,
MO.**

JUST YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS WILL DO.
HARRIS-GOAR CO. 1367 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.
Please send me your Free Catalog of Elgin Watches and Inside
Look on Fake Watches. Also your Easy Credit Plan of sell-
ing Elgin Watches to Money Down, \$2.00 a month.

NAME _____
POST OFFICE _____
STATE _____
R.F.D. _____



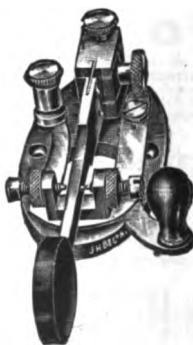
The Model 10 Remington

is the latest and greatest Remington triumph; the latest and greatest typewriter triumph; the most efficient machine ever built for the telegrapher's use.

The Model 10 has all the famous Remington qualities which have always made the Remington the telegrapher's choice, combined with new features which mean more work and faster work with less labor than ever before.

Remington Typewriter Company
(Incorporated)
New York and Everywhere

THE DOUBLE SPEED KEY IS THE COMING KEY



Why pay big money for a Complicated Device with a fantastic name when Double Speed Key will do the work faster and better and can be bought for one-third the price? Get one and be convinced. Send for circular.

AGENTS WANTED EVERYWHERE.

J. H. BUNNELL & CO.,

Manufacturers of High-Grade Telegraph Apparatus.

20 Park Place

NEW YORK

OUR NEW CATALOGUE 25 X SENT ON APPLICATION.



Learning the trade at home and making money at the same time.



This handsome Jewelry Store is owned by two young men who learned at home.

Make \$25 to \$75 a Week as a Watch Repairer And We'll Start a Jewelry Business for You Like This

Watch repairers make big money. Some earn up to \$75 a week. In the jewelry business there is no limit. Some jewelers today are worth millions. You can learn this profitable business at home, in spare time, without interfering with your present work.

The watch repairing lessons are simple and easily understood—and you can learn the trade in a few weeks. And remember, the course is free. Even the text books, charts and photo prints showing each movement. There is no stock for you to buy—practically the only expense you will have is to get a few tools when you need them.

Then, after you have mastered the trade, we'll start you in the jewelry business. We will furnish you handsome jewelry catalogs with your own name on them. Give a copy to every one in your vicinity. When you get an order send to us for the goods. In this way you can work up a

big business without carrying a stock. As the business expands we establish you in a store of your own.

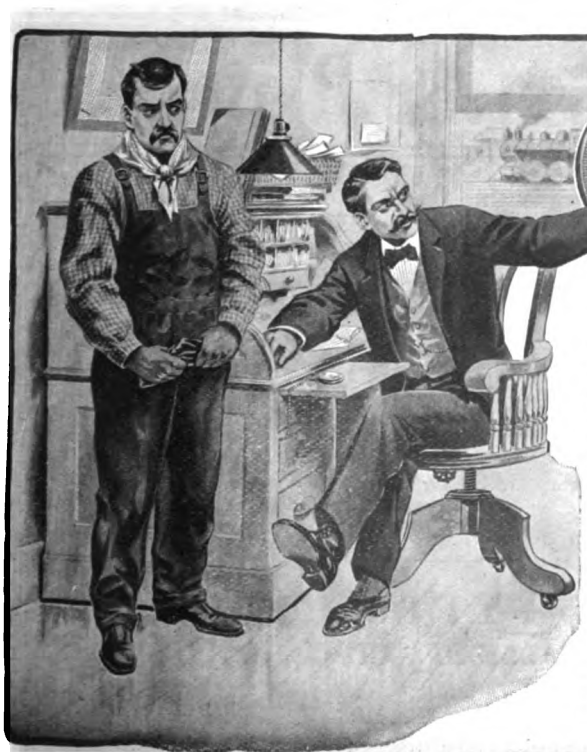
You can shake off the shackles of drudgery and become a 20th century, clever business man—Independent and successful in your home town. Resolve now to begin—the sooner you commence the sooner you will be established. Take the matter up with me personally—now.

Chas. F. Elmore, Principal Watchmaking College

Rogers, Thurman & Co.
WHOLESALE JEWELERS

80 Wabash Ave.

Chicago, Ill.



**THE
RAILROAD
MAN'S
WATCH**

The variation of a minute may mean lives lost and property ruined. The Railroad man who has a

ROCKFORD

is safe and secure. It is recognized as standard by the Official Railroad Watch Inspectors. It is specially made to meet the exacting requirements of Railroadings.

ABSOLUTELY FREE

Upon request, we will send without charge, a pretty and convenient vest-pocket time-card case. It should be in the possession of every Railroad man.

THE
ROCKFORD WATCH CO.
ROCKFORD, ILL.

GET THIS \$1200.00 NEXT MONTH!

WHAT A BLESSING TO ALWAYS HAVE MONEY IN ABUNDANCE



"SEE IT ENERGIZE."
See view Comb. Portable
and Bathroom Outfit.

You can. Hundreds Getting Rich the "New Way." Said to be world's greatest and surest money maker. One man actually made \$1281.00 IN ONE MONTH, \$51.50 IN 15 MINUTES, \$800.00 IN EIGHT DAYS. Not a fairy tale, fake or humbug, but absolutely true—sworn statement. New, wonderful discovery. Causing great enthusiasm. Readers, listen, see, read how this invention has made, is making thousands of dollars for others. Does \$1200.00 Monthly "My sales \$1281.00 one month, \$1118.00 another. Best thing SWORN STATEMENT BY INTEREST YOU? ever sold. Not one complaint from 2000 customers." M. G. STONEMAN, Mont. "SOLD \$2212.00 IN 2 WEEKS. Not one dissatisfied user," writes Korstad & Mercer, Minn. "My sales \$1680.00 IN 73 DAYS," writes C. D. Rasp, Wis. "Canvassed 60 PEOPLE—GOT 55 ORDERS. Sold \$320.00 in 16 days," writes W. H. Resse, Pa. "Enclosed order for \$115.00 FIRST DAYS WORK. Best thing I ever worked," writes L. H. Langley, N. D. "Everybody thinks apparatus finest thing. Sold 15 one afternoon," writes Miss Eva Edwards, Nev., after ordering 73. "I averaged \$164.25 WEEKLY for three months, undoubtedly best line on market," writes J. W. Beem, Kan. "Finest seller I ever saw, catches the eye. Don't want anything better. SELL 8 OUT OF 10 HOUSES," writes Wm. Maroney, Okla. "A man that can't sell your outfit couldn't sell bread in a famine, send 48 more," writes J. B. Cashman, Minn. "I make \$100.00 DAILY," writes J. Sevegne, N. H. HUNDREDS MEN AND WOMEN TELL OF WONDERFUL SUCCESS equipping town and farm homes with Allen's Portable Bath Apparatus, 50,000 already sold. Acknowledged best thing ever happened for humanity. Nothing like it. Gives every home a modern bathroom for only \$5.00. Think of it! Costs nothing to operate. Used wherever water in any form exists. So energizes water that one gallon does more than tub full old way. Gives cleansing, friction, massage, shower baths altogether or separately. Cleanses almost automatically. Makes bathing 5 minute operation. Only clean, running water touches body—no immersion. No tubs, buckets, bowls, washrags or sponges—no plumbing. Insures cleanliness without drudgery—prolongs life—prevents disease. Small, but mighty—carried in grip. Endorsed by famous Bath Creek Sanitarium and other celebrated authorities. Most popular, easiest, quickest, surest selling household article going.

Let us give you an appointment worth \$40.00 to \$60.00 weekly

plus freedom from drudgery, long hours, wage earning, bossism, job hunting. We want more AGENTS, SALESMEN, MANAGERS, either sex, at home or traveling, all or spare time, to take orders, appoint, supply, control sub-agents. Hustlers getting rich. EXPERIENCE UNNECESSARY. Simply supply enormous demand already made—that's all. Every customer anxious to boost your business. No easier, quicker certain way to make money. Exciting business—big profits—popular goods, guaranteed by an old reliable \$50,000.00 house—absolutely no competition—exclusive territory—co-operation and assistance. CREDIT GIVEN—SEND NO MONEY—only your name and address on a postal card today for world's greatest agency offer, valuable booklets, credit plan, proofs of phenomenal success—ALL FREE. COSTS NOTHING TO INVESTIGATE. MEET US THAT FAR ANYHOW.

THE ALLEN MFG. CO., - 2428 ALLEN BLDG., TOLEDO, OHIO

A Typewriter Proposal

¶ We are offering to you this month Remington models 6 and 7, at \$35.00, \$40.00 and 45.00, and Smith Premiers, model 2, at \$30.00, \$35.00 and \$40.00; (add \$5.00 for time payments). These machines, or any other make, are rebuilt in our own shop, and are as good as the day they came from the factory.

¶ We are making you this proposal. We will ship one of these typewriters to you. If it shows that it has ever been used, send it back at our expense. If you accept it, and within two weeks make up your mind it is not what you want, return it and get your MONEY BACK.

Send for our Booklet, "What Others Say."

McDONALD TYPEWRITER CO.
263 LASALLE ST., CHICAGO,

W. F. McDonald, Pres.
Secy.-Treas. Division 91, O. R. T.

John A. Black, Secy. & Treas.

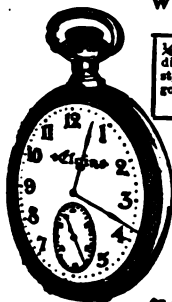
G. Del Jones,
Chief Td. Div. 91, O. R. T.

pay Now & Then

Let us send you Watch or Ring upon terms indicated. Remit first payment with order or have goods sent by prepaid express C. O. D. for your inspection.



Write today for Free Catalog No. J-7



1/2 carat commercial white perfect diamond set in any style, 14 carat solid gold mounting..... **\$30.00**
\$5 cash and \$5 per month.

Gents' O. F. 12, 16 or 18 size or ladies' 6 size plain or beautifully engraved 20-year, 14-kt. gold filled case fitted with genuine new Elgin or Waltham movement **\$12.50**

With hunting case, \$16.75.

\$2.00 cash and \$1.50 per month.

Herbert L. Joseph & Co.

Diamond Importers :: Watch Jobbers
217-219 [J-7.] State Street, Chicago

Rebuilt New



REMINGTON TYPEWRITERS

To members of O. R. T. only

No. 6 REMINGTON REBUILT NEW.
LATEST IMPROVED with No. 9 Speed Escapement, Push-In Variable Line Spacer.
CASH, with Order..... **\$50.00**
\$5.00 Cash with Order, Balance C. O. D., with Examination.. **55 00**
\$10.00 Cash with Order, \$10.00 Monthly..... **60.00**

SPLENDID No. 6 REMINGTON REBUILT NEW

Cash with Order..... **\$35.00**
\$5.00 with Order, Balance C. O. D., with Examination.. **40.00**
\$10.00 Cash with Order, Balance \$7.00 Monthly..... **45.00**

FULLY GUARANTEED

All other makes cheap

GENERAL TYPEWRITER REBUILDERS

81 Murray St., NEW YORK CITY



NOT AN ACCIDENT--A RESULT

The successful man is not an accident—he is not the product of lucky circumstances.

The successful man is the result of correct plans—thorough preparation—proper **TRAINING** for his work—as much as a good building is the result of correct plans and firm foundation.

Start the structure of your career with a foundation that will permit you to build big on it. Don't expect to make a twenty story success stand on a hasty and frail foundation.

The Great Correspondence Course in Business and Engineering offered by the American School of Correspondence gives you the opportunity of mastering and possessing the foundation stones of a Business or Engineering profession, on which you can build a great career, as broad as your abilities can expand—a basis from which you can reach for any position, with confidence in your ability to master it and fully conscious of your power to hold it.

This great Correspondence Course in Business and Engineering fits you to become a broad gauged man—at home with Business and Engineering problems, conversant with their methods and thorough mastering of all principles. This is the foundation on which you can build a business career of the highest attainment.

If you will fill in and mail the coupon to us to-day we will send you complete information about this great Correspondence Course in Business and Engineering—will tell you how you can qualify for the position you wish to hold—will tell you how quickly and easily a few hours study each week will give you the success you desire and a larger salary.

Just mail the Coupon. Our advice and complete Bulletin will cost you nothing.

FREE INFORMATION COUPON,

American School of Correspondence:

CHICAGO, U. S. A.

Please send me your Bulletin and advise me how I can qualify for position marked "X."

..... Book-Keeper	..... Draftsman
..... Stenographer	..... Architect
..... Accountant	..... Civil Engineer
..... Cost Accountant	..... Electrical Engineer
..... Systematizer	..... Mechanical Engineer
..... Cert'd Public Acc't	..... Sanitary Engineer
..... Auditor	..... Steam Engineer
..... Business Manager	..... Fire Insurance Eng'r
..... Commercial Law	..... College Preparatory

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

OCCUPATION.....

B. B. Telegrapher 10-08.

Our Famous "Railroad Special"

Designed for Operators who do heavy train order work; has finely ground and carefully tested agate point, firmly vulcanized into a hard rubber handle, cannot possibly come loose, large rough grip, smoothest, easiest writing stylus ever made. Sent postpaid for 60 cts. Send for one today, and use it 3 days, then we'll buy it back for 65 cts. if you want to sell.

A fine safety razor only 30 cts. postpaid. We guarantee our razor to do as good work as any \$5.00 razor made, is heavily nickel-plated, adjustable for light or close shave, simple to use, and cannot get out of order, mailed packed in a neat box, with 3 keen blades for the price of only 3 shaves. Order today. Save yourself money.

STAR NOVELTY CO., FT. SCOTT, KANSAS.

SHORTHAND IN 30 DAYS

We absolutely guarantee to teach shorthand complete in thirty days. You can learn in spare time in your own home, no matter where you live. No need to spend months as with old systems. Boyd's Syllabic System is different in principle from all other systems. The first radical improvement in shorthand since 1830. It is easy to learn—easy to write—easy to read. Simple. Practical. Speedy. Sure. No ruled lines—no positions—no shading, as in other systems. No long list of word signs to confuse. Only nine characters to learn and you have the entire English language at your absolute command. The best system for stenographers, private secretaries, newspaper reporters. Lawyers, ministers, teachers, physicians, literary folk and business men may now learn shorthand for their own use. Thousands of business and professional men and women find their shorthand a great advantage. The Boyd System is the only system suited to home study. Our graduates hold lucrative, high-grade positions everywhere. Send to-day for free booklets, testimonials, guarantee offer, and full description of this new Syllabic shorthand system.

Address

CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS, 1010 Chicago Opera House Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

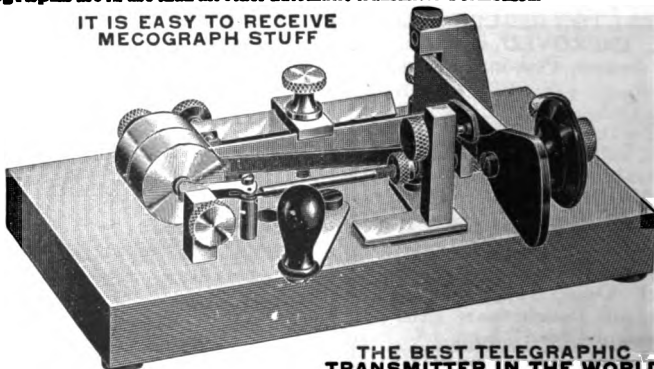
We are weeding out spurious sending machines as fast as the law allows. The Mecograph, the first mechanical transmitter offered to operators, survives. The U. S. courts have rendered three decisions sustaining the Coffe and the Bellows and Behner patents, owned by the Mecograph Co. While the Vibroplex and the Dinger are the only machines these decisions were directly aimed at, we believe all other mechanical transmitters infringe the Mecograph patents, and cannot survive. There are two convincing reasons why every operator should use a Mecograph:

- (1) It requires over 60% more movements of the operator to send on a Morse key than on a Mecograph. Think of the nervous energy saved by using a Mecograph.
- (2) It is the up and down pumping with the thumb and finger gripping the key in hand sending which wastes the energy, produces the nervous, tired feeling, and induces telegraphers' paralysis—the glass arm—the nightmare of telegraphers.

The Mecograph uses a right and left free arm movement. Not a single operator ever acquired telegraphers' paralysis using a Mecograph. You may now be able to stand the nervous waste and strain of hand sending, but wisdom says get on the safe side and save your nervous energy while you have it by getting a sending machine. More Mecographs are in use than all other automatic transmitters combined.

IT IS EASY TO RECEIVE
MECOGRAPH STUFF

HOLDS
BEST
RECORD
FOR SPEED
AND LONG
DISTANCE
SENDING



THE BEST
SKILL,
BRAINS
AND TOOLS
CAN
PRODUCE

THE BEST TELEGRAPHIC
TRANSMITTER IN THE WORLD
PRICE, \$7.50. CARRYING CASE, \$1.00 EXTRA.
SEND FOR CIRCULAR.

MADE BY **MECOGRAPH COMPANY,**
MANUFACTURERS OF TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENTS,

921 Frankfurt Ave.,

CLEVELAND, OHIO, U. S. A.



Cash or Credit

Don't wait till the "Pay Car" comes if you want a new stove or range.

We make it easy for you to buy one *when you need it*—and have the use of it while you're paying for it.

The "Pay Car" is a once-a-month event. It sometimes means inconvenience, even discomfort, for "the Boys" and their families to put off buying till it comes. It may mean inconvenience to pay out—at once—the entire price of a new stove or range. This is true of all of us.

At such times a charge account with a responsible house is of real service—Same as business firms and manufacturers buy on from 30 days' to 6 months' time.

We believe railroad employes are better pay than the average business concern. So we're going to back our faith in them with this proposition—

Here's Something New From Kalamazoo

When you need a new stove or range of any sort, write for the Kalamazoo Catalogue No. 563—and we'll send you our time-payment terms. You know what the Kalamazoo is—You can't beat it anywhere in the country—You can't find higher quality nor lower prices. Buy on time-payments and you get the same quality that you do for cash—the same saving by our direct-from-factory-to-you selling plan—the same 360 days' approval test—the same guarantee of safe delivery—and

We Pay the Freight

Over 100,000 users of Kalamazoo stoves and ranges in this country will tell you the "Kalamazoo is King." Our catalogue explains everything fully. Better write for it now.

Kalamazoo Stove Co.,

Mfrs.,
Kalamazoo, Mich.



**"A Kalamazoo
Direct to You"**
TRADE MARK REGISTERED



WHY DON'T YOU GET THIS PHONOGRAPH ON FREE TRIAL?

For almost four years I have been making the most liberal phonograph offer ever known! I have given hosts of people the opportunity of the genuine Edison Phonograph right in their own homes on **ABSOLUTELY FREE TRIAL**.

So far you have missed all this. Why? Possibly you don't quite understand my offer yet. Listen—

MY OFFER: I will send you this Genuine Edison Standard Outfit (the newest model) complete with one dozen Edison Gold Moulded Records for an absolutely free trial. I don't ask any money down or in advance. Just a plain offer to ship you this phonograph and records on a free trial so that you can hear it and play it in your own home. I can't make this offer any plainer, any clearer, any better than it is. There is no catch about it anywhere.

Why I Want to Lend You This Phonograph:

I know that there are thousands of people who have never heard the Genuine Edison Phonograph. That's why I am making this offer. I can't tell you one-twentieth of the wonders of the Edison, nothing I can say or write will make you hear the grand, full beauty of its tones. The only way to make you actually realize these things for yourself is to lend you a Genuine Edison Phonograph free and let you try it.

IF YOU WANT TO KEEP IT—you may do so, but it is NOT compulsory. If you do wish to keep it, either remit us the price in full, or if you prefer, we will allow you to pay for it on the easiest kind of payments.

OUR EASY PAYMENT PLAN—I have decided on an easy payment plan that gives you absolute use of the phonograph while paying for it. \$2.00 a month pays for an outfit. There is absolutely no lease or mortgage of any kind.

GET THE LATEST EDISON CATALOGS

Just sign this coupon. I will send you our superbly illustrated Edison Catalog, and the latest list of Edison Gold Moulded Records (over 1500). No obligations, just get the catalogs. A postal card will do, but you must send me your name and address right away.

Don't Delay!

F. K. BABSON,

Thomas A. Edison
Phonograph Distributors

Edison Block
Dept. 1217,

CHICAGO
ILL.

**F. K. BABSON, Edison Phonograph Distributors,
Edison Block, Suite 1217, CHICAGO, ILL.**
Please send me, without obligations, your 1910 Edison Phonograph Catalog
list of Edison Gold Moulded Records and Free Trial Certificate enclosing
me so your grand offer, all free.

Name _____

Address _____

Sign and mail this
Coupon today.



A Trained Bookkeeper For the Big Position

The Call of Business today is for the *trained* man, for the man who is ambitious for the *big* salary—who prepares himself for the *big* position. If he is a good bookkeeper, he makes himself a better one. He forces himself forward—he forces out the man who just "happened" into his position—who just "picked up" his knowledge.

The difference between the two men, trained and untrained, is the difference between demanding advancement and trying to hold a job—the difference between a good salary and \$10 a week—the difference between comfortable, enjoyable living and mere subsistence.

Bookkeeping is the weather-vane of business conditions—shows the direction of failure or success. It is the first sign of life in a business, and the last breath it draws. The bookkeeper is indispensable, and the degree of his value, the amount of his salary, depends on the training he has had.

BOOKKEEPING COURSE OF THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CORRESPONDENCE

offers to every man, no matter what work he is doing, or what training he has previously had, the chance to get the good position, a chance to increase his income. This opportunity is yours if you will reach out and grasp it. If you will simply sign the coupon and mail it to us now. We will tell you all about the course, show you how easily and inexpensively you can get the training—explain the terms, and will prove the value of the course to you. The coupon puts you under no obligation, but for your own advancement and a salary raise, mail it to us now.

AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CORRESPONDENCE CHICAGO, ILL.

GENTLEMAN:—Without obligating me in any way, please send details of your Bookkeeping Course and Bulletin.

Name
Occupation
Address
City State.....

R. R. TEL., 10-09.

TYPEWRITING SPEED PAYS

GET SPEED!
AND THE
SALARY
IS
SURE



TYPEWRITER USERS

Study the Tulloss Touch System. Learn how to use your machine in the best and fastest way; learn to write without ever looking at the keys—in the dark as well as in the light—all at a speed far greater than the best you can reach now. My lessons can be learned in your spare time, and will bring you the speed and accuracy of the expert. Send today for my

72-PAGE FREE BOOK

which describes this fast and accurate method. It is full of valuable helps. Tells how high speed is gained—how errors may be prevented—what kind of practice work is best—how you can master fast touch typewriting in your spare time and make yourself an expert operator, with an expert's salary.

If you want more speed—more accuracy—more salary, send for this Book today. R. E. Tulloss, President.

THE TULLOSS SCHOOL OF TOUCH TYPEWRITING
237 COLLEGE HILL, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI.

An ideal healthresort, especially attractive during the fall and winter months.

Now well equipped with first-class hotels.

The mineral waters here supply an invaluable remedial agent for Diabetes, Bright's Disease, Lumbago, and all forms of Rheumatism and Uric Diseases, Insomnia and Hysteria.

Excelsior Springs is thirty-three miles north-east of Kansas City on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

It is reached from Chicago by the famous South West Limited, leaving Chicago at 6 P. M. daily, reaching the Springs for breakfast the next morning.

Descriptive book free.

F. A. MILLER,

General Passenger Agent, Chicago.



\$17.75

for this full quarter sawed mantel, 7 feet 2 inches high, with bevel mirror 36x18 inches. Our beautifully illustrated Mantel Catalog No. 65G11 quotes the greatest of all values in oak and birch mantels. A copy will be sent free the very day you ask for it.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.
Chicago, Ill.

Lowest Prices On TYPEWRITERS In the United States



For one-half to two-thirds less than the cost of new machines, we sell slightly used typewriters thoroughly rebuilt and guaranteed good as new.

Write for catalog of bargain prices. Surprising values in Smith Premiers, Remingtons and Fay Sholes. We ship machines for approval to any point in the U.S., and rent machines anywhere.

ROCKWELL-BARNES CO., 303 Baldwin Bldg., Chicago

Change of Color

Press a key and the Smith Premier writes in red for emphasis or for billing; press it again and the color changes back to black. One of the 28 features of the easy action, light-running

MODEL 10

Smith Premier Typewriter

Descriptions of all features sent free on request.

THE SMITH PREMIER TYPEWRITER CO., INC.
Syracuse, New York, U. S. A. Branches Everywhere.



RED OR BLACK "VULCAN" STYLO PENS

AGENTS The ONLY perfect, non-leakable stylo pens at a moderate price. Two sizes, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{5}{8}$ inches.



WANTED

Extra size, 8 in. (black only), \$1.25. By mail, postpaid upon receipt of PRICE
J. T. ULLRICH & CO., Mfrs. of "Juco", "Independent" and "Vulcan" Stylographic and Fountain Pens, Thames Bldg., 185 Greenwich St., NEW YORK. Est. 1894

\$1.00

PATENTS C. L. PARKER

Attorney at Law and Solicitor of Patents
138 McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Patents secured promptly. Reports rendered as to patentability, validity and infringement. Hand Book for inventors sent upon request.

DIAMONDS ON CREDIT

20% DOWN—10% PER MONTH

Why wait for your Diamond until you have saved the price? Pay for it by the Lyon Method. Lyon's Diamonds are guaranteed perfect blue-white. A written guarantee accompanies each Diamond. All goods sent prepaid for inspection. 10% discount for cash. Send now for catalogue No. 78

J. M. LYON & CO.,

Established 1843

71-73 Nassau St., New York



2132 \$60.



MODEL LAUNDERED SHIRTS

Satisfaction guaranteed to the man who wears our brand of shirts. They are honestly made of the best materials and we cut each size on an individual size pattern, which assures you of a perfect fit.

The Model Royal Blue, our well known indigo Railroad Men's Shirt is *warranted* not to fade. It can be had in plain blue indigo, white pin dot, and white hair line stripe, made with either attached cuffs and attached collar or attached cuffs and two detached collars.



Union Made

Buy MODEL Shirts and convince yourself that they are the best. We make all kinds of fine laundered shirts at \$1.00 and \$1.50. If your dealer cannot supply you with our shirts, we will send on receipt of price, carrying charges prepaid.

Model Shirt Company

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

A BIGGER DAY'S EARNINGS—NOW



That's what you want. Isn't it?

You want to make more money at once. Without months or years of study. Without night work in addition to the everlasting daily grind. You want more money now.

Here's your opportunity. Here's your chance to get into business for yourself, to be your own boss, and to make from

\$5 to \$10 Per Day Net Profit

Dozens of men are now making this liberal income. They are stowing away a nice little fortune. They are living well, too. Are you grinding away trying to make both ends meet? Get into a real, live, permanent, growing, profitable business for yourself. Let us set you up in the card printing business with our

SUPERIOR AUTOMATIC CARD PRINTING PRESS

Men with no previous experience or knowledge of printing are now netting \$5 to \$10 per day with our press and the outfit pictured here. Read what Joseph Wallace, 278 State Street, Chicago, says, "I have been running a card printing business with the Superior Automatic Card Press for over a year and have taken in as high as \$30 per day—always over \$150 net profit per month."

Think of that! Always over \$150 net profit per month! How does that compare with your earnings?

If you have \$65 cash and want a profitable, independent business of your own, write at once for our booklet "A Bigger Day's Earnings" giving full details and showing how our outfit pays for itself. Write right now.

SUPERIOR BRASS & FIXTURE CO., 162 W. Jackson Boul., CHICAGO.



Are YOU Earning \$100.00 per Week?

If not, you *can*. Thousands of Traveling Salesmen earn double or treble that, and all their expenses besides. We teach them how. If you don't believe it, let us prove how we do it. Over half a million are employed in the United States and Canada, and the demand exceeds the supply. Scores of famous and wealthy men, such as Marshall Field, the great Chicago merchant, got their start by selling goods on the road. Salesmanship is the most independent, pleasant, well paid profession in the world, and you do not need to have any former experience to enter it. We will teach you in a few weeks by mail to be a high-grade salesman, and through our famous

Free Employment Bureau

we will assist you to secure a good position. We have assisted thousands of men to secure good positions or better salaries, hundreds of them who had no former experience as salesmen, and who formerly earned from \$40 to \$75 a month have since earned from \$100 to \$500 a month, and some of them even more than that.

We have also helped thousands of experienced salesmen to secure better positions and salaries. Hundreds of good positions are now open. If you are ambitious and want to enter a profession where there is no limit to what you can earn, our free book "A Knight of the Grip" will show you how, write our nearest office for it today.

Address Dept. 451 National Salesmen's Training Association

Chicago New York Kansas City
Minneapolis San Francisco, U. S. A.



BROTHERS:

I will write your name on a dozen cards for 50c; 3 dozen 50c. Your money refunded if not satisfied. I also teach penmanship and card writing by mail. Terms reasonable.

ADDRESS

E. P. Waples, 2737 Ann Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
(OERT. CO., DIV. 3)

Cure Yourself

Right at Home With Vibration



Health is waiting for you! Perfect, abounding, glowing health—such health as you have not known for years, perhaps. And without the aid of doctors, drugs or medicines! No matter what ails you; no matter even if your case has been pronounced incurable—**don't give up hope!** Vibration, the marvel of the 20th century has cured uncounted thousands of people who thought they were hopeless invalids.

The White Cross Electric VIBRATOR

is the greatest boon that suffering humanity has ever known. It gives life and health, strength and beauty to all. It sends the good red blood leaping and coursing through your veins, puts new life into diseased muscles and nerves. It shakes the disease right out of your system. The White Cross Electric Vibrator is the only instrument in the world which enables you to make use of the three great natural forces, Vibration, Faradic and Galvanic Electricity—right in your own home! It is a perfect Massage Vibrator and Medical Battery combined for less than the usual price of either.

VIBRATING CHAIR FREE with a simple attachment you can transform any chair into a perfect Vibrating Chair. You can take Vibratory treatments and Swedish Movements right in your own home, that physicians and sanitariums charge \$3 to \$5 apiece for.

CURES THESE DISEASES.

Head Ache	Weak Eyes
Catarra	Nervous Debility
Insomnia	Constipation
Indigestion	Heart Trouble
Weakness	Stomach Trouble
Rheumatism	Skin Diseases
Asthma	Scalp Disease
Neuralgia	Lumbago
Kearache	



All these and dozens of other chronic and acute diseases can be instantly relieved by Vibration and Electricity.

VALUABLE BOOK GIVEN AWAY

Send us your name and address on the attached coupon at once and we will mail you a copy of the famous book, "Health and Beauty," absolutely free and postpaid. Tells how to prevent and cure disease and become healthy, hearty, happy and beautiful in a natural way. No matter how well you are now, you need this book. It has saved thousands of lives—it may save yours. No obligations—just your name and address.

SIGN THE COUPON

Get the free book at once. Let us tell you about our liberal Free Trial Offer. Get our special 60 day introductory discount. Learn how you and all your loved ones can get well without drugs or doctors. Remember, no obligations, just name and address. Get the free book today.

LINDSTROM, SMITH COMPANY

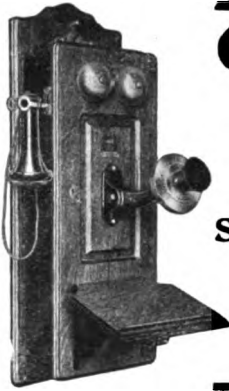
253 La Salle Street,
CHICAGO

Department
1217

Lindstrom,
Smith Co.
Dept. 1217
253 La Salle St.
CHICAGO, ILL.

Without obligations on me, please send me free your free book "Health and Beauty," Special Reduced Price Offer and Complete Catalog.

Name.....
Address.....



Get Busy, Boys!

If your townspeople contemplate putting in an exchange, or the farmers in your vicinity build a rural party line, write us about it and we will tell you how you can make a lot of money on the side.

Government experts pronounce our telephones better than all others.

SWEDISH-AMERICAN TELEPHONE CO.
CHICAGO, ILL. Div. 15.

Operators can guarantee fair treatment to prospective customers from the firm. The President and Treasurer is an O. E. C. man in good standing, Div. No. 110, Logansport, Indiana. Salesmanager is a B. L. E. man, No. 130, Pontoon Div., McGregor, Iowa.

Our Safety Three-Wheeler

**IS THE STRONGEST, LIGHTEST RUNNING CAR KNOWN.
IT IS THE IDEAL CAR FOR OPERATORS.**

"The Rider is Seated Inside of the Rail Instead of Directly over it."

By our original placing of the seat, the rider's weight is borne equally by each wheel. This gives the car the greatest possible strength with least possible weight and renders it absolutely safe in rounding curves at full speed.

It has
BALL BEARINGS
and
RUBBER TIRES
and is practically noiseless.

It can be folded into a package eighteen inches thick and weighs sixty pounds. The

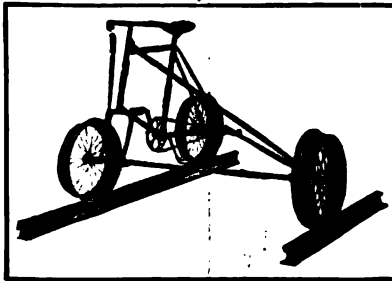
materials and workmanship are all of the best and fully covered by our guarantee.

B. M. Mahoney, B. & O. operator at Leslie, Md., says: "Am still riding my wheel purchased two years ago and it is giving perfect satisfaction."

**COULD
YOU WANT
MORE THAN THAT?**

We also make single and double seat four-wheel cars, tandem

four-wheelers, extra front seats—easily attachable to any of these models—and motor cars.



Write to day for catalog and prices.

Light Inspection Car Co., Hagerstown, Ind., U. S. A.





OLIVER
REMINGTON
SMITH PREMIER

} Rebuilt new \$35.00, instead of \$100.00.
Other makes \$15.00.

Free Trial, Free Delivery, Monthly Payments.

ALBRIGHT BROS. REBUILT TYPEWRITER CO.

824 Holland Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. P.O. Box 372, San Francisco, Cal. 81 New St., New York, N.Y.

Expert Stenographer or Machine Operator *Which Will You Be?*

Have you ambitions for the one or will you be satisfied with the other? It's the difference between working for a good salary and slaving for \$10.00 a week—the difference between short hours and punching the clock at eight-thirty—the difference between a private secretary and a clerk. Not ability, but the training that enables you to use your ability, determines which you get. But it is your opportunity to make your own selection—you can have the big position if you want it, for you can secure the training as easily as you read your evening paper—just as easily as thousands have done it before you.

Stenography and Shorthand by Correspondence

capitalize your brains and ability—give them real value in the big, modern world—make them pay you dividends in increased salary. No matter what work you are now doing; no matter where you are, this easy course of instruction by mail will enable you to get the big position—to get salary and dignity that goes with it. The opportunity is yours if you will reach out and grasp it—if you will simply put your name and address on a postal and mail it to us now.

We will tell you all about the course—what it has done for others, what it will do for you. We will show you how easily and inexpensively you can get the training—explain the terms and will prove the value of the course to you. Writing will put you under no obligation, but for your own advancement and a salary raise, write now.

American School of Correspondence
CHICAGO, U. S. A.

(Mention R. R. Tel.)



Send today for this free 80-page Heating Book No. 416K.

DON'T BUY A HEATING PLANT

of any kind, from anybody, anywhere, at any price, until you read this free book, "Modern Systems of Home Heating." It tells you just exactly what you want to know about the heating question, describes and illustrates our line of

Hot Air Furnaces at \$25.11 and Up
Hot Water Boilers at \$30.25 and Up
Steam Heating Boilers at \$40.50 and Up

Send us a sketch plan of your building, tell us whether you are interested in hot air, hot water or steam heating and we will send you free a detailed estimate and on receipt of your order a heating plan by means of which you can install your own outfit, save one-third to one-half and take no risk whatever. Our two-year written guarantee furnished with each plan.

SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., Chicago

IF ITS BADGES

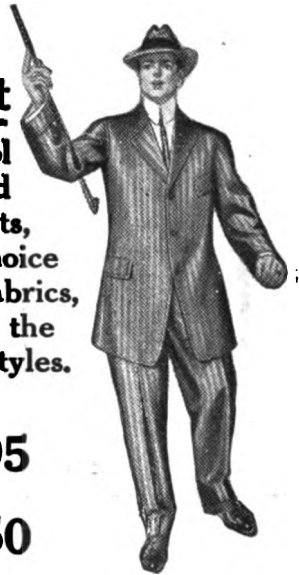
for Organizations or Clubs you are interested in, write for our catalogue and discounts.

STEINER ENGRAVING & BADGE CO.
8 NORTH 8TH ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.

On Credit

**All-Wool
Suits and
Overcoats,
Your Choice
of 30 Fabrics,
Made in the
Latest Styles.**

Prices
\$12.95
to
\$27.50



Sent on Approval
Six Months to Pay

The cleverest clothes produced in America are shown in our Fall Style Book. We want to send it to you free.

See how little good clothes cost when bought direct from the maker. See the styles on which our designers have worked for the last six months.

We will send with the book thirty samples of cloth, the latest patterns, every one an all-wool fabric. We send also a tape line, with simple instructions for measurement. We will guarantee to fit you perfectly in any style made in any cloth. Make your own choice from our enormous variety.

The suit or overcoat will be sent on approval. If not satisfactory, send it back. You are under no obligation. We will return your first payment.

Any garment in this book will be sold to you on credit—sold at these amazing prices. You pay a little down and a little each month—pay for the clothes as you wear them. No extra price, no interest, no security.

Thus you can wear the cleverest clothes created. You can buy them at prices which no dealer can begin to meet. You can have a very wide choice. And you can pay as convenient.

There are legions of the best-dressed men in the country who are buying their clothes from us every season. They get three suits for what you pay for two. They get the utmost in style, and all-wool cloth. And they pay as they wear the clothes.

We invite you to join them. Please send for this book, and see our remarkable offers. Just write a postal or letter. Do it now. (1)

THE CLEMENT CO.

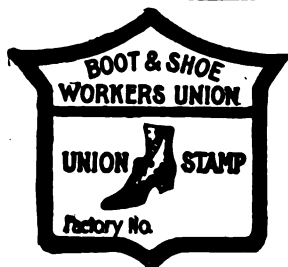
434 Franklin Street

CHICAGO, ILL.



Make a Good Income!

operating a Daydark Photo Post Card Machine. 3 Photo Postal Cards of any object made and delivered on the spot in 10 minutes. No experience required—no dark room necessary. All work done in the machine in open day. Establish a profitable business at home by opening a Daydark Postal Parlor and big money maker on the street, at fairs, etc. **Make Good Money.** Send at once for free catalog and sample post card showing fine work the machine does. DAYDARK SPECIALTY COMPANY. 500 K Temple Building, St. Louis, Mo.



UNDERSTAND BROTHER UNIONIST

That the best made shoes—the shoes made under the best manufacturing conditions—the shoes that best stand wear—bear the Union Stamp, as shown herewith.

Ask your dealer for Union Stamp Shoes, and if he can not supply you write

BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' UNION

246 Summer Street, BOSTON, MASS.

\$3000 TO \$10,000 A YEAR

IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

We will teach you by mail the Real Estate, General Brokerage and Insurance Business, and appoint you

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

of the oldest and largest co-operative real estate and brokerage company in America. Representatives are making \$3,000 to \$10,000 a year without any investment or capital. Excellent opportunities open to YOU. By our system you can make money in a few weeks without interfering with your present occupation. Our co-operative department will give you more choice, salable property to handle than any other institution in the world. Get your name on your own Real Estate Signs—big money in it. A Thorough Commercial Law Course FREE to Each Representative. Write for 62-page book, Free.

THE CROSS COMPANY, 3173 Reaper Block, Chicago



TYPEWRITERS, ALL MAKES.

At $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ manufacturer's price
All the Standard Machines, including

LATEST MODELS.

SOLD OR RENTED ANYWHERE.

Rental applied on price.

Write for Illustrated Catalogue.

TYPEWRITER EMPORIUM,

92-94 E. LAKE STREET,

CHICAGO

STUDY LAW

Leading Law School in Correspondence Instruction. Established 1892.

Prepares for the bar. Three Courses: College, Post-Graduate and Business Law. Method of instruction combines theory and practice. Approved by the bench and bar. Classes begin each month. Send for catalog giving rules for admission to the bar of the several states.

Chicago Correspondence School of Law, 502 Reaper Block, Chicago



Telegraphers, attention!

You like the old reliable Remington to take direct off the wire. We have a warehouse full of them at practically your own price—\$12.50, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00. Rebuilt, \$25.00 to \$35.00. Rent for three months, \$1.00, \$5.00, \$8.00, applied on price if you buy. balance time, if desired. Ribbon, 25c to 50c.



REBUILDING EMPORIUM,
311 N. 15th St., St. Louis, Mo.



Mount Birds

We teach you by mail to stuff and mount all kinds of Birds, Animals, Game Heads. Also to tan skins and make rugs. Decorate your home with your beautiful trophies, or command big income selling specimens and mounting for others. Easily, quickly learned in spare time by men and women. Success guaranteed. Write today for our free book "How to Mount Birds and Animals"—absolutely free. N.W. SCHOOL OF TAXIDERM, 11217 A Elwood Bldg. OMAHA, NEB.

DELICIOUS FLORIDA FRUIT

Oranges and Tangerines Direct to You From the Orange Groves of Florida.

No delay through jobbers and commission houses, but the ripe, fresh fruit shipped directly to you. Any one who has tasted ripe Florida oranges and tangerines, fresh from the trees, knows how superior they are in flavor and quality than fruit which reaches the market in the usual slow manner. This is the season when fruit is at its best. If you want to know what real oranges are like, try a box.

Oranges at \$1.75 per box. Tangerines \$2.25 per box. Mixed boxes (half and half) \$3.00 per box.

Shipped promptly on receipt of express or P. O. money order. Address,

M. O. CAUSEY, SEVILLE, FLA.

(Cert. 134, Div. 132.)

DIAMONDS

20 to 30% DISCOUNT



Our new **Rhodesian Diamonds** from Rhodesia, South Africa, are mined, cut and polished the same as real diamonds, retain the same hard brilliancy, and stand all tests of a genuine diamond. Surpass all imitation stones on the market. Sold loose, or mounted in solid 14K. gold. Also a large assortment of genuine diamonds at wholesale prices. All goods subject to examination and approval backed by an absolute guarantee to be as represented. Write at once for beautiful illustrated free catalogue containing many designs of precious stones and fine watches.

RHODESIAN DIAMOND COMPANY
Dept. E-11, 79 Dearborn St., CHICAGO

Learn Watch Repairing

Be a watchmaker—you can learn this profitable trade by correspondence in a few weeks in your own home by the DeSelms Chart System. After you complete the course you will know a watch from A to Z. You will know just what the matter is and how to repair one. When you graduate you will be a practical watchmaker and repairer and competent to fill any position. Positions for our graduates.

Ask for our Free Book. It explains our system and terms.

THE DeSELMS WATCH SCHOOL
10 Perry St. ATTICA, INDIANA



FREE Dollar Bottle Vitaline

YOU PAY NOTHING FOR IT



Dr. Rainey says: "My scientific formula of Vitaline is the sure cure for the diseases and symptoms mentioned below—it's the most certain of all and there is no doubt about this. Vitaline tablets are just the treatment so many are looking

for, what they should have and must have to be made strong, vigorous and healthy. It makes no difference how weak you are nor how long you have had your trouble, Vitaline tablets will easily overcome it—they will not fail nor disappoint you.

NERVOUS WEAKNESS, DEBILITY—Lost Vitality, Nervousness, Weakness, Twitching, Jerking, Easily Excited, Wornout Feeling, Weak, Aching Back, Lack of Strength, Energy or Ambition, Bad Dreams, Poor Memory, Bashful, Restless at Night, Despondent.

STOMACH TROUBLES—Pain in Stomach, Loss of Appetite, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Bad Taste or Breath, Sick Headache, Bloating, Heartburn, Sour Belching, Spitting Up, Catarrh, Gas, Gnawing, Nervousness.

HEART WEAKNESS—Fluttering, Skipping, Palpitation, Pain in Heart, Side or Shoulder Blade, Short Breath, Weak, Sinking, Cold or Dizzy Spells, Swelling, Rheumatism, Throbbing in Excitement or Exertion.

CATARRH—Hawking, Spitting, Nose Running Up, Sneezing, Dull Headache, Coughing, Deafness; Pains in Kidneys, Bladder, Lungs, Stomach or Bowels may be Catarrh.

BLOOD TROUBLES—General Debility, Paleness, Thin, Weak, Run-Down, Nervous, Rash, Pores, Ulcers, Pimples, Chilly or Feverish, Loss of Flesh and Strength.



FILL COUPON BELOW

by writing your name and address. Send just 10c in stamps or coin to get the bottle packed and pay postage. This is all you have to do to get a \$1 bottle of Vitaline Tablets free. We give you the \$1 bottle without cost or obligation to prove what a wonderful remedy Vitaline Tablets are. We know when you have taken them you'll say with a glad heart that you have at last found the right medicine.

Vitaline tablets act on the Vital Organs that generate vitality and create the nerve force which makes one feel strong, vigorous and healthy, equal to all the duties and pleasures of robust strength and health. They give you vigor and vitality every day and restore you so fast and completely you never know there was anything the matter.

Vitaline tablets are guaranteed by us under the U. S. Pure Food and Drugs Law by Guarantee No. 3877. You never had anything like them, combining their wonderful curing and strengthening powers.

We send you our illustrated book, "Vitality." You have never seen one like it. Our testimonials from people cured after ten to forty years of doctoring will convince you of all we claim for Vitaline tablets.

Exact size of Bottle containing 120 Vitaline tablets.

ENCLOSE 10 CENTS IN STAMPS OR COIN, for Postage, Packing, Etc.

Dr. Rainey Medicine Co., Dept. 12, 152 Lake Street, Chicago. I enclose amount for postage and packing. Send at once by mail in plain package, \$1.00 bottle Vitaline Tablets, without cost or obligation to me.

NAME

ADDRESS



12 ART PANELS 50c

Elaborate reproduction of many famous Paintings in Duo Tint. Exquisite portrayals of

WOMAN BEAUTIFUL That Are Real Works of Art

The most superb collection of pictures ever assembled. Panels 7x10 in. Send at once 50c for 12 pictures in art portfolio. Our handsome illustrated catalog for 1910 shows a variety of 100 different subjects to select from which will satisfy your taste. Don't delay, but write today. This exquisite catalog is absolutely **FREE**. Our guarantee—money back if not satisfied. Address,

FLORENTINE ART CO.,
Dept. P 11, 1902 Irving Park Blvd., CHICAGO.

FREE A beautiful den picture in colors given away with each order.



FLASH LIKE GENUINE

Day or night. You can own a Diamond equal in brilliancy to any genuine stone at one-thirtieth the cost.

Baroda Diamonds in Solid Gold Rings stand acid test and expert examination. We guarantee them. See them first, then buy. Catalogue Free. Patent Ring Measure included for FIVE two-cent stamps.

THE BARODA COMPANY
Dept. 28. 838 North State Street, Chicago

Protect Your O. R. T. Cards

With our Modern Identification Card, latest out, same size as O. R. T. cards; elegant design by our artist; full identification blank on back.

IDENTIFICATION CARD

with your name beautifully written in double point Old English or Ornamental Script, 15c; Card without name, 10c. Be first. Money refunded if dissatisfied. **H. A. Berry Engraving Co., 1154a Bayard Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Cert. 84, Div. 2**

PROTECT YOUR IDEAS

NO MATTER HOW SIMPLE the invention, if it's good. Consultation free.

MIL0 B. STEVENS & CO., Attorneys
907 14th St., Washington, D. C.

Established 1884.

PRACTICAL BOOKS FOR RAILROAD MEN

Embracing Every Branch
Written by the Men
Who Do the Work.

**Practical, Complete, Reliable and
Up-to-date.**

CATALOGUE FREE UPON REQUEST.

SEND FOR IT TODAY.

FREDERICK J. DRAKE & CO.

Ry. Dept. 3

CHICAGO, U. S. A.

GET YOU A

New Lapel Button

The official emblem of the O. R. T. is a Sounder surrounded by a wreath. They are now made up in the latest style with enamelled face and screw back, both in solid gold and rolled plate. It is the neatest thing of the kind ever produced.

Solid Gold Front - - \$1.00 Each

Rolled Gold Plate Front - 50c Each

L. W. QUICK,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

Send
No
Money



FREE On 30 Days
Trial This
Fine Razor

JUST SEND US YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

so that we can send you postpaid a Vulcan Razor. Use this fine English crucible steel, oven tempered and bevel edge razor for 30 days. If at the end of that time you can't say it's the finest razor you ever used, send it back and there will be no charge of any kind. If it's satisfactory send us \$1.75 and you'll own the easiest shaving razor you ever used. No matter how good your present razors are you'll find the Vulcan gives the smoothest, easiest shave of any. Remember, it won't cost you one cent to try the Vulcan for 30 days. State whether you want round or square point, wide, medium or narrow blade, whether your beard is stiff, medium or soft and how often you shave. Write to-day.

U. S. CUTLERY COMPANY Department 46 N. St. Louis, Mo.

Great Suit Offer

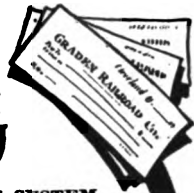


Just write us and we will send you absolutely **FREE**, by return mail, postpaid, a large outfit containing a big variety of cloth samples, fashion figures, tape measure, order blanks, etc., everything **FREE**, and we **WILL START YOU IN A PAYING BUSINESS**. A most liberal offer on a suit for yourself that will make you wonder. Terms, conditions and privileges that will astonish you. We will name you so much lower prices on men's fine clothing that it will surprise you.

WE WANT A LIVE AGENT

in your town. You can make from \$25 to \$50 clear every week. Be sure to write us before we get an agent in your town - you will get a wonderful offer. As soon as we get an agent in your town he will get profits on every dollar we sell in his territory. **WE TURN ALL OUR BUSINESS OVER TO HIM.** That's why our agents make so much money. If you want a suit for yourself **ANSWER QUICK**, before we get an agent in your town; then you will get all of our great inducements. If you would like to be our agent, tell us all about yourself. Address, Dept. 328 **AMERICAN WOOLEN MILLS CO., Chicago, Ill.**

Increase *your* Earning Capacity



The **GRADEN SYSTEM OF RAILROAD TRAINING** gives men with ambition an opportunity to increase their earning capacity by securing a complete and practical knowledge of Railroad Station Work.

The **GRADEN COURSE** is so arranged that the study of it does not interfere with the present duties, no matter what they may be, affording energetic men an opportunity of increasing their knowledge of Railroad Work, thereby making their services more valuable.

The **GRADEN SYSTEM** does not include the teaching of telegraphy or the operation of trains. If you are interested in bettering your position and increasing your salary - send for Graden Booklet, "What It Does."

GRADEN SCHOOL OF RAILROAD TRAINING

510 Schofield Building,
CLEVELAND,
OHIO.



IMPROVE YOUR TIME

You can earn \$20.00 to \$25.00 or more per week, as illustrator or cartoonist. My practical system of personal individual lessons by mail will develop your talent. Fifteen years' successful work for newspapers and magazines qualifies me to teach you. Send me your sketch of President Taft with 6c in stamps and I will send you a test lesson plate, also collection of drawings showing possibilities for YOU.

The **London School of Illustrating**
1429 Schofield Bldg., CLEVELAND, O.

A Golden Opportunity

About to organize a company to operate proven, free milling gold properties. Pre-organization stock very reasonable. Mines located on Mother Lode, Yuba County, California. For particulars, write

THE RED CROSS GOLD MINES CO.,
712 Electric Bldg., CLEVELAND, O.

THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER is published monthly by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Its offices are located on the seventh floor of the Star Building, corner Twelfth and Olive streets, St. Louis, Mo.

Be a R. R. Mail Clerk

R. R. Mail Clerks, P. O. Clerks, City and R. F. D. Carriers receive high salaries for easy work. Many examinations soon. Let us prepare you. Pres't of our College conducted Gov't examinations for years. Write to-day for our Free Book about Government Positions.

OZMENT'S CIVIL SERVICE COLLEGE.
Dept. 33, St. Louis, Mo.

READ THIS, BOYS!

We want to sell 25,000 pairs of half sleeves in the next 30 days. This sleeve is made of good Black Satene, lettered O. R. T., Agents, or plain, as you wish. Sent to any address for 5c in coin, or express or P. O. order. Send your order today. Address,

M. E. CARTER, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER

Subscription, \$1.00 Per Year.

BE A BAND LEADER WE'LL TEACH YOU

to play the cornet or any brass instrument. Pupils everywhere. Several graduates are leading bands. They learned by weekly lessons through the mail. So can you. No previous musical training needed. Pay a little for lessons weekly. We furnish you a high grade

INSTRUMENT FREE

and give it to you after a few lessons. Get our handsome new illustrated catalogue, photos of graduate musicians and testimonials. All free. Write from anywhere.

INTERNATIONAL CORNET SCHOOL
6 Music Hall, Boston, Mass.



I WILL MAKE YOU PROSPEROUS

If you are honest and ambitious write me today. No matter where you live or what your occupation, I will teach you the Real Estate business by mail; appoint you Special Representative of my Company in your town; start you in a profitable business of your own, and help you make big money at once.

Unusual opportunity for men without capital to become independent for life. Valuable Book and full particulars **FREE**. Write today.

NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE REALTY CO.

112 Marden Building
Washington, D. C.
E. H. HARDEN
President

Study Art At Home By Mail

PAPER
\$25-\$50
a week



Learn to draw or paint in Water-Colors, Oil and Decorate China.

BE AN ARTIST, Illustrator, Designer or Cartoonist. Enroll in our Home Study Art Courses. No previous experience necessary. Cost exceedingly small. Competent artists are in great demand. YOU CAN EARN \$2,000 TO \$3,000 A YEAR and even more. We employ the same methods as those used in the famous Ateliers of Paris, and guarantee to teach you with complete success by mail or make no charge for tuition.

Eminent teachers, graduates of leading European Art Academies. Write for our beautifully illustrated "PROSPECTUS." Tells "How to Learn Art at Home" and describes our methods. Sent FREE. Postage prepaid. Gives just the information you want. Write for it NOW. Do not delay. Address:

36 Fine Arts Institute, Studio 1217 Omaha, Neb.



ALL MAKES

WRITE ME

for special price list on telegraphers' mills before buying. I give the best values to be had and personally inspect and pass every machine before it goes out of my shop. When writing mention O. E. T. certificate number.

W. A. WHITEHEAD

36 LABALLE STREET

CHICAGO

This Great Invention Works With Nature

Ever since I perfected my Anti-Tension Compress (pat. 8-19-'02) I have advertised it as an improvement on the suspensory bandage and a positive aid to Nature in curing Varicocele and its attendant ailments. As proof I receive many letters of commendation. I would like to send you some facsimile copies free, plainly sealed, with a copy of my booklet on the Cause, Effect and Cure of this widespread complaint. May I do so? My Anti-Tension Compress included for \$2.00. Address—

MARK M. KERR, M.D.,
Station K 799 Cincinnati, Ohio



I TEACH Penmanship BY MAIL

I won the World's First Prize in Penmanship. By my new system I can make an expert penman of you by mail. I also teach book-keeping and Shorthand. Am placing my students as instructors in commercial colleges. If you wish to become a better penman, write me. I will send you FREE one of my Favorite Pens and a copy of the Ransomerian Journal.

C. W. RANSOM,
291 Reliance Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.



The Phillips Code

PRICE, \$1.00

PRICE, \$1.00

A thoroughly tested method of shorthand, arranged for **Telegraphic Purposes** and contemplating the rapid transmission of press reports; also intended to be used as an easily acquired method for **General Newspaper and Court Reporting**.

ADDRESS

L. W. QUICK

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Grand Sec'y and Treas.

Just Six Minutes to Wash a Tubful!

This is the grandest Washer the world has ever known. So easy to run that it's almost fun to work it. Makes clothes spotlessly clean in double-quick time. Six minutes finishes a tubful.

Any Woman Can Have a 1900 Gravity Washer on 30 Days' Free Trial

Don't send money. If you are responsible, you can try it first. Let us pay the freight. See the wonders it performs. Thousands being used. Every user delighted. They write us bushels of letters telling how it saves work and worry. Sold on little payments. Write for fascinating Free Book today. All correspondence should be addressed to **1900 Washer Co., 457 Henry St., Binghamton, N. Y.** If you live in Canada, address Canadian 1900 Washer Co., 355 Yonge St., Toronto, Canada. **BRANCH HOUSES:** We maintain branches at 247 Broadway, New York City; and 1113 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn; and in all principal cities. We also make shipments from our warehouses in Kansas City, San Francisco and Seattle.



PAY 50 CENTS A WEEK NOTHING DOWN



I will sell you the best **DROP HEAD OAK CABINET HIGH ARM SEWING MACHINE** made. Pay me nothing until you get it, try it and decide if you want it after that pay me 50 cents a week (or if more convenient you may pay monthly). To married railroad men I require no contract or lease of any kind. Deal is strictly confidential and further, I can use a sewing machine I will make you a marvelously low price and liberal terms offer. Just write me a postal card and say, "Mail me your offer." No. 106

FRED BIFFAR, 40 Dearborn St. CHICAGO, ILL.

STUDY LAW AT HOME

The oldest and best school. Instruction by mail adapted to every one. Recognized by courts and educators. Experienced and competent instructors. Takes spare time only. Three courses—Preparatory, Business, College. Prepares for practice. Will better your condition and prospects in business. Students and graduates everywhere. Full particulars and Easy Payment Plan free. Supreme Correspondence School of Law, 700 Majestic Building Detroit, Mich.



BLOOD POISON

successfully treated in any stage. If you have ulcers, mucous patches in the mouth, sore throat, eruptions, copper colored spots on the body, falling hair, swollen glands, pains in the bones, or severe continued headaches, our special treatment will cure you. Our DR. PANTER, former chief physician of the original Cook Remedy Co., treated over 20,000 patients of that company in the last fifteen years ending May 12th, 1908, the date that company discontinued taking cases to treat. Booklet on Blood Poison, testimonials and full information about your case, FREE. Write **PANTER REMEDY CO., Suite 888, 67 Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.**

Pay Us Just As Best Suits You

Take your pick of 800 beautiful styles of all-wool Suits and Overcoats offered in our big catalog—"Pay us as best suits you."

We are the world's largest and oldest outfitters and positively sell all goods at spot cash prices, allowing our customers long and liberal credit. Our garments are all men tailored and are distinctive style creations, designed by the world's foremost clothes craftsmen. Every article sold is guaranteed or money back.

Use Your Credit

Every honorable person has credit—they should use it. We extend the invitation to any honest person to open an account with us and pay as best suits their own convenience. We positively make no investigation of your employers or friends. Your honest word is sufficient. You need have no hesitancy in buying anything you want of us and paying for it as you are able. You ought to be well dressed and you can be if you buy everything of us.



Special Pre-Season Offer

This Special, all wool, worsted suit is a variety of beautiful patterns—man-tailored and guaranteed a perfect fit. Cash value \$70. Our pre-season offer on easy terms \$13.95

Get this Book



your pen in hand—write a postal for this book. We send it absolutely free to everyone.

WOOLF'S (Inc.) Dept. 52, 2225-27 W. 12th Street, CHICAGO, U. S. A.

PATENTS THAT PROTECT AND PAY

Advice and Books Free. Rates Reasonable. Highest References. Best Services.

WATSON E. COLEMAN, Patent Lawyer
619 F St. N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

REGULATION UNIFORM CAP



\$2.50

Express Prepaid

BLACK ribbed silk (best quality), heavy patent leather visor. Gold embroidered letters, two rows gold tape. Mention correct size. Prompt shipments. Light weight. Forwarded express prepaid on receipt of express or P. O. money order. \$2.50 catalogue mailed free. **GOETTLER HAT CO., 1260 S. Broadway, ST. LOUIS, MO.**

The New Elgin

For the Men Out
On the Line

The movement is not new—it is the same accurate, reliable "Veritas" movement recognized by the watch inspector's service of the principal railroads.

It has the long, strong, resilient spring that runs 42 hours without rewinding.

But look at the dial.

It is for the fellows out on the line that snatch a look at their watches in all kinds of lights.

The No. 49 "Silver" dial is a silver-finish metal dial that shows up bright in the dimmest light.

It has *inlaid enamel figures* that won't wear off or rub off.

The figures and hands are extra bold, heavy and black. The No. 49 enamel dial is the same, with a white face. Ask your dealer to show you this new Railroad Elgin.

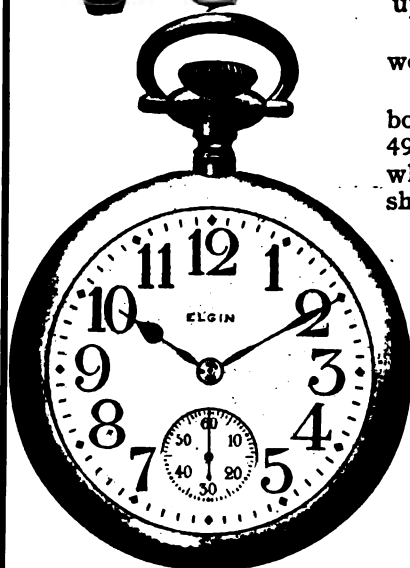
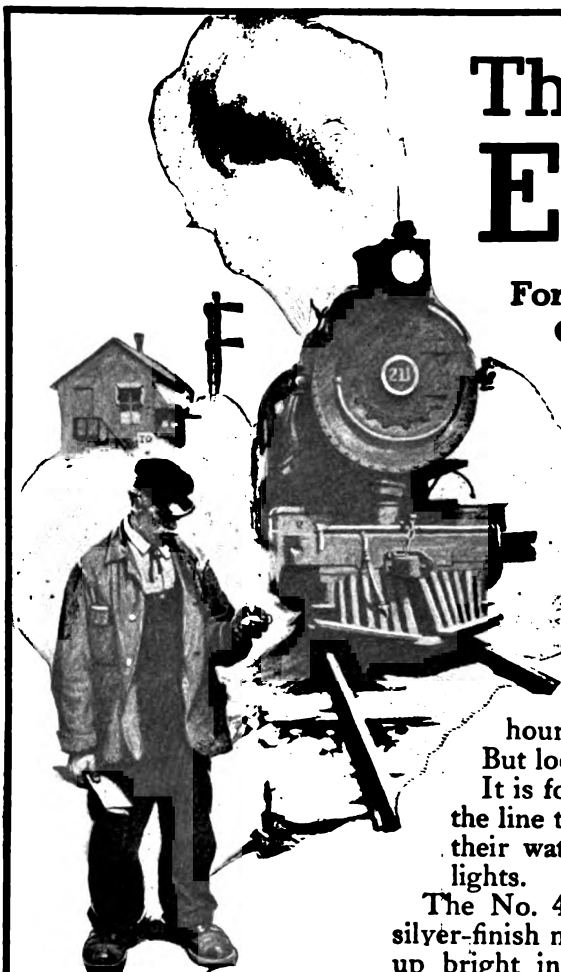
Made in four grades:

GRADE		25 YEAR	25 YEAR
		GOLD-FILLED	GOLD-FILLED
		CASE.	CASE.
VERITAS	23 JEWELS	\$58.00	\$52.00
VERITAS	21 JEWELS	\$48.00	\$48.00
FATHER TIME (VERITAS MODEL)	21 JEWELS	\$41.00	\$48.00
R. W. RAYMOND (VERITAS MODEL)	19 JEWELS	\$37.00	\$50.00

Screw back and bezel model. Solid gold crowns and bows. Cased and timed at the factory.

Write for further information about railroad watches.

ELGIN NATIONAL WATCH CO., ELGIN, ILL.



Don't Be a Wage Slave

**Make \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 a Year
Be a Doctor of Mechano-Therapy**



Are you tired of working for wages which barely keep body and soul together? Have you the ambition to enjoy the profits of your own labor? To gain social prominence and financial independence? To go forth among your fellow men with your head up—an honored and respected citizen of your locality?

THEN SEND FOR OUR FREE BOOK

Entitled "How to Become a Mechano-Therapist." It tells how every man and woman, with an ordinary, common school education, can acquire a profession within a few months which will insure financial independence for life. **GET OUR BOOK**—it costs you nothing.

What Is Mechano-Therapy?

Mechano-Therapy is the art, or science, of treating disease without drugs. It is similar to Osteopathy, but far superior, being the latest, up-to-date method of treating disease by the Natural Method. It heals as Nature heals—in accordance with Nature's laws.

The Mechano-Therapist is a drugless physician and a bloodless surgeon. His medicines are not drugs, but accurate combinations of food, circumstance, ideas, water and motion.

The Mechano-Therapist is skilled in compelling the body to DO ITS OWN HEALING with its own force, rather than with poisonous drugs of the old school practitioners.

CAN I LEARN IT?

Have you asked yourself this question? We answer, unhesitatingly, YES.

If you have so much as an ordinary, common school education, you can learn.

If you have the ambition to better your condition—to earn more money—to have more leisure—you can learn.

Nor does this require years of patient study to learn Mechano-Therapy—we can teach you in a very short time, so that you may enter this profession—and when you do, you begin to make money. No text books are required, beyond those furnished by us. We supply all lessons and necessary text books free of cost to you. No apparatus is used. You do not even need a place to work. All you require is your two hands.

Read What Our Graduates Say

The statements of a few of our graduates below verify every claim we make. Read them carefully, and remember that what these men and women have done, you may do. The success they have made, you may make. We do not give the address of the people whose testimonials we print. Our graduates are meeting with remarkable financial success, and shrink from having their prosperity published broadcast. If you wish to communicate with any whose names are given below, write us and we will supply you with the address.

Treating Physician for Diabetes

Dr. Ellsworth says: I have all I can do, and at very good fees, and am at present treating an M. D. for Diabetes. It is impossible for me to speak in befitting terms of the wonderful success of Mechano-Therapy in the treatment of diabetes.

Considers Mechano-Therapy Better Than Osteopathy

Dr. B. E. French says: I consider Mechano-Therapy greatly superior to Osteopathy, and as it is a profession so very interesting and one so easily learned, I am surprised that more do not take it up, especially as the course in your college is so inexpensive.

An Enthusiastic Graduate Says Best Paying Profession

Dr. Slagle says: Mechano-Therapy is one of the cleanest, best paying, up-to-date professions, the least that is representative from the start—one that is practical in every way—one that is not built on theory—one that is progressive—one that will make you prosperous while you are making others well and happy.

A Personal Word

From the President of the College.

Have you ever thought of going into business for yourself?

Then send for my FREE book. It will tell you how others are enjoying a life of luxury, while putting money away in the bank. How YOU can not only gain independence, but be a benefit to humanity and a highly respected citizen with an income of \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year.

All I ask is that you send me the coupon below for my FREE book. You can then decide, in the privacy of your own home whether you wish to embrace the opportunity which I offer you, or whether you will continue to plod along the balance of your days slaving for others.

We Teach You in Your Own Home

We can teach you an honorable and profitable profession in a few months, which will insure your financial independence for life. We can make you master of your own time—to come and go as you will—an honored and respected citizen, with an income of \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year. We teach you this pleasant, profitable profession by mail, right in your own home, and without interfering with your present duties. It makes no difference how old you are, any person—man or woman—with just an ordinary common school education, can learn Mechano-Therapy. It is easy to learn and results are sure.

It is simply drugless healing. A common-sense method of treating human ills without doing the system with poisonous drugs—that's all. We have taught hundreds of men and women who were formerly clerks—farmers—stenographers—telegraph operators—insurance agents—railway employees—in fact, of nearly every known occupation—old men of 70 years who felt discouraged and hopeless—young men of 20 years, who never had a day's business experience—salaried men, who could see nothing in the future but to become Orlizoid—laboring men, who never realized that they had within themselves the ability to better their conditions. Write for our FREE book, which explains all—today.

Cut Out This Coupon and Mail It Today

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MECHANO-THERAPY,
Dept. 785, 120-122 Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill.

GENTLEMEN:—Please send your book, "How to become a Mechano-Therapist," free of cost to me.

My Name.....

My Post Office.....

R. F. D. or St. No. State.....
(Write name, town and state very plainly.)

FREE BOOK

Try to realize what this opportunity means TO YOU. If you are contented, and willing to drudge for others all your life for a mere pittance, our proposition may not interest you. But if you have a spark of manhood or womanhood left—any ambition whatsoever to improve your condition socially and financially, learn this pleasant profession. It will make you independent for life. It is so easy—so VERY easy—to get all the details—without trouble or expense. Simply sign and send us the coupon now.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MECHANO-THERAPY
Dept. 785, 120-122 Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.

**SIMPLY SEND
THE COUPON
FOR THIS
FREE BOOK**



Send for this Book Today, it is FREE



**STYLE
NEATNESS
COMFORT
THE IMPROVED**

BOSTON GARTER

The Name is stamped on every loop—Be sure it's there

THE *Velvet Grip* CUSHION BUTTON

CLASP

LIES FLAT TO THE LEG—NEVER SLIPS, TEARS, NOR UNFASTENS

Worn All Over The World
Sample pair, Silk 50c., Cotton 25c. Mailed on receipt of price.

GEORGE FROST CO.
Boston, Mass.

**INSIST ON HAVING THE GENUINE
REFUSE ALL SUBSTITUTES**



SWITCHING TO THE MAIN LINE

From Daily Cost to Saving.

LITHOLIN

WATERPROOFED LINEN COLLARS AND CUFFS

They save you money,—for there's no laundering,—you just wipe them white as new with a damp cloth,—and, 4 collars will last a year,—cost \$1.00,—a big saving on your present expense. They have the correct dull, linen finish, and come in whatever style you now wear. Never wilt nor fray, and always keep in shape. There's solid satisfaction in wearing them.

COLLARS 25c CUFFS 50c

Always sold from a RED box. Avoid substitution. If not at your dealers, send, giving styles, sizes, how many, with remittance, and we will mail, postpaid. Styles booklet free on request

THE FIBERLOID COMPANY
Dept. 24, 7 Waverly Place, New York



Vose

Vose PIANOS

The tone, touch and magnificent wearing qualities of the Vose Piano are only explained by the exclusive patented features and the high grade material and superb workmanship that enter into their construction. The Vose is an ideal piano for the home. Over 60,000 sold. Delivered in the United States free of charge. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Liberal allowance for old pianos and time payments accepted.

FREE—If you are interested in pianos, let us send you our beautifully illustrated catalog, that gives full information.

VOSE & SONS PIANO CO
161 Boylston St. BOSTON, MASS.



After Shaving

USE

MENNEN'S

BORATED TALCUM TOILET POWDER

and insist that your barber use it also. It is Antiseptic, and will prevent any of the skin diseases often contracted.

A positive relief for **SUNBURN**, Chafing, and all afflictions of the skin. Removes all odor of perspiration. Get Mennen's—the original. Put up in non-refillable boxes—the "Box that Lox." Sold everywhere or mailed for 25 cents. Sample free.

Try Mennen's Violet (Borated) Talcum. Sample free.



Gerhard Mennen, Newark, N. J.
Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. 1542.

The Railroad Telegrapher



Published

At St Louis Mo

By The Order of

Railroad Telegraphers

A Clear Track for New Model Oliver "No. 5"

The wonderful new Oliver Model "No. 5" is humming down the track of Popularity.

The clumsy, complicated, "blind" and antiquated typewriters are hugging the sidings.

"No. 5" has the right of way because it's the best machine that ever came down the line.

O. R. T. men everywhere greet the New Model "No. 5" with tremendous enthusiasm.

They like its looks and its smooth, easy-running qualities—its speed and its perfect work.

They like it because of its noiselessness—it doesn't drown the sounder.

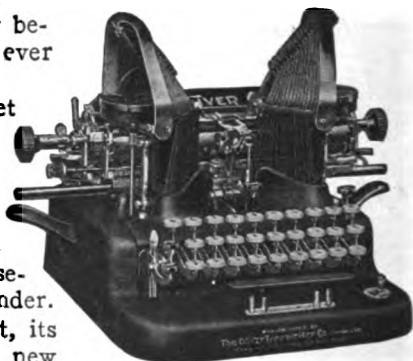
They like its new Balance Shift, its new Disappearing Indicator, its new Ruling Device, its new Non-Vibrating Base.

They like the cut of its new Steel Coat, that keeps its working parts free from dust.

They like its Automatic Spacer, which leaves the "key" hand free.

They like its Visible Writing and its many other Time-and-Labor-Saving Features.

Thousands of "the boys" are using



The **OLIVER**
Typewriter

You can't help liking the Oliver when you see how easy it runs and how it reels off the work.

If you are pounding away on an old-style machine, it's because you never tried the OLIVER.

You can buy a brand new, up-to-the-minute Oliver "No. 5" on little monthly payments—not a cent more than you would pay if you rented a new machine.

The Oliver is easy to pay for, easy to understand, easy to operate, easy to keep in order.

Write for the Oliver Book, and mention in your letter that you are a member of the O. R. T. Address

The Oliver Typewriter Company
55 Oliver Typewriter Building, Chicago

\$8000

Buys the Material Needed to Build This Home!

Price includes Blue Prints; Architect's Specifications; Full Details; Working Plans and Itemized List of Material.

OUR HOUSE DESIGN No. 131

Here is a handsome Colonial residence of eight rooms, bath, pantry and numerous closets. It is 36 feet square, not including porches; full two stories high, and provided with every modern labor-saving convenience. Every detail has been carefully worked out, so that the finished product shows a happy blending of the useful with the ornamental. If you intend to build it will pay you to investigate our offer. This house will please you. You will enjoy it while you use it, and when you are through with it you can easily sell it at a good profit.



We Save You Big Money on Lumber and Building Material!

The Chicago House Wrecking Co. is the largest concern in the world devoted to the sale of Lumber, Plumbing, Heating Apparatus and Building Material direct to the consumer. No one else can make you an offer like the one shown above. We propose to furnish you everything needed for the construction of this building except Plumbing, Heating and Masonry material. Write for exact details of what we furnish. It will be in accordance with our specifications, which are so clear that there will be no possible misunderstanding.

How We Operate:

We purchase at Sheriffs' Sales, Receivers' Sales and Manufacturers' Sales, besides owning outright sawmills and lumber yards. Usually when you purchase your building material for the complete home shown above, elsewhere, it will cost you from 50 to 60 per cent more than we ask for it. By our "direct to you" methods we eliminate several middlemen's profits. We can prove this to you.

What our Stock Consists of:

We have everything needed in Building Material for a building of any sort. Lumber, Sash, Doors, Millwork, Structural Iron, Pipe, Valves and Fittings, Steel and Prepared Roofing. We also have Machinery, Hardware, Furniture, Household Goods, Office Fixtures, Wire Fencing—in fact, anything required to build or equip. Everything for the Home, the Office, the Factory or the Field. Send us your carpenter's or contractor's bill for our low estimate. We will prove our ability to save you money. WRITE US TODAY, giving a complete list of everything you need.

Free Book of Plans!

We publish a handsome, illustrated book containing designs of Cottages, Bungalows, Barns, Houses, etc. We can furnish the material complete for any of these designs. This book is mailed free to those who correctly fill in the coupon below. Even if you have no immediate intention of building, we advise that you obtain a copy of our FREE BOOK OF PLANS. It's a valuable book.

Our Guarantee!

This company has a capital stock and surplus of over \$1,000,000.00. We guarantee absolute satisfaction in every detail. If you buy any material from us not as represented, we will take it back at our freight expense and return your money. We recognize the virtue of a satisfied customer. We will in every instance "Make Good." Thousands of satisfied customers prove this. We refer you to any bank or banker anywhere. Look us up in the Mercantile Agencies. Ask any Express Company. Write to the publisher of this publication. Our responsibility is unquestioned.

High Grade Bathroom Outfits!



Strictly new and as good as anyone sells. We have everything needed in Plumbing Material. Our prices mean a saving to you of 30 to 60 per cent. We can easily prove it if you will give us a chance. Here is an illustration of a bathroom outfit we are selling at \$37.50. Your plumber would ask you about \$60.00 for this same outfit. This is a positive fact. other complete outfits that we are offering at prices ranging from \$25.00 to \$100.00. Our catalog describes them in detail. You need the book if you want to keep posted on up-to-date business methods. Get our prices on Pipe and Fittings. Write us today.

Hot Water Heating Plants!

We furnish new complete hot water heating outfits at half the usual prices. Our proposition includes all necessary plans, specifications, blue prints and detailed instructions; so that any ordinary mechanic handy with the use of tools can easily install it.



You can't go wrong when you deal with us. We stand back of every sale. You send us today a sketch of your building and we will make you a proposition to furnish you a complete steam or hot water heating outfit. We also have hot air furnaces. Our booklet on heating plants tells every feature of the heating question. We can quote radiators & heaters separately. Whether you buy from us or not it is a valuable book for you to own. Write us today.



Send Us This Coupon

Chicago House Wrecking Co.,

I saw this ad. in Railroad Telegrapher

I am interested in—

Name

Town

Free Publications!

Fill in the coupon to the left and we will send you such literature as best suits your needs. We publish a 500 page mammoth catalog fully illustrated, giving our business history and showing all the vast lines of merchandise that we have for sale. We buy our goods at Sheriffs', Receivers' and Manufacturers' Sales. Ask for Catalog No. 925. Our Book on Plumbing and Heating Apparatus contains 150 pages of useful information. Our free "Book of Plans" is described elsewhere in this advertisement.

Water Supply Outfits!

Modern Air Pressure Water Supply Systems at prices ranging from \$48.00 to \$800.00. They are strictly new, first-class and complete in every detail. It makes no difference whether you live in the country, you can enjoy every city comfort at little expense. Why not investigate this! We are ready to furnish you with all facts free of charge. All material fully guaranteed. We also have a complete stock of Pipe, Valves and Fittings at 40 to 60 per cent saving. Gasoline Engines at low prices.



THE HOWARD WATCH

¶ This is an enlarged reproduction of the Howard Marginal Minute Dial—the first watch face made especially to meet the Railroad Man's needs. To show the exact minute past the hour at a glance, and do away with the mental calculation that leads to possible error.

¶ The marginal numerals are as clear and legible on the actual dial as in the illustration.

¶ Railroad Men have been quick to appreciate its advantages. Nine out of ten purchasers of Howard Lever-Setting models specify this dial in ordering.

¶ Any Howard Railroad Watch is supplied with the Marginal Minute Dial, at the request of the purchaser, without extra charge.

¶ Howard Lever-Setting models are officially approved and certified by the Time Inspectors of 140 of the leading railroads of America. Better than that, their daily performance is finer, more accurate than the most exacting railroad requirements.

¶ A Howard Watch is always worth what you pay for it.

¶ The price of each railroad watch, from the 17-jewel in a fine gold-filled case (guaranteed for 25 years), at \$45.00; to the 23-jewel in 14K. solid gold case, at \$150.00, is fixed at the factory and a printed ticket attached.

¶ Not every jeweler can sell you a Howard Watch. Find the Howard jeweler in your town and talk to him. He is a good man to know.

Drop us a postal card, Dept. BB, and we will send you a Howard Book of value to the watch buyer.

E. HOWARD WATCH COMPANY
BOSTON, MASS.

HOMES FURNISHED ON CREDIT

We're making attractive homes for people all over the United States on small monthly payments. Our terms allow from 10 to 30 months in which to pay for the goods you order. You enjoy the full use of the furnishings while paying for them in small amounts from month to month as you earn the money. Only a small payment accompanies your order—the balance you pay at your convenience. We charge absolutely nothing for this credit accommodation—no interest—no extra of any kind.

CATALOGS No. 54 FREE

Our new fall FURNITURE CATALOG No. 54 is the largest and handsomest book of its kind ever published. It is an immense volume just filled with remarkable bargains in everything to furnish and beautify the home, including furniture, carpets, rugs, draperies, crockery, sewing machines, clocks, silverware, and pianos. A portion of the goods being beautifully illustrated in colors.

OUR STOVE CATALOG NO. 54 is also an immense volume of world-beater bargains—positively the biggest values in stoves and heaters that were ever offered. Write for these FREE catalogs at once—ask for both if you wish them. Learn all about this helpful credit service that we are giving to people everywhere. WRITE TODAY.



Only
75c
cash
with order

This Elegant ROCKER 4⁹⁵

Elegant Rocker, frame in American quartered-oak finish, full spring seat, fancy back, large rosettes and pleated top and seat front, upholstered in Nantucket leather. A world-beater at this price.

Terms: 75c Cash. 50c Monthly

SATISFACTION OR YOUR MCNEY BACK

OUR GUARANTEE OF SATISFACTION IS
NOT LIMITED TO 30 DAYS.

but is given for an indefinite period. We refund money and freight charges on all purchases not entirely satisfactory. Our policies are broad, liberal and generous.

HARTMAN FURNITURE AND CARPET COMPANY, CHICAGO, U. S. A.

TYPEWRITING SPEED PAYS

GET SPEED!
AND THE
SALARY
IS
SURE



TYPEWRITER USERS

Study the Tulloss Touch System. Learn how to use your machine in the best and fastest way; learn to write without ever looking at the keys—in the dark as well as in the light—all at a speed far greater than the best you can reach now. My lessons can be learned in your spare time, and will bring you the speed and accuracy of the expert. Send today for my

72-PAGE FREE BOOK

which describes this fast and accurate method. It is full of valuable helps. Tells how high speed is gained—how errors may be prevented—what kind of practice work is best—how you can master fast touch typewriting in your spare time and make yourself an expert operator, with an expert's salary.

If you want more speed—more accuracy—more salary, send for this Book today. R. E. Tulloss, President.

THE TULLOSS SCHOOL OF TOUCH TYPEWRITING
238 COLLEGE HILL, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

The Sanford Manifolding Pencil

Invaluable in banks and offices and wherever a dependable, serviceable, indelible lead pencil is needed. Especially good for expressmen, railway, mail and shipping clerks, stenographers, book-keepers. Makes a clear, legible carbon. Cannot soil fingers or clothes. Combines the fountain pen and lead pencil. Made of hard rubber, absolutely dust-proof—uses either indelible or ordinary black leads. Pencil and set of 3 indelible leads sent post-paid on receipt of 50c. A Big Seller for Agents.

THE SANFORD \$1.00 Fountain Pen Best Xmas Gift for Men

A remarkable improvement in fountain pens. Uses any Steel Pen. Patented February 26, 1908.

Made of best hard rubber, in 3 styles, chased, plain barrel and shorthand size. Gives a smooth, steady flow. Positively will not leak or drop ink. Pens easily changed.

10 DAYS FREE TRIAL

To prove that the Sanford Fountain Pen is equal, if not superior, to any high-priced pen made. Mail us one of your favorite steel pens with \$1.00 and we will send you a complete Sanford Fountain Pen post-paid. Try it 10 days—test it thoroughly, and if you are not perfectly satisfied return it to us and we will promptly return your money. POCKET CLIP 10c. Agents wanted. Write quick for terms and territory.

The Sanford Pen Co., Inc.
604 E. 106th St. Cleveland, O., U. S. A.



LIFEBUOY SOAP



Trained Hands are a Fortune
LIFEBUOY SOAP protects the hands from germs that infect scratches and cuts. It disinfects and heals as well as cleanses.

5c. At Your Grocers
LEVER BROTHERS COMPANY, Cambridge, Mass.

PRESIDENT SUSPENDERS

Insure absolute comfort and freedom of motion. The sliding cord in the back permits instant adjustment to every movement of your body and takes all strain off the shoulders and trouser buttons.




President Suspenders lie flat on the back and feel so easy you do not realize you have suspenders on. There is never any tugging or pulling when you move, as in the case of the old-style rigid back suspenders.

Light weight for office and dress wear, medium and heavy weights for workers. Extra lengths for tall men. Maker's guarantee on every pair—Satisfaction, New Pair or Money Back. If your dealer can't supply you, we will, postpaid, upon receipt of price, 50 cents. Convenience suggests a pair for each suit. Get them today.

The C. A. EDGARTON MFG. CO.
748 Main Street SHIRLEY, MASS.

WHAT'S YOUR OCCUPATION?



THE GRADEN SYSTEM

makes successful
railroad men by
equipping its stu-
dents for good
paying positions in railroad
station work and **Guarantee
Employment to all Graduates.**
Railroads today are seeking
men trained by this system.

WRITE FOR BOOK
"WHAT IT DOES"

The Graden System of Railroad Training

510 Schofield Bldg. Cleveland, O.

BROTHER TELEGRAPHERS

You run no risk in using
Zell Nerve Tablets

As the letter which follows will show:

Newark, Ohio, December 1st, 1905.

The Zell Drug Co., Galion, Ohio,

Gentlemen: I have used four boxes of your Zell Nerve Tablets (beginning on my fifth), and I wish to say that I am unable to express by word the good they have done me. I can scarcely believe that I am the same person that I was two months ago, and the ailments of long standing are entirely gone, and I cannot write to you and say just how I would like to express myself; but my whole family shall begin at once to use your Zell Nerve Tablets.

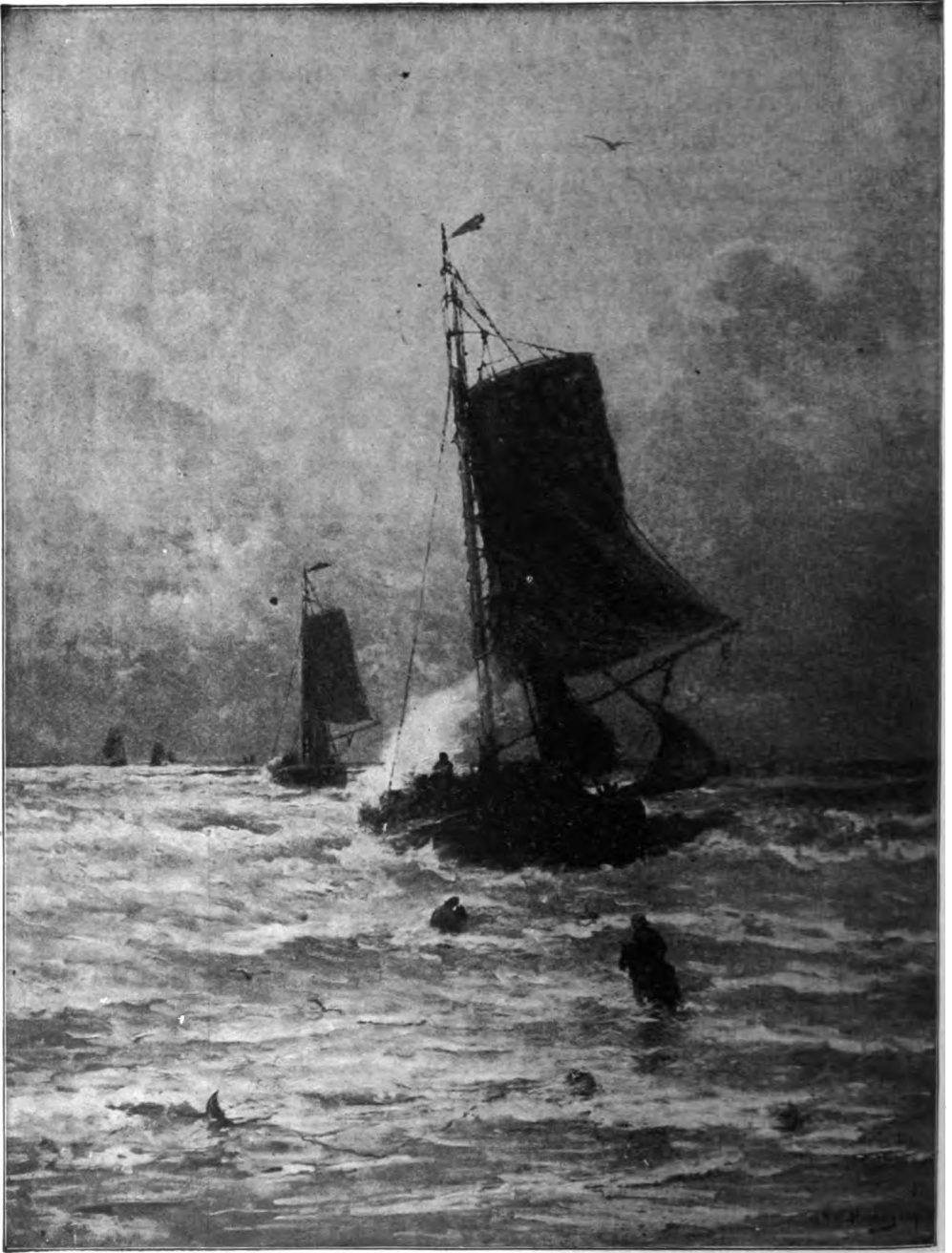
I have for years been employed by the B. & O. Railroad Co. in the capacity of train dispatcher, and my advice to brother trainmen who are nervous and in poor health would be to at least give your Zell Nerve Tablets a trial and test their merits.

Very truly yours,
(signed) D. M. KEIM,
Newark, Ohio.

Zell Nerve Tablets

Are sent anywhere postpaid upon receipt of price, 50 cents per box. Valuable booklet free.

THE ZELL DRUG CO.,
GALION, OHIO.



THE STORM.

Hendrik Willem Mesdag.

NOV 10 1909
AMBRIDGE, N.S.

THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE ORDER OF
RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.

L. W. QUICK - EDITOR AND MANAGER.



SUBSCRIPTION PRICE . . . \$1.00 PER YEAR.

ENTERED AT THE POST-OFFICE AT ST. LOUIS
MO., AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER.
ENTERED AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER AT THE
POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA

Vol. XXVI.

NOVEMBER, 1909.

No. 11.

EDITORIAL



The A. F. of L. Convention.

THE Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor convened in Massey Music Hall, Toronto, Ont., on Monday morning, November 8th, with the usual large attendance of delegates, President Gompers presiding.

The opening session was devoted to addresses of welcome and replies thereto.

The principal address of welcome was delivered by His Worship, Mayor Oliver, of Toronto, who spoke as follows:

"Mr. President and Gentlemen of the American Federation of Labor:

"It was prior to the advent of the white man on the northern half of this continent that Toronto earned the sobriquet 'Convention City.' Indeed, the assertion is made that the name 'Toronto' is a corruption of the Indian word 'Taranta,' signifying 'place of meeting.' Legend tells us it was here,

on the northern shore of Lake Ontario, that the children of the forest foregathered. It was here they held their Great Council. It was here they met to plan raids, to take the war path, or perchance to smoke the calumet of peace. The red man has long since given place to his white brother. The wigwam has vanished and in its stead stands the monumental brick and granite of a mighty metropolis. Out of the wilderness of those times has arisen this beautiful city, the home of a loyal, progressive and God-fearing people. Nor have the years that have passed in the evolution of an Indian village bedimmed the lustre of our city's fair fame as a place of meeting. It has grown brighter and brighter with the gradual development until Toronto stands today, in fact as in name, the premier Convention City of Canada.

"We are from time to time favored with the presence of delegates to conventions

from the United States, whose aims and objects are perhaps as diversified as it is possible to conceive. It is our invariable custom to welcome them with open arms and to do our utmost to contribute to the pleasure and interest of their visit. But it is seldom indeed that any city is honored with a convention in whose proceedings the great mass of the people—those we are pleased to term 'the working classes'—are so intimately concerned. Never before in the history of our city have we been favored with the presence of a delegation representing so vast an army of workers. It is a source of gratification to us that on this occasion we not only welcome our fellow-citizens from every part of this broad dominion and our kinsmen from the neighboring republic, but also two honored representatives from the motherland beyond the sea. As the representatives of five millions of English-speaking people, it is with more than ordinary pleasure that I bid you welcome to Toronto. It is with more than ordinary warmth I greet you.

"The American Federation of Labor, as I understand it, is an open organization whose purpose is to maintain the rights and advance the cause of the wage-worker—a commendable purpose surely. And when the present status of the wage-earner is compared with that of the past, the necessity for the existence of such an organization is evident. A hundred years since and the position of the wage-earner was little better than deplorable. Evil as was his social condition, his industrial plight was even worse. A little earlier, a century and a half ago, and we find no less a personage than the distinguished Samuel Johnson protesting against the raising of wages as wrong in principle. 'Raising the wages of day laborers is wrong,' said he, 'for it does not make them live better, but only makes them idler.' I can not believe the great lexicographer's view to be just, even as applied to the laborer of this time, and it would certainly be most cruel and unjust if pronounced today. I am happy to say that his is not the prevailing opinion of the present age.

"When one considers the gigantic strides that have been made since Johnson's time

toward the wage-earner's industrial and social amelioration—due in some measure to a higher plane of civilization, but primarily to organizations such as yours—one can not but feel great admiration for those who have contributed so largely to the toilers' present-day status. Thanks to them, and, as I have said, to an advanced civilization, the poorest laborer of today is enabled to live a life of luxury and affluence in comparison with his prototype of that age.

"But the struggle of the wage-worker for that meed of recognition which is his has proved a never-ending task. It has continued for centuries, and must still continue. His condition is steadily improving, but the end is not yet. He must fight on. Let his leaders find comfort and consolation in the fact that the odds against which they are pitted have steadily decreased from century to century, from decade to decade, and from year to year.

"Despite the laws that have been enacted to protect it, labor continues to be the only commodity, if such it may be termed, that may be stolen with impunity. If the product of labor be pilfered, the act is termed 'theft,' and he who is guilty of it is committed to the common jail. But if labor be stolen by the payment of an unfair wage, it is possible only to exact redress by means of perfectly organized labor bodies. This, unfortunately, involves great financial loss and hardship and not infrequently the sacrifice of human life. It remained for Abraham Lincoln, foremost of Americans, dead or living, to amend the old commandment. He made it read: 'Neither shalt thou steal the product of labor, nor shalt thou steal labor itself.' It was Lincoln, too, who said that 'to secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor, or as nearly as possible, is a worthy object of any good government.'

"It may be of interest to you to know that in Toronto the municipality regards the laborer as worthy of his hire. Not only does he receive the prevailing union wage for an eight-hour day, when employed by the city directly, but all city contractors must engage to mete out to him the same liberal treatment.

"It may also interest you to learn that the employes of the Toronto Railway Company are amply protected under the terms of agreement entered into in 1891 between the Corporation of the City of Toronto and the company. The company is neither permitted to pay any adult employe a less wage than fifteen cents per hour, nor to compel him to work for a longer period than ten hours per day, or on more than six days per week.

"I venture the assertion, without fear of successful contradiction, that as a result of the fair wage rate paid the artisan and laborer in Toronto, our city contains a greater percentage of wage-earning homeowners than any other city of equal population in America. It follows as a matter of course that you will find also a greater contentment, a higher average of intelligence, a better-read people, and consequently a more law-abiding and useful citizenship than commonly prevails elsewhere. Where the wage-earner has a material interest in a community, that community is infinitely better for his presence than if he were a mere, perhaps transient, wage-earner.

"And now, gentlemen, I desire to say a word to you concerning what you, on your part, as representing the true interests of labor, owe—not to capital—but to good citizenship. It would be wisdom on your part to refrain from countenancing the demagogue. The domination of the demagogue does more to create an unfavorable impression of the conscientious trades and labor advocate than all other causes combined. I allude to the blatant work-dodging agitator, who delights in beguiling and parading those unfortunates, chiefly recent importations, who are to be found in every large center of population. While I am free to admit that there are always in evidence many cases of actual hardship, especially during the winter season, I am satisfied that if such unfortunates—and I fear we shall ever have them with us despite our best endeavors to remedy their condition—were to divorce themselves from the self-appointed leaders under whose banner they are led to enroll themselves, their interests would be better served. The true

leader of labor is remiss in his plain duty when he lends countenance to the self-chosen misrepresentative of labor whose office is to incite the unemployed by impassioned appeals to demand what he is pleased to term 'their rights.' Advocating the doctrine of anarchy, too—and by anarchy I mean the utter disregard of properly constituted government—to those among whom are many human derelicts who have become embittered against society and who are therefore prone to yield all too readily to such influence, is to propagate an evil that is destructive alike to the true principles of labor, to the individual and to the community at large. Who among you can calculate, can even estimate the mischief that must inevitably result from the continued pursuit of such a course? Intelligent organization, education, agitation, and the ballot box are the true correctives for such evils as exist. It is by these means and by these means alone that you can hope to achieve success in the advancement of your cause. It is not my intention to dictate to you. You are undoubtedly more capable of safeguarding your own interests than I am of advising you. Nevertheless, it does seem to me that some means should be adopted by organized labor to discourage those acts which tend to lower its dignity in the eyes of the people, to whom after all you must appeal for that moral and tangible support without which you can hope to accomplish very little.

"Let me once more assure you, gentlemen, that it is a pleasure to welcome to Toronto a gathering so thoroughly representative of labor as that which is assembled here today. The five millions of wage-earners identified with your organization, in every conceivable branch of labor, will watch with deep interest the reports of your proceedings, and will discuss with no little animation the results of your deliberations. Let us hope that they will be such as will meet with their entire approbation and that they make for the continued and increasing success of your Federation.

"It is my earnest desire that your stay among us may prove a most interesting and profitable one. I trust that when your visit draws to a close you may feel that nothing

has been left undone to contribute to your enjoyment; that our people are not unlike their cousins of the great republic to the south of us in their warmth of welcome and the generosity of their hospitality, and that each and every one of you will look forward to a repetition of your visit to Toronto in the not distant future."

Dr. J. O. Reaume, representing the Premier and the Government of the Province of Ontario, and President Glocking, of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, also delivered addresses of welcome.

President Gompers responded on behalf of the convention.

After the Committee on Credentials had rendered its report, President Gompers read his report, which treated exhaustively upon the most important matters now before the labor world.

As an introductory to his report, President Gompers said:

"Permit me in the name of the great cause of labor and humanity in which we have the honor to be enlisted, to welcome you to this twenty-ninth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor. In this labor movement we gather as the representatives and by direction of our organized fellow-workers, and it is upon the labor movement that the toilers and the lovers of human freedom have set their hearts and hopes. They realize that the trade union movement of America is the historically developed potential force which bears the brunt and scars of battle and which makes sacrifices for right and justice for all, for all time. There is not a wrong against which we fail to protest or seek to remedy; there is not a right to which any of our fellows are entitled which it is not our duty, mission, and work and struggle to attain. So long as there shall remain a wrong unrighted or a right denied, there will be ample work for the labor movement to do. The struggle through the ages has always been attended with brutal tyranny and cruel injustice. Some have always had to suffer that the people might obtain some modicum of freedom. The times in which

we now live are no exception to that rule. They who are true to their fellows, true to themselves, can not and dare not evade the duties and responsibilities which may come from their advocacy of the cause of the people.

"Tyranny, exercised by no matter whom or from what source, must be resisted at all hazards. The labor movement which is the defender, protector and promoter of the rights and interests of the people must be carried forward, its rapacious, ignorant opponents to the contrary notwithstanding. We should not, and we must not, surrender the rights which we have achieved for the toilers, we dare not permit the workers to become the victims of the tender mercies of their exploiters.

"The higher manhood, womanhood and childhood, a better standard of life which we have achieved for America's toilers, the better concept of human rights and liberties which have been secured at such great sacrifices are too precious heritages even to permit them to become debatable topics. They are the result of conquests in the struggle; they are ours to maintain and perpetuate for unborn generations.

"Meeting in convention as we do for the first time in our history on Canadian soil, may we not indulge the hope that there will be brought to the consideration, discussion and action of the work of our convention the very best that is in us, and so shape the course of our movement that it will prove of still greater advantage to our fellow-workers and the people generally, that we may win not only their respect and confidence, but their full association and co-operation?

"The attention of friends and foes is equally attracted to this convention. Let us bring hope, comfort and encouragement to the one; disappointment and dismay to the other.

"Again, in the name of the toilers of our continent and for the success of the aspirations of the great cause of humanity and liberty, I bid you welcome.

"The laws and practice of our Federation require that your president shall report to you annually, and it has been and is my desire to submit to conventions the matters

which are most important, requiring attention and action.

"The year which is just closed has been fraught with events of transcendent importance, and yet I feel that by reason of the many questions with which this convention must deal, as well as my absence from America for some considerable period, the report which I have the honor to submit falls far short of that which I hoped I could present.

"There is no limit to the lines of activity in which our movement is engaged for the betterment of the condition of the workers, to attain all rights, and to work for the attainment of justice. The interest and the right of anyone of our fellows is the concern of the labor movement. To bring light into the homes, hope to the hearts, aspirations to the minds of the workers, is the duty and mission of our movement. To make mankind truly free has been the dream of philosophers, song of the poets, and the struggle of the workers.

"It is a source of great gratification to be able to report the growth in the trade union movement during the past year. From the time of the panic, October, 1907, there were myriads of our fellow-workers unemployed, and this necessarily had an injurious influence upon them. As a consequence, there was a falling off in membership in many of our organizations. These, however, have been regained and additional members enrolled. There can be no doubt but that our experience before, during and since the last panic has fully justified the attitude of the American Federation of Labor so stoutly maintained by nearly all workers. The declared position of America's workers that wage reductions would be resisted at all hazards, not only prevented reductions to any appreciable extent, but also gave courage to the workers to maintain their membership and stand true by organized labor.

"Previous industrial crises were not only prolonged and made acute, but the organizations were crushed out of existence or they emerged from these periods with ranks decimated and unions disbanded. The period of our last panic was not only shortened, but the wage standard practically main-

tained, and the organizations of labor emerged from them better organized and better prepared to defend and promote the rights and interests of the workers.

"It is impossible here to enter into detailed statements. Some other opportunity through our official magazine may present itself.

"The present average membership of our affiliated organizations for the year is nearly up to the highest standard in the history of the Federation. The officers of one-third of international unions affiliated to our Federation, have made report of an increase over previous years. Thirty-four of them reported a net increase of over 80,000 for the past year, while there has been a substantial increase in the membership of the local unions formed or revived, attached to the international unions or directly affiliated to the American Federation of Labor. The reports of the one-third of the organization may be taken as a fair indication of the general growth.

"We issued during the fiscal year 176 certificates of affiliation. Of this number 3 were to international unions; the Operative Plasterers' International Association of the United States and Canada, the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, and the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers of the United States and Canada; 2 to departments, as follows: Railway Employees' Department and Union Label Trades Department; 40 to central labor unions; 2 to State federations, Nebraska and Wyoming; 32 Federal labor unions, and 77 local trade unions.

"I strongly recommend that every effort be made to organize the yet unorganized workers of America. We must not cease our efforts to bring every wage-earner within the beneficent fold of unionism, to cultivate the spirit of fraternity and solidarity, that we may go onward and forward to a higher, better standard of life for all."

The report then goes into detail on the subject of "Summary of Injunction, Contempt and Appeals," and gives full particulars regarding the injunction case of the Buck Stove and Range Company against the American Federation of Labor and the

contempt proceedings against himself, Secretary Morrison and Vice-President John Mitchell, which grew out of the injunction proceedings.

After reciting at considerable length the details of the injunction proceedings, President Gompers, in his report, deals with the contempt proceedings. In connection with that matter the report says:

"Upon the authority of the Norfolk Convention of the American Federation of Labor an appeal from the injunction was taken to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, our main contention being that the terms of the injunction were in violation of fundamental constitutional rights and guarantees, and that it was, therefore, invalid and void. While this appeal was pending before the court, so hasty and vindictive was Mr. James W. Van Cleave, of the Buck's Stove and Range Company, that he petitioned the court which issued the injunction to adjudge Vice-President John Mitchell, Secretary Morrison and myself guilty of contempt of court, and to require us to show cause why we should not be punished therefor. We were harassed for months, our counsel and witnesses being required to travel throughout large sections of the country to take testimony. Days upon days were consumed in the examination of Messrs. Mitchell, Morrison and myself at Washington. Practically the history of the American Federation of Labor, printed, written or unpublished, was made part of the testimony.

"The court heard argument of counsel on both sides as to whether the defendants, Mitchell, Morrison and I, were guilty of contempt of court. And while the appeal on the original injunction was pending, Justice Wright, on December 23, 1908, adjudged us guilty of contempt of court and imposed a sentence of six months, nine months and one year's imprisonment respectively upon 'Morrison, Mitchell and Gompers.'

"This passing comment appears apropos. It is that an unprejudiced, impartial judge might well have deferred a decision in a contempt case alleging violation of an injunction while an appeal upon the validity

of the injunction itself was pending and was being considered for decision by a higher court, and further, that the unprecedented sentences imposed were entirely in conflict with the spirit and plain provision of the constitution as being cruel and unusual.

"What are the offenses for which Mitchell, Morrison and I are sentenced to long months of imprisonment, and the ignominy of being classified as criminals? We have dared to defend our constitutional rights as men and as citizens, despite the injunction of a court which sought to invade the rights of free speech and free press secured to the Anglo-Saxon people centuries ago by Magna Charta and clinched by the adoption of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

"And what, after all, are the grounds upon which Justice Wright held the defendants guilty of violation of the terms of the injunction? When the injunction was issued and went into effect, both temporary and permanent, we proposed to test the principles involved before the established legal tribunals.

"Vice-President Mitchell, it was alleged, violated the injunction by allowing certain acts to be performed by the officers of the American Federation of Labor, and also, that while presiding at a convention of the United Mine Workers of America, a resolution, regularly introduced by a delegate, calling upon the members of that organization not to bestow their patronage upon the product of the Buck's Stove and Range Company was submitted by Mr. Mitchell to the delegates for a vote.

"Secretary Morrison was charged substantially with having violated the terms of the injunction in so far as that he sent, or caused to be sent out copies of the printed official proceedings of the previous convention of the American Federation of Labor containing officers' and committee reports and resolutions of the convention relative to the Buck's Stove and Range Company's injunction and copies of the *American Federationist* containing similar references, circulars, appeals for funds and editorials written by me on the injunction abuse.

"The allegations charging me with violating the terms of the injunction were that I did, or authorized, or directed to be done, these things; because, by authority of the convention and of the Executive Council I sent to our fellow-workers and friends an appeal for funds in order that we might be in a position to defend ourselves before the courts in the very injunction case involved; because in lectures and on the public platform, during the Presidential campaign I made addresses to the people, giving the reasons for the vote as a citizen I was to cast at the then pending Presidential election, and because I dared editorially to discuss the fundamental principles involved, not only in the injunction pending but the entire abuse of the injunction writ. Aye, because I published in the *American Federationist* the order of the court to show cause why we should not be punished for contempt of the injunction was made part of the testimony upon which Justice Wright deemed it important to hold me guilty.

"Immediately after Justice Wright declared us guilty of contempt of the injunction and imposed the sentences, notice of appeal was given and bonds furnished in the following sums: Gompers, \$5,000; Mitchell, \$4,000, and Morrison, \$3,000, for our appearance before the court at any time when called upon.

"On March 11, 1909—that is, nearly four months after Justice Wright imposed these sentences for alleged contempt of the injunction—the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia handed down its decision upon our appeal in the original injunction. That court greatly modified the terms of the injunction, holding that no publication could be forbidden except in furtherance of a 'conspiracy' to boycott.

"The injunction as modified and affirmed by the court is as follows:

"It is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the defendants, Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison, John B. Lennon, James Duncan, John Mitchell, James O'Connell, Max Morris, Denis A. Hayes, Daniel J. Keefe, William D. Huber, Joseph F. Valentine, Rodney L. Thixton, Clinton O. Buckingham, Herman C. Poppe, Arthur J. Williams, Samuel R. Cooper and Edward L.

Hickman, individually and as representatives of the American Federation of Labor, their and each of their agents, servants and confederates, be, and they hereby are, perpetually restrained and enjoined from conspiring or combining to boycott the business or product of complainant, and from threatening or declaring any boycott against said business or product, and from abetting, aiding or assisting in any such boycott, and from directly or indirectly threatening, coercing or intimidating any person or persons whomsoever from buying, selling or otherwise dealing in complainant's product, and from printing the complainant, its business or product in the 'We Don't Patronize' or 'Unfair' list of defendants in furtherance of any boycott against complainant's business or product, and from referring, either in print or otherwise, to complainant, its business or product, as in said 'We Don't Patronize' or 'Unfair' list in furtherance of any such boycott.

"The costs of this appeal are equally divided between appellants and appellee.

"Modified and affirmed."

"The court which handed down this 'modified and affirmed' decision is composed of three judges, each of whom delivered different opinions. One justice, who concurred in the conclusion, gave different reasons. It is difficult to read Justice Van Orsdel's concurring opinion and reconcile it with his conclusion to affirm the injunction even in modified form. Chief Justice Shepard dissented from the conclusion of the court.

"I urge upon every wage-earner and every one interested in the discussion of great rights and principles involved to read the decision and opinions of the justices rendered in this case. The opinions and decision were published in the April, 1909, issue of the *American Federationist*.

"The Court of Appeals did not take any original testimony in the case, and I am justified in saying that the judges were somewhat in error in their estimate of the actual facts in relation to the boycott of the Buck's Stove and Range Company. This is understandable from the fact that the American Federation of Labor at no time entered a detailed defense to the alle-

gations of the Buck's Stove and Range Company, although the charges were untrue in many important particulars.

"On account of the fundamental issues of free press and free speech, which were involved in the original injunction, we preferred to stand upon *the unconstitutionality of the injunction* rather than obscure this great issue by going into the details of the original trouble with the Buck's Stove and Range Company.

"The Court of Appeals said, that the only reason the publication of the Buck's Stove and Range Company was enjoined from appearing on the 'We Don't Patronize' list was because they believed that a 'conspiracy' to boycott had been entered into and that 'threats,' intimidation and coercion had been used on innocent third parties. On this wrong assumption the modified injunction was affirmed.

"It was regrettable that the court should have been so in error as to the facts of the boycott.

"Even if we had been guilty of unlawful conspiracy and coercion and intimidation—which we were not—surely there should be some more adequate punishment than by a process of injunction. In fact, existing laws do provide greater punishments for these offenses, and we respectfully submit that if we are guilty of them we should be tried by the due process of law before a jury of our peers, and if found guilty punished as the law provides, rather than be subjected to the caprice of a judge who solely determines the sufficiency of the charge, the guilt of the defendant and who imposes punishment as his whim may prompt.

"It was to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, the personnel of which has undergone no change since the rendering of the opinion modifying the injunction, that the appeal in the contempt proceedings was made. The argument upon the appeal against the sentences imposed by Justice Wright was made April 19-20, 1909, Hon. Alton B. Parker and Hon. J. H. Ralston making the arguments in labor's behalf.

"It may be interesting to know that Justice Wright assessed 'Gompers, Mitchell

and Morrison' in the sum of \$1,500 as costs of the injunction proceedings against them. From this decree an appeal is also pending."

The report then deals with the question of "Free Speech and Free Press." On this subject it says:

"In the whole history of our movement no greater struggle has taken place than that for the preservation and the maintenance of the right of free press and free speech. As you well know, this arose under the injunction proceedings and court decisions in the case of the Buck's Stove and Range Company against the American Federation of Labor, December, 1907.

"The technicalities of the case were soon lost sight of in the battle to preserve the great principles of human liberty which were involved.

"The people of our country have with the men of labor made it clear to the whole world that no curtailment of the rights of free press and free speech will be tolerated.

"The herculean efforts of the men of labor to arouse the people of the country to a realization of the danger which threatens our constitutional liberties will go down in the annals of history as one of the great crusades for the maintenance and advancement of human rights.

"At the time I wrote my report to the convention last year, John Mitchell, Frank Morrison and I had been cited to appear before the court and show cause why we should not be punished for contempt of the injunction because we had continued to exercise the rights of free press and free speech after they had been enjoined and forbidden by the Buck's Stove and Range Company's injunction issued by Justice Gould of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

"It is a matter of history and of common knowledge that on December 23, 1908, Justice Wright sentenced 'Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison' to one year, nine months and six months imprisonment, respectively, for alleged violation of the injunction.

"It is also a matter of the history of this year that the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, in May, 1909, upon our

appeal, rendered a decision modifying the terms of the original injunction.

"This decision was fully discussed in the *American Federationist*, April, 1909, and as the limits of this report will not permit a full review of the editorial opinions there expressed, it is to be hoped that all those who are interested in the preservation of our liberties will familiarize themselves with this and other editorial matter in relation to this case which has been published in the *American Federationist* since the injunction was obtained by the Buck's Stove and Range Company.

"Through efforts of our officers and members, through our magazine, the *American Federationist*, and through the labor press, through the great mass meetings and public speeches which voiced our protest, there was kindled throughout the country among all the people the spirit of liberty, the spirit of patriotism, the spirit of protest which demands that there shall be no tampering with our constitutional liberties by the courts, whether under the guise of injunction order, or of prejudiced judicial decree and sentence.

"I say advisedly that the whole people of our country are aroused to the seriousness of the situation. They realize that this attack upon free press and free speech among the workers is only the insidious beginning of the entire withdrawal of those rights from the whole people whenever it might suit the plans of those who desire to profit by injustice and tyranny.

"The response of the masses of the people to the campaign of the American Federation of Labor for the preservation of constitutional rights show how thoroughly our labor movement is in harmony with the spirit of liberty and the love of justice and right which makes a nation great.

"The struggle is far from ended. Eternal vigilance ever was and always will be the price of the liberties of a people.

"Let no one doubt my great respect for the judiciary of our country; I have confidence in their integrity, no matter what their decision, still they are human beings, and as such liable to err. I say this with respect not only to the three justices of the

District Court of Appeals, but with reference to the judiciary generally.

"It was generally expected that the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia would hand down its decision early in October, 1909. Indeed, it was to meet the issue, whatever it might be, that I was careful to be within the jurisdiction of the court when the decision would be handed down. The decision was rendered Tuesday, November 2d—that is, on election day throughout the country. The court stood two to one in affirming Justice Wright's decision, and sentences of one year, nine months and six months imprisonment for 'Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison,' respectively, on the ground that they had violated the terms of Justice Gould's injunction. Chief Justice Shepard dissented from the decision and opinion of the court, and declared that Justice Wright's decision and sentences should be reversed, on the ground that he issued an order entirely beyond the power vested in him, and that the order was therefore void.

"Concretely stated, the decision of the court declares that no matter whether the injunction of Justice Gould was right or wrong, valid or void, we were compelled to obey. Against that concept, at least for myself, I enter a most emphatic protest.

"It is common knowledge that a judge has issued an injunction against municipal officers enjoining them from performing their duties in the enactment of laws. Assume that a judge will so far forget himself as to issue an injunction prohibiting a legislature or Congress itself, from enacting laws. Will it be contended that obedience must follow? Let a judge issue an injunction enjoining the President of the United States from performing the duties of his office. Does it follow that the chief executive of our nation must yield obedience, and perhaps thereby fail to perform the duties of his great office, to the injury of the people of the country? Were the matter involved merely material, or of such a character that time would not destroy, the situation would be vastly different. All realize that for the orderly continuance and development of civilized society, obedience to

the orders of the court is necessary, and to that there would be no dissenting voice.

"I repeat and emphasize this fact, that the doctrine that the citizen must yield obedience to every order of the court, notwithstanding that order transcends inherent, natural, human rights guaranteed by the constitution of our country, is vicious and repugnant to liberty and human freedom, and that it is the duty, the imperative duty, to protest.

"The history of the human race has been full of tyranny, and the denial to the people of the right of expressing freely by speech or in the press their opinions. After our people established a government they recalled that they had omitted to safeguard this vital right in framing our constitution. Therefore, the first amendment to that instrument was that guaranteeing the right of freedom of speech and press.

"That means something. We do not need this right to please those entrusted with the authority of government. Free press and free speech were guaranteed that men might feel free to say things that *displeased*. Demand for reform coming from the people is generally distasteful to those entrenched in power and privilege.

"It was not necessary that we be given the privilege for the purpose of singing the praises of the powers that be. No Russian needs constitutional guarantee of the right to sing the praises of the Czar.

"We must have the right to freely speak and print for the wrongs that need resistance and the cause that needs assistance.

"There is no persecution, no injustice, to a great movement but if met in the right spirit bears its harvest of good. In this case the tremendous popular indignation at the attempt to abolish the right of free press and free speech brings our union members into closer relations and more in sympathy with each other throughout the country, and, more than that, it brings to the attention of the people as a whole the noble aspirations and the splendid achievements of the labor movement in behalf of right, justice and humanity.

"Out of this attempt to seal the lips of the men of labor I believe will come good.

"We know that the people of our country and the labor movement will be found united in patriotic protest against any curtailment of the liberties for which our forefathers struggled in order that we might be free.

"We have come too far in the march of human progress for any set of influences to drive us back into slavery.

"I see a silver lining to the clouds and a bright star of hope in the heavens, and I see ultimately the spirit of humanity, justice, and the brotherhood of man obtaining in the minds and hearts of the people of the country. Like Jefferson, I am willing to trust the people, and I have a certainty of their final triumph."

President Gompers, in his report, then deals with the questions of "Legislation, Anti-Trust Law, Injunctions, Federal Eight-Hour Law, Department of Labor, Ship Subsidy Bill, Asiatic Exclusion, Census Bill, Convict Labor, Child Labor, Immigration, Litigation, Industrial Education, Porto Rican Affairs," and other important subjects.

The report also contains a detailed account of President Gompers' European trip, and his observations of the conditions of the wage earners in the different countries of Europe.

The following excerpts are taken from that part of his report:

"In the course of the tour of Europe taken in obedience to your mandate, I made studies of the labor movement and the conditions of the wageworkers in the following places:

"United Kingdom—Liverpool, Dublin, Blackpool, Manchester, London and Ipswich; France—Calais and Paris; Belgium—Brussels and Antwerp; Holland—Amsterdam; Germany—Hamburg, Berlin, Munich and Cologne; Bohemia—Prague and Pilsen; Austria—Vienna; Hungary—Budapest; Italy—Milan, Rome, Naples, Genoa and Turin; Switzerland—Berne and Basle. Brief visits were made to other cities—The Hague, Bremen, Dresden, Verona, Venice, Mayence—sufficient to widen to some extent the general field of observation.

"The more important of the gatherings attended were (1) the tenth annual general meeting of the General Federation of British Trade Unions held at Blackpool, July 1-2; (2) the sixth conference of the International Secretariat of Trade Unions held at Paris, August 30-31 and September 1; (3) the forty-second annual British Trade Union Congress held at Ipswich, England, September 6-11. Special central labor committee meetings were attended in a number of cities visited, besides labor addresses which were made on a number of occasions. In all the places visited both the labor and the general news press gave much space to the action of the American unions in sending a delegate on a general mission to Europe, the reporters interviewing me with regard to our trade-union organization, the sphere of its action and its achievements.

"The British General Federation of Trades reported this year at Blackpool as having a membership of 695,998. From March 31, 1908, to March 31, 1909, it dealt with 638 disputes, involving 54,962 persons, the total outlay in the resultant benefits being, in American money, more than \$600,000. In the dispute in the Lancashire cotton industry, more than 45,000 claimed benefits. The year had brought a strain on the Federation through unemployment. The chairman, in his annual address, said that not one of the disputes had been caused by demands made upon the employers by unions. The decrease in the reserve fund of the year was \$470,000; there remained \$370,000. The number of organizations affiliated in the Federation is now 131. All are also represented in the Trade Union Congress.

"The president of the Trade Union Congress at Ipswich, announced that 495 delegates were present, representing a membership of 1,701,000. Among the delegates were 33 members of Parliament, 29 justices of the peace, 1 mayor, 6 aldermen and 18 councillors. The subjects before this year's congress creating the most interest were government labor exchanges, which have now become an established fact; propositions affecting Great Britain's scourge of unemployment; amendments to the old-age

pension and compensation acts, and proposed changes in the national school system. The congress expressed the accepted trade unions views or made definite recommendations in regard to such questions as the employment of women and children; overtime; the extra unrequited work and long hours of government employes; land taxation; international blacklegging; freedom of the press; evictions during labor disputes, and the factory acts. A proposal to advocate proportional representation was lost by a large majority. As usual, compulsory arbitration was overwhelmingly rejected. A tailors' union label was indorsed—the hatters having already a label.

"During congress week as Ipswich well-attended demonstrations, various in character, took place nightly in the public halls and on Sunday in some of the churches. Among the movements thus promoted were those for women's trade union leagues; co-operation; temperance; the Catholic federation; poor law reform; Ruskin College; reform in Salvation Army industrial methods; abolition of insurance evils, and several ideals of socialism.

"It is to be observed that while the single organization of the American Federation of Labor administers the funds contributed by the international unions in cases of trade disputes, decides at its conventions upon the policy relative to any proposed acts of Congress or the legislatures, and takes advisory notice of elections involving rights essential to the wageworkers or citizens, in Great Britain these several features of working-class achievements are performed by three separate agencies.

"The General Federation of Trades was called into existence 10 years ago because the function of national financial assistance to unions suffering from the stress of self-protection against employing class aggressors could not be assured by the one central organization already existing.

"The Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, as its name implies, has for its purpose the work carried on in America by the State federations of labor and federation legislative committees—namely, the promotion of laws protective to labor. The Trade Union Congress seldom

takes cognizance of any resolutions except such as contain instructions to its Parliamentary Committee, whose chairman is president of the congress.

"The political sentiments of the 1,701,000 members sending delegates to the congress are by no means in agreement. Fifty-two union-card holders are in the House of Commons, of whom 34 are in the 'block' which has subscribed to a compact on a working platform on labor affairs. The rest are, in cases, in line with the Liberal party, and in others independent. Within the 'block' there are strongly-marked partisan differences. The labor bills passed in the House of Commons have, of course, been those accepted by the Liberal party.

"The various labor representatives in the United Kingdom doubtless represent, on the whole, a movement necessary to its working people at the present time. The Taff-Vale decision evoked a spirited political protest from the wageworkers. Whatever dissensions, uncertainties of purpose and lack of cohesion among the political representatives of labor may exist in the House of Commons must bar adverse judgment in America. The difficulties with which the wageworkers in politics in the kingdom contend are many and various. The State pays no salaries to legislators. Forty per cent of the wageworkers in some cities are excluded from franchise, while property qualifies its holders for multiple voting. The hereditary lords and the partisans of the crown are interested enemies of democracy; the aristocracy, buttressed by vested rights, nurtures an unprogressive public sentiment; real estate taxation, as compared with our American methods, is grossly partial to unused-land holders; the working classes are only beginning to make their voting power tell on the old party organizations.

"At the Paris conference of the International Secretariat the principle which was brought out above all others, and emphasized on every possible occasion, was that the working classes of all countries today oppose war. They are systematically arraying themselves against present military establishments and other preparations that in

themselves constitute a warfare which bears most heavily on the working classes whose sons must fill the ranks, and which heaps up national debts that must be paid from the proceeds of toil. At the close of the conference a mass meeting was held in one of the large halls of Paris, attended by thousands of wageworkers, who listened to the delegates representing not only all the larger countries of Europe, but America, condemning the attitude of the privileged classes toward war and denouncing them as standing apart from the mass of the people, ready to perpetuate their powers through the interruption of social progress due to war.

"It must be admitted, however, that the conferences of the International Secretariat as yet find but little practical work to look after except the promotion of peace, the interchange of amenities, and the publication of labor statistics. The representation is not purely trade union. Professor Huysmans, of Brussels, international secretary of the Socialist party, was one of the two delegates representing Belgium, where trade unionism is about at the lowest ebb reached in Europe. The delegates from Austria and Holland confined their many speeches to wholly socialistic propaganda and denunciations of true trade unionism. The two delegates from France, leaders of the General Confederation of Labor, were classed in the French press and by the socialist delegates as anarchists. Upon explaining that the American Federation of Labor had not yet decided to become affiliated to the International Secretariat, and that it was beyond my power, without your authority, to become affiliated, I was accorded a seat in the conference with a voice and, of course, without a vote.

"Discussion on the very few propositions introduced at the conference, such as those condemning the importation of non-unionists from one country to another during labor disputes, the action of the Prussian police in imposing excessive restrictions on wage-earners at the frontier; assistance for the Swedish strike; the promotion of the eight-hour day, were over-shadowed by somewhat heated criticisms in turn of the French, the English, and especially the

American trade union movements, by delegates from the countries whose unions have hardly emerged from crude beginnings, and are yet in large masses led by partisan, non-wage working class politicians. In these debates the delegates from Germany, France and England maintained a wholly fair and honorable attitude toward the trade union movements in the countries criticised.

"The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor adopted two resolutions to be presented to the International Conference at Paris in the form of suggestions. They are as follows:

"The International Trade Union Congress recommends to the trade union centers (General Federations or Congresses) of all countries the discussion of the proposition of establishing an International Federation of Labor, the autonomy of the trade union movement of each country being ordained and guaranteed, the purpose of the federation being for the protection and the advancement of the rights, interests and justice of the wage-workers of all countries and the establishment of international fraternity and solidarity.

"It shall be the purpose of the labor movement of all countries to endeavor to the fullest extent to prevent the workers from one country being induced to emigrate to other countries during periods of industrial depression or when trade disputes exists or are in contemplation; that it shall be the duty of the recognized representatives of the labor movement of the country affected to notify the International Secretary, who in turn shall at once communicate the situation to the representatives of the trade union movement of each country."

"These I submitted for such consideration as the conference could give, and I entered into a detailed statement in support of their favorable consideration. Of course, it was entirely out of the question for the conference to vote upon them, inasmuch as they were not on the agenda of business and were not presented in the form of propositions by a duly accredited delegate, but the conference decided that both questions shall be printed upon the program or agenda of the next International Confer-

ence, which is to be held at Budapest, August, 1911.

"On the whole, the conference served to clear the field for a possible deliberative international body, democratically organized, leaving to the labor movement in each country its autonomous rights, and excluding questions not within the sphere of trade unionism.

"I am fully persuaded, and have no hesitancy in recommending, that though the International Secretariat leaves much to be desired, yet the best interests of the workers of America will be served by our adherence thereto. Financially the cost would be but small, the substantial benefits would of necessity be exceedingly meagre, yet the spirit of international fraternity which it would foster would be immeasurable. I feel assured also that our adherence to the International Secretariat would hasten the establishment of an International Federation of Labor.

"Well worthy of our study in America are the legal methods of establishing employers' liability in case of accidents that are now in force in Germany and Great Britain. Among the subjects which at present engage the attention of the working classes abroad are old age pensions, municipal labor exchanges, and government industrial insurances, to the establishment of which in this country are difficulties that do not exist under European governments.

"There is much to report to you and our fellow-workers of vast interest, but which can not be included here, but it remains to be said now that in no country in Europe does there exist a national labor organization of any form better adapted to obtain directly successful results in the interests of the workers than the American Federation of Labor. Nowhere is there equal national or international unity in trade unionism, free from entangling alliances. Nowhere are the unions of the various trades organized on a better basis—that of but one general union for the entire industrially united area, national or international. Nowhere is the just idea of trade autonomy better maintained. Nowhere have there been greater achievements in advancing wages, shortening the workday, generally

improving workshop conditions, or in convincing all ranks of society that the organization of labor is the great contributory and potent power to social peace and general prosperity."

In conclusion the report says:

"In conclusion let me reaffirm my conviction that the labor movement of our country will emerge triumphantly from the persecutions of those who would hamper its beneficent activities. Our work for the uplift of humanity goes steadily on through gloom and through sunshine. Defeat is not possible to those who toil for humanity. Our brief summary of the events of the past year gives us every reason to hope for even greater victories in the future. We are progressing toward the day of real freedom and brotherhood for all humanity. In our labor movement lies the hope and promise of the future. Let us be of good cheer and make this convention the instrument of even greater achievements for the future.

"The year has been full of constant work and duties which I have endeavored to perform to the best of whatever ability I may possess. It is true that for four months the work varied from previous years, but it was only different in place, and partly in character, for wherever I happened to be it appears that my greatest desire and pleasure are to be of service to my fellows in the great work for the common uplift, and to me there is no line of activity so potent to accomplish this as in the labor movement of our time."

The report of Secretary Morrison shows the Federation to be in a most healthy condition financially.

The convention will probably last about two weeks.

MORSE SYSTEM PREVAILS.

A Postal Telegraph official, having noted the evident satisfaction displayed by Morse operators all over the country, owing to the discontinuance of the Rowland Printing Telegraph (automatic system), publishes an article in a recent edition of the *Telegraph Age*, explaining the action of the company.

These printing machines, which have been operated about two years upon six important circuits, three in octoplex, two in quadruplex and one in duplex, he claims, can be increased to 2,500 telegrams of thirty words per day, should the operators be called upon to make such an effort; but he admits, with repeaters midway on these circuits, between New York and Chicago, that the system conflicts with prompt service, and is subject to frequent interruptions, without reserve installations.

He also admits that the machine can not be promptly placed in operation upon a wire not previously used for such service, without delay in starting.

Delays to the traffic owing to such interruptions reached such a stage, in the operation of such an intricate page printer, that it became necessary to either greatly increase reserve apparatus or provide Morse operators and equipment to supplement the work of this printing machine; that these reserves were too expensive to permit of economical operation, and for that reason it was abandoned.

He adds that the system has always been experimental, but with modification of the apparatus, which has been suggested, it is possible other experiments may be made.

The only excuse given for having experimented with this machine so long, is, in effect, that it has at times resulted in considerable "wire-saving" and "economy in the cost of labor" by employing young women as operators at meager salaries, inexperienced in Morse telegraphy, who, under favorable conditions, could handle 300 to 500 messages per day.

ACCIDENTS.

THE number of persons killed in train accidents during the months of April, May and June, 1909, as shown in reports made by the railroad companies to the Interstate Commerce Commission, was 99, and 2,116 were injured. Accidents of other kinds, including those sustained by employes while at work and by passengers in getting on or off cars, etc., bring the total number of casualties up to 15,895, of which 588 were killed and 15,307 injured. The number shown to have been killed in

this report is the lowest shown for many years. The financial loss to the railways through these accidents, in damage to cars, engines and roadways, aggregate \$1,703,642. The total number of collisions during this quarter was 817, and of derailment 1,283. Of the collisions 10 affected passenger trains and of the derailment 172 affected passenger trains.

From the accidents reported in detail the following is taken :

One person was injured in a collision between two freight trains caused by "signalman failing to deliver order." Of this accident the report says :

"This collision was due to the neglect of a block signalman to display a stop signal. This signalman, at B, on receiving word from A that Engine No. 5 was approaching, called the signalman at C, and having received proper authority from him displayed his signal in the position to permit No. 5 to proceed to C. Immediately after doing this he received from the dispatcher an order to be delivered to Engine No. 5. In receiving this order he gave to the dispatcher the regulation symbol indicating that he had displayed his signal in the stop position to stop Engine No. 5; but in point of fact he had not displayed it, and did not. In a case of this kind he should also have displayed a red flag in addition to the fixed signal, but this also was neglected. The collision was due to the non-delivery of the order. This signalman was thirty-four years old and had had a number of years' experience as a telegrapher, but he had been in the service of this company at this place only one day."

Six persons were injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train, the cause for which is given as "operator failed to deliver meeting order."

Of this accident the report says :

"The collision was due to forgetfulness of a telegraph operator and occurred at 6 p. m. The operator had received an order for a certain train, and had set his signal in the proper position to stop the train. The train, however, did not arrive for about twenty minutes, and when it approached the operator changed the signal to indicate 'pro-

ceed,' in entire forgetfulness of the presence of the order. Of this forgetfulness the operator can give no explanation. In this case the office was provided with a 'telltale device' intended to prevent just such forgetfulness, but this the operator did not use. The device consists of a metal disk, having the appearance of a flag, which, when there is an order on hand to be delivered, is fastened across the rope which holds the signal in a stop position. The disk is colored red and is intended as a reminder to the operator in case he shall attempt to pull the signal to the proceed position without thinking of the order. When there are no orders on hand the disk is turned to a different position, and shows white instead of red."

Three persons were injured in a collision between two freight trains, the cause for which is given as "mistake in dispatcher's order." Of this accident the report says :

"This was a butting collision of freight trains caused by an error in issuing an order from the dispatcher's office. At the time the dispatcher began the preparation of the order for the meeting of these trains, westbound extra No. 9 was proceeding from A to B, with orders giving it the right of road to B and no farther. Eastbound extra No. 7 was at B without orders to proceed farther. The dispatcher, in issuing his order, intended to provide that the two trains should meet at B, but in some manner, which is reported as unexplainable, he named A instead of B. The order was sent only to B. It was repeated by the operator there, but even after the repetition the dispatcher did not discover his error. He had not written out the order before transmitting it. Extra No. 7, on receiving the order, started eastward and met extra No. 9 after proceeding a short distance. This dispatcher had been employed on this road about five years and on other roads eleven years. His record up to the time of this accident was absolutely clear."

One person was killed and fifty-seven injured in a collision between passenger trains, the cause for which is given as "operator made mistake in name of meeting point in writing dispatcher's order."

One person was killed and thirteen injured in a collision between two passenger trains, due to "error of dispatcher." Of this accident the report says:

"The collision was due to an error on the part of the train dispatcher in issuing meeting orders, and it occurred between the switches at the appointed meeting station. The operators who delivered the meeting orders to the trains were also held responsible, as they should have detected the dispatcher's error. The dispatcher sent an order to the eastbound train at B to run to T, the next telegraph station, 'except hold main line and meet' the westbound at D, which is an intermediate non-telegraph station. He then sent an order to the westbound at T to run to B, 'except hold main line and meet' the eastbound at D. The dispatcher's error was in directing both trains to hold the main line, his intention being to require the westbound to

enter the side track. The operators at B and T are required to control the movements of trains between these stations by the telegraph block system, and in cases like this, where trains are to meet at the intermediate non-telegraph station, to give suitable directions as to which train shall take the siding and which shall continue on the main line, doing this in accordance with the instructions in the dispatcher's orders, which go through the station operators' hands. It appears that both operators simply copied the dispatcher's wording without noting the inconsistency of the two orders. The accident happened at 5 a. m., and all three of these men had been on duty about five hours. The operator at T had been in the service on that division about four years, and the operator at B seven years. The dispatcher had been in the service on that division about eight months and had had several years' experience as dispatcher, with good records, on other roads."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Eight hundred and fifty-five new members were initiated into the Order during the month of October.

Several managers of telegraph offices have recently been arrested, charged with violating the Child Labor Law, for employing messengers under the prohibitive age.

All correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER must be in the hands of the Editor not later than the 28th day of the month, in order to insure insertion in the following issue.

An exchange states that the Union Pacific Railway is contemplating the testing of the feasibility of moving trains by wireless telegraphy.

It is stated that the Postal Telegraph Co., after several years' trial of automatic telegraphy, has thrown out the Rowland machine.

Thus another bugaboo held up before the commercial telegraphers (that machine telegraphy would soon displace key operator) has been swept away.

Seventeen persons were killed and ten severely injured in a collision between a freight train and a construction train on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. near Topeka, Kan., October 9.

The Boot and Shoe Workers' Union announces that the controversy between that organization and the W. L. Douglas Shoe Co. has been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

In accordance with the recommendation of the last session of the Grand Division, a booklet containing laws enacted in the United States and Canada affecting railroad telegraphers has been compiled and

published. It contains about one hundred pages of interesting matter and will be sent to any member remitting 25c to L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

Trespassing on railroad property, in violation of the law, has been responsible for the deaths of 47,416 people in the United States in the last ten years, and in the same period more than 50,000 trespassers were injured.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for \$4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is again called to the fact that the last session of the Grand Division changed the laws governing that department so as to make assessments payable six months at a time, in advance, instead of monthly as heretofore. **PARTIAL REMITTANCES DO NOT PLACE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.**

The New York City Board of Health has compelled the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies to give their telegraphers forty-five instead of thirty minutes for lunch. The Western Union granted the increase of time without reduction of pay, but the Postal Company requires its telegraphers to make up the additional fifteen minutes by lengthening the tricks accordingly.—*C. T. U. Journal.*

The Editor is "all piled up" with photographs, having something like five hundred on hand at the present time. Members are requested to observe the following rule in regard to sending in photographs for publication in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER: Only photographs of groups of members of the Order, General Committees, deceased members and members

who have attained distinction by being elected to an important office, should be sent in. Group photographs must contain at least three members of the Order, and must not contain others than members of the Order.

The annual statement of the Western Union Telegraph Co. for the fiscal year ending June 30th shows a net revenue of \$7,347,106, as compared with \$3,402,996 the preceding year. The report also shows that 5,682,152 more messages were handled during the last fiscal year than in the preceding one. Disbursements on account of constructing work aggregated \$947,295.77, or \$191,210.97 less than last year. The increase in wire mileage for the year is 23,070, of which 14,200 is copper wire.

The Editor is requested to make known the fact that some unscrupulous person, evidently a telegrapher going by the name of T. L. Allen, has been contracting debts in the Southwest, including El Paso, Texas, Amarillo, Texas, and Albuquerque, N. M., bills for which have been sent to T. L. Allen, member of Division 93, located at Fulton, Ky. Bro. Allen, of Fulton, has never been employed in the Southwest, and knows nothing of the party traveling under that name.

New York University, one of the leading institutions of learning in the United States along the line of practical education, has recognized the growing importance of the labor movement by instituting a special course, running throughout the year, dealing with this problem. The announcement of the course in the university curriculum is stated to be "an exposition of the topics which the daily progress of the labor movement brings to public attention, such as industrial accidents, employers' liability, introduction of machinery, strikes and lockouts; mediation, conciliation and arbitration; immigration, old-age pensions, distribution of labor, the labor markets, injunctions, wages, trade agreements, the trade union, etc." Frank Julian Warne, well known in labor circles as the author of numerous magazine articles, pamphlets and books dealing with

labor and industrial problems, has been selected to take charge of the course and give lectures.

The *Daily State Gazette*, of Trenton, N. J., in its issue of October 16th, publishes a four-column $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ picture, taken by its staff photographer, of the railway telegraphers' reception and banquet tendered President H. B. Perham in that city the previous night by the members of Trenton Division, No. 85.

The picture of the banquet, which was held in the "Red Rambler" room of the

Hildebrecht Cafe, preceded a half-column write-up of the affair.

Neill T. Bryson, of the New York Division, acted as toastmaster, the committee having the matter in charge, which included Mr. Bryson, being T. J. Callahan, chairman; C. D. Shepherd, W. A. Doyle and C. Parker.

President Perham gave some interesting facts and figures in regard to the organization during his "after-dinner" speech, and others who responded to the toasts told of the good things the Order still had in store for those who faithfully adhere to its precepts.



K. L. Canning.
G. C. Webster.

J. G. Ruff.
J. G. Otis.

SOLID O. R. T.—DIVISION 145—DALHART. TEX.

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of the TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. E. M. Lilly, of Waverly, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. M. Kerr, of Elmore, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. R. Van Lew, of Freeport, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. J. Thrill, of Portal, N. D., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, of Lexington, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Graham Myers, of Burrwood, La., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. Q. Gwinup, of Reily Lake, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Nelson, of Shakopee, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. M. Eppinger, of Harmarville, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. P. James, of Warren, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. C. Owens, of Clarksburg, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Claude E. Ogden, of Clarksburg, W. Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. G. Koelz, of Cottonwood, Minn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. G. Meck, of Garretson, S. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. D. Rudolph, of Harrison, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. Guilshan, of Port Chester, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Miller, of Spruce Creek, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. G. Mackey, of Crane, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. L. Kindig, of Marion, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Marcum, of Dunlow, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. Crosby, of Kaufman, Texas, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Gilmore, of Cottonwood, Calif., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. F. Fulton, of Folk Station, O., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. Phelps, of Lennon, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Robbins, of Mohawk, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. T. Turner, of Pulaski, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Husted, of Hays, Ky., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Gardner, of Abbott, Ia., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. Jones, of Rapid City, S. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Travis, of Jamaica, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. F. Horner, of Mays Landing, N. J., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Huges, of Rimsen, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. A. Jepson, of Barneveld, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. M. Geer, of Chicago Jct., Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. D. Smith, of Harrison, Nebr., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Ellingson, of Carney, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. J. Harpold, of Black River Falls, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Miner, of Goffs, Kans., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. B. Boyington, of Evanston, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. E. Fouche, of Bluffs, Ill., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of the TELEGRAPHER.

At Morehead, Ky., Bro. Mat Rice, of Div. 40, to Miss Mattye Spencer.

At New Orleans, La., Bro. C. A. Head, of Div. 93, to Miss A. Simpson.

At Newton Falls, Ohio, Bro. E. R. Post, of Div. 33, to Miss Blanche Farley.

At Elizabethtown, Pa., Bro. H. C. Wormley, of Div. 9, to Miss Stella R. Brinser.

At Watseka, Ill., Bro. C. R. Montgomery, of Div. 34, to Miss Ethel Heacox.

At Sacramento, Calif., Bro. F. F. Konrad, of Div. 53, to Miss Hazel U. Cavitt.

At Bloomington, Ill., Bro. R. C. Keeran, of Div. 138, to Miss Florence Moyer.

At Youngdale, Pa., Bro. J. B. Bierly, of Div. 8, to Miss Helen Snyder.

At Kankakee, Ill., Bro. C. J. McCauly, of Div. 93, to Miss Grill.

At Hartford, Conn., Bro. James T. O'Day, of Div. 29, to Miss Nellie Condron.

At Vineland, N. J., Bro. P. Delafrange, of Div. 84, to Miss Corson.

At Grantville, Kans., Bro. I. B. Enochs, of Div. 6, to Miss Cox.

At Flushing, N. Y., Bro. H. H. Oldfield, of Div. 44, to Miss Charlotte C. Schultz.

At Menomonie, Wis., Bro. A. B. Clock, of Div. 76, to Miss B. Sorenson.

At Falmouth, Fla., Bro. Alex. S. Page, of Div. 97, to Miss Emma Buchanan.

At Hortonville, Wis., to Bro. A. J. Bigford, of Div. 76, to Miss Lewis.

At Warren, Pa., Bro. B. H. Woodruff, of Div. 110, to Miss Edith Kurtey.

At Stateline, Ind., Bro. E. R. Harding, of Div. 34, to Miss Edith Werden.

At Hillsdale, Ind., Bro. A. W. Lanquist, of Div. 34, to Miss Clara Brown.

At Elmore, Minn., Bro. F. E. Stolte, of Div. 76, to Miss Bessie Engler.

At Kasota, Minn., Bro. P. S. Zimmerman, of Div. 76, to Miss Edith Humble.

At Brunswick, Mo., Bro. A. C. Lampe, of Div. 33, to Miss Rose Mart.

At Washington, Nebr., Bro. B. G. Kline, of Div. 76, to Miss Rose Arff.

At Pittsburg, Pa., Bro. John R. Murphy, of Div. 33, to Miss Stella Rowan.

At Walton, Iowa, Bro. W. R. Knight, of Div. 23, to Miss Anna Gohlman.

At Washington, D. C., Bro. E. T. McGehee, of Div. 40, to Miss Fannie S. Mills.

At Erlanger, Ky., Bro. G. W. Arnold, of Div. 62, to Miss Lutie Pearl Gardner.

At Byers Junction, Ohio, Bro. W. J. Harris, of Div. 74, to Miss Norma Graves.

At Plattsburg, Ohio, Bro. R. D. Slagle, of Div. 138, to Miss Ernestine Teach.

At Kansas City, Mo., Bro. Edmund Teich, of Div. 130, to Miss Pauline E. Rudolph.

At Charlottesville, P. E. I., Bro. Peter Power, of Div. 47, to Miss Margaret McPherson.

At North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Bro. W. A. Fallow, of Div. 43, to Miss Ruth Taylor.

The TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

Notice of the marriage of Bro. Louis P. Delsole to Miss Marguerite Meechinor, appearing in last month's journal was an error.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of the TELEGRAPHER:

At Loydminster, Alta, Canada, wife of Bro. W. F. Munsey, of Div. 43.

At Millwood, Ky., Bro. G. Weedman, of Div. 93.

At Temple, Texas, mother of Bro. W. O. Sherwood, of Div. 53.

At Buena Vista, Va., Bro. G. Z. Abrahims, of Div. 14.

At Coaldale, W. Va., Bro. J. T. Woody, of Div. 14.

At Tupelo, Miss., mother of Bro. E. S. Moon, of Div. 93.

At Cascade, N. Y., wife of Bro. W. J. Jones, of Div. 18.

At Little Blue, Mo., Bro. I. W. Davis, of Div. 31.

At Baraboo, Wis., father of Bro. W. J. and G. H. Doering, of Div. 76.

Bro. W. C. Riley, of the Grand Division.

At Otis, Colo., Bro. T. W. Morton, of Div. 130.

At Evanston, Ill., brother of Bro. E. R. Voltz, of Div. 23.

At Stayner, Ont., wife of Bro. F. J. Murray, of Div. 99.

At Eggleston, Va., Mrs. Katsinger, sister of Bro. F. E. Stafford, of Div. 14.

At Port Royal, Pa., Bro. J. H. Underwood, of Div. 3.

At Laredo, Mo., David R. Flagg, father of Bro. H. G. Flagg, of Div. 31.

At Princeton, Nebr., wife of Bro. W. D. Fink, of Div. 6.

At Princeton, Nebr., mother of Bro. W. D. Fink, and Sister N. I. Fink, of Div. 6.

At Hornell, N. Y., Bro. L. R. Brown, of Div. 108.

At Chicago Heights, Ill., wife of Bro. R. S. McGlashan, of Div. 34.

At Pymatuning, Pa., Bro. Norman C. Watson, of Div. 42.

At Walnut Grove, Ill., H. S. Raymond, father of Bro. H. S. Raymond, of Div. 130.

At Wilkinsonville, Mass., Axel Carleen, father of Bro. F. G. Carleen, of Div. 35.

At Providence, R. I., Bro. Stanley Sturtevant, of Div. 35.

At Agra, Okla., father of Bro. F. Johnson, of Div. 76.

At Black River Falls, Wis., mother of Bro. C. W. Wahlquist, of Div. 76.

At Roberts, Wis., infant son of Bro. J. A. Kovarik, of Div. 76.

At Van Buren, Ark., Bro. V. C. Walker, of Div. 31.

At Waycross, Ga., father of Bro. C. T. Strickland, of Div. 132.

At Belt, Mont., Bro. M. M. Englander, of Div. 70.

At Bakersfield Calif., wife of Bro. Clyde E. Mallachowitz, of Div. 53.

At Chesterton, Ind., infant daughter of Bro. G. B. Smetzer, of Div. 129.

At Chesterton, Ind., son of Bro. H. J. Thomas, of Div. 129.

At New York, son of Bro. E. W. Lewis, of Div. 8.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of J. M. Whiting, and S. G. House, L. E. DOWNEY, Alma, Kan.

Present address of T. H. Cauley. Write me at once. JAMES J. JONES, 923 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.

Present address of W. J. James, last heard of in El Reno, Okla.

J. F. HOOVER, Tucumcari, N. M.

Present address of R. C. Lawler, last heard of in Houston, Texas. "R.O." if you see this write me at No. 1213 East 5th St., Winfield, Kans. R. B. WOODSIDE.

Present address of L. F. Gorrell, last heard of at Portal, N. D.

MRS. IDA E. GORRELL, Gordon, Texas.

Present address of H. K. Tucker, last heard of working for Y. & M. V., at Tutwiler, Miss. "Tuck," if you see this write me. R. R. JONES, Dunnellon, Fla.

Present address of E. E. Myers, last heard of in Fresno, Calif., last October going to Tacoma. If you see this "Stuffy," write me. W. E. BLUME, Caliente, Calif.

Present address of Clayton Soule, last heard of working in eastern Canada. "Suke," if you see this write me.

E. C. BARRINGER, 26 Cazenove St., Boston, Mass.

Present address of Fred Spindler, last heard of working for D. & R. G. Ry., at Salt Lake. "F. S." write me a line. R. B. WOODSIDE.

1213 East 5th St., Winfield, Kans.

Present address of Chas. E. Hart, last heard of in Deadwood, S. D. Wire me at once, important news you must know.

F. H. BAKER, Wall Lake, Ia.

Present address of Dave Drohan, left home about a year ago and has not been heard of since.

MISS VERENA DROHAN, 1108 West Wash St., Centerville, Ia.

Present address of Henry Martin, or any of his family. Last heard of in Salem, Tenn., 1892, came north later. Any information as to his whereabouts will be appreciated.

C. B. RICHARDS,
78 Lilly St., Mansfield, Ohio.

Present address of Fred G. Robbins, left Boston about three years ago and went west. Last heard of was conductor on train running out of San Bernardino, Calif.

E. C. BARRINGER,
26 Cazenove St., Boston, Mass.

Present address of Henry Mills, worked for Rock Island summer 1904 at Lineville, Ia. Originally for, Le Roy, N. Y. "Hank," if you see this write to "Henny's friend" and your pal.

Edw. W. HILL,
Boswell, Alberta, Can.

Care Canadian Pac. Ry.

Present address of Harry Chlossey, last heard of working for Pennsylvania division N. Y. & H. Ry., Newberry Junction, Pa., 1902. Information as to his whereabouts will be appreciated.

Edw. W. HILL,
Boswell, Alberta, Can.

Care Canadian Pac. Ry.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

A. J. HOFFMAN,
97 Ouelette Ave., Windsor, Ont.

W. D. BUTLER,
39 Craig St., London, Ont.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 21634, Cert. 1384, Div. 132, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 23746, Cert. 65½, Div. 70, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 24327, Cert. 1433, Div. 2, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 22390, Cert. 1529, Div. 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 28355, Cert. 24, Div. 84, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 23758, Cert. 775, Div. 126, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 23981, Cert. 48, Div. 111, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 16229, Cert. 91, Div. 141, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 14534, Cert. 156, Div. 16, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 10196, Cert. 1609, Div. 76, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 8925, Cert. 375, Div. 8, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 11416, Cert. 5290, Grand Division, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 20128, Cert. 11, Div. 2, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 20081, Cert. 2532, Div. 126, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 14257, Cert. 1127, Div. 138, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 2601, Cert. 1224, Div. 14, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 295, Cert. 2207, Div. 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 28820, Cert. 205, Div. 135, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 23333, Cert. 102, Div. 100, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 13099, Cert. 157, Div. 18, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 29837, Cert. 63, Div. 56, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 235, Cert. 1094, Div. 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 28314, Cert. 626, Div. 8, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 28232, Cert. 2422, Div. 23, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 28994, Cert. 203, Div. 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 27396, Cert. 2300, Div. 59, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 20894, Cert. 1433, Div. 93, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 27906, Cert. 2017, Div. 32, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 1995, Cert. 3286, Div. 2, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 28717, Cert. 297, Div. 40, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

NOTICE.

STOLEN—Card No. 28282, issued to H. L. Stone, Cert. 3098, Div. 93. If presented take up, and forward to the undersigned.

H. L. STONE,
218 Madison St., Memphis, Tenn.

LADIES AUXILIARY

DIRECTORY.

MRS. E. B. SMITH.....President P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.	MRS. J. J. CAMPBELL....Third Vice-President North Bay, Ontario, Canada.
MRS. G. W. MALONE, Grand Secretary-Treasurer 580 East Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.	MRS. HENRY HURR.....Third Vice-President Engle, Texas.
MRS. E. L. MATHIS.....First Vice-President Greenfield, Tenn.	MRS. CHAS. M. SANFORD...Grand Chaperone Hobart, N. Y.
MRS. W. J. LIDDANE...Second Vice-President 227 West Central Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	MISS DITA MAY WEST, Assistant to President 319 E. Ga. Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mrs. J. F. Brady, Chairman, No. 1 Pond St., Auburn, R. I.	Miss Frances E. Edwards, West Port, Pa. (Clinton County).
Mrs. W. F. Denton, Sterling, Neb.	Mrs. L. E. Crandall, Chrisney, Ind.
Mrs. Chas. M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.	

All correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER must be addressed to the President, so that it will reach her not later than the 20th day of the month.

DEMANDS THE BUTTON.

By MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

WHILE touring South Georgia and other parts of the State last month, I found a new feature of the O. R. T.: The farmers down there that are members of the Farmers' Union are demanding that their agents wear the O. R. T. button. It came about something in this manner: Just as I walked out of the little depot I noticed three gentlemen standing on the platform talking. Each of these men I noticed immediately had on the farmers' button, and I at once spoke to them and commenced to ask them regarding the strength of their organization in that locality.

In the course of conversation the matter of a working agreement between the farmer and the tradesman was spoken of. The union label and the Farmers' Union card as a topic was next touched on. One gentleman spied my O. R. T. button, and asked if I was a member of the "Operators' Union." I told him I was, and then he

began telling me how the farmers in that locality was asking all up and down the line for the operators' button when they delivered them freight, etc., saying that the operators had no union label and they thought the operators' button was still better.

This opened up the conversation where I immediately became vitally interested. Another of the trio stated that he had "a many 'a time went on that thar train without a buyin' a ticket 'cause the operator didn't have a button on, and paid the conductor, 'cause I knew he was a union feller!"

Now, that's goin' some. It strikes a new tone that I have never thought of before, and there comes in a point where our Ladies' Auxiliary members as well as the O. R. T. members can get in their work in the little stations as well as the large ones. Every time you see a farmer and find he is a union farmer, show him the button and tell him next time he goes to the depot to get after the operator until he puts that

button on and gets an up-to-date card. If you are living out at a little station, when you go to a gathering of any kind preach this to every farmer you meet and tell him the reason for this request. You L. A. members get after the wives of the farmers and get them to do likewise.

And then return one favor for another and demand that the farmers you buy produce of show the Farmers' Union card. The farmers are showing their cards all over the country now and becoming stronger and stronger. They are demanding our union labels and our union buttons. Now, let us turn the tables and go to demanding the Farmers' Union card.

Think along this line and look into the future a little and see what it will eventually terminate into. It looks good to me, sure as the world.

SOUND ADVICE.

ENGLE, TEXAS, Oct. 10, 1909.

*Mrs. E. B. Smith, Pres. L. A. to O. R. T.,
Atlanta, Ga.:*

DEAR SISTER—In compliance with your request for suggestions on best methods of increasing the membership of our Auxiliary, it is not necessary for me to delay the reply for any further consideration of this subject, since this has been an almost daily thought with me for some time.

I am of the opinion that there is no better way to build up our membership than by individual effort on the part of those who are now members and of the members of our Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

While it is the duty of every officer and member of our Auxiliary to exert every effort to secure desirable members, we must realize that the balance of power lies in the hands of the individual members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and by the execution of this power and its influence is our own destiny largely controlled.

This assertion is not made with intent to shift the blame of failure upon the shoulders of our big brother, for there is no blame of failure coming. Our Auxiliary is doing nicely and growing steadily, and is certain of success. Based upon principles of justice and fairness; and having a grown-

up brother who has been brought to maturity by the simple life, as it were, a big brother whose entire past life is a continuous story of unselfish endeavor and accomplishment, without spot or blemish, with here and there a fight, a removal of playthings from certain backyards, perhaps, but always for the right and standing by his convictions with might and main; there can be no failure.

Figuratively, as in real life, it is our province to be supported and protected, that we may in turn strengthen and help. As to the bow, the string is—, etc., is not an inappropriate simile.

Our interests are mutual and in perfect sympathy, and it remains only for the individual members of that big brother organization to come to a full realization and appreciation of the importance of the Auxiliary. The time is not far distant when this will come to pass, for our big brother is far above the average in intelligence.

It is for us to curb our impatience, not to the extent of ceasing our endeavors, but in so far as it approaches discouragement.

To bring the existence of our Auxiliary forcibly to the attention of the individual members of the Order should be our watchword at present. A kindly word in our favor from them in their homes will swamp our Grand Secretary and Treasurer with applications. Let us ask Bro. Quick to insert at the heading of every "write-up" from the divisions this one line: "Speak well of the Ladies' Auxiliary in your home today."

With best wishes for the success of our Auxiliary, I am, Fraternally,

MRS. HENRY HURR,
Fourth Vice-Pres.

THE UNION LABEL.

Notice in the August number of our magazine that Mrs. Smith, in the Auxiliary Department was advocating educating women to the union label and unionism in general. But no one seems to have suggested a practical way of doing this, so that we may know the union label when we see it. I am a charter member of the Auxiliary myself, on my own card, so hope no one will think I am criticising

President Smith. But an incident occurred today that has put me to thinking. There is hardly a home in the whole country but what subscribes for one or more magazines or papers for the women and little folks. In the immediate family where I live there is seven monthly magazines for the women, and none of us could tell you to save our lives whether the papers we are supporting with our money are employing union labor in publishing them or not.

Now, I realize that it is a great undertaking to put the union label before all of us, but would it be so hard to let us know which of the women's magazines were "union made?" I think that the most popular ones could be ascertained with a little help from the members themselves, and even a limited list would be a great help and a step in the right direction, and I am sure that from the list obtained in this way we could get at least one magazine that would please our particular taste, and with our journal we could make out with just this many rather than give support to a non-union paper of any kind.

CERT. 88.

NOTES.

Put your shoulder to the wheel and push!

"1911 and Our Home!" What does it mean? Let us keep the battle-cry going!

Oh, you pessimist! Go hide! The "L. A." will claim you as a member if you don't watch out!

Join the L. A. and get busy! Go after the non-union operators in your town and line them up, then get after their women folks!

"So you think it waste of money when your husband pays his dues?" Let all the husbands stop their union dues and see how quick you will be living in one room and trying to live on \$25 per!"

Reports from Canada show some earnest agitation going on there among the O. R. T. and the L. A. members in getting new re-

cruits for the Ladies' Auxiliary. Get a Canadian after a thing, it is just as well as done when he starts, for he has a tenacity of purpose which brings his desires to a successful ending, by-the-by. Success to you all!

Sister Henry Hurr, of Engle, Texas, Fourth Vice-President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, writes some splendid suggestions for the membership. Let all the O. R. T. members take especial note of what she suggests as their duty as well as the duty of the L. A. membership. Let everyone get busy as she suggests.

President Smith was in Macon, Ga., for the two weeks, while she had charge of the Union Label Exhibit at the Georgia State Fair. She was made Chairman of the Committee on Union Labels of the Georgia Federation of Labor last June, and has since been doing active work for the label and is making strenuous efforts to get the farmers' unions of the State to demand the union label.

The farmers down in South Georgia, where the Farmers' Union is so strong, have commenced an agitation among themselves to demand the O. R. T. button on their agents and operators. They say they can get the label on everything they wear, but they now must have the operators' label on his coat before he will deal with him! How is that, boys? Start your farmers on this track in every direction. We haven't a union label, but we have the union button; make the farmers and other union people demand the button on the operators!

The sudden death of Bro. T. W. Morton, at Otis, Colo., was a shock to his numerous friends and brothers everywhere, having long been an active member of the O. R. T. Sister Morton has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire membership of the Auxiliary, and trust that she will find some comfort in the knowledge that he was known and loved by myriads of friends; even those who had never seen him or met him personally

knew him to love him with that strong brotherly devotion which is so natural to spring up among the membership for the true blue.

Secretary Malone has been compelled to rent a larger office space on account of the enormous influx of business. She is "doubling" with herself night and day; every

"trick" is hers and all the work is "ever done." Overtime never comes to her, for all the "time" is hers. To see her office about the time of the arrival of the postman would convince the hardest pessimist that the Ladies' Auxiliary has come to stay, and has come to bring about some new lines of thought and successful endings of heartfelt desires and ambitions.



1. R. M. Smith.

2. B. Dickman

3. E. D. Williams.

MISCELLANY

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

A LITTLE CHILD LED THEM.

By F. REDWING.

THE tall, young fireman, with feet set wide apart, balanced himself to the swaying cab and swung the shovel steadily for a moment, scattering the coal over the fiery bed with careless ease. When he straightened himself after banging the fire box door shut, there was a frown on his face, and as his eyes glanced up at the steam gauge above, his lips moved. "Hang this business," he muttered.

Henry Redwood had graduated at a State university six months previous. Railroad life had always appealed to him and he had, figuratively speaking, stepped from the recitation room to the left side of an engine cab.

As the days progressed he began to doubt the wisdom of the move. In the first place, it was mighty monotonous, this thing of swinging back and forth from the fire box to that mass of coal classed "Run of the mine" day in and day out—or, as it had been so far, night after night—with only a breathing space between fires. And in the second place the boarding houses at either end of the divisions were not attractive by any means. And, further more, what was in it anyway?—three to five years of drudgery at the shovel and then more tiresome years at the throttle. He was sick and tired of it all. Hang it, the railroad is no place for a college-bred man to land anyway, he decided.

In fact he was to the point where he believed himself just a little bit tired of life. What was life any way? If it was anything like that which he had been experiencing in the past few months, it was eat, work, sleep, eat, work, sleep, over and over again. And it seemed that it

could be nothing else to at least seventy-five per cent of the people in the country, no matter what happened.

The night was dark. The moon had long since slipped behind a mass of dark, heavy clouds which had come up from the west. And the flickering headlight refused to show up more than four rail lengths of track ahead. A few drops of rain splashed against the cab windows.

Sixty loads and a good stiff grade. He had learned part of the trials of a railroader. They were nearing the top and just beyond he meant to snatch a few moments of rest as they rolled down toward FA tower. The hoarse pounding of the exhaust smote the air loudly and shook the engine from pilot to cab.

The top was reached. He threw one more shovelful into her, then climbed up on the seat and hung far out of the cab window allowing the damp summer breeze to fan his hot head. A bug shot hard against his ear. Flashes of lightning lit up the sky from time to time, but in the west the clouds were breaking.

As they began the descent, they gathered momentum. And still the engine kept pounding hard.

Suddenly a light shot by. He wondered why Ben had not shut off. He glanced at his watch. It was one fifty-five and number eight was due at two at the very point which they were now passing.

He glanced across the cab. A flash of lightning made things light. With a sudden spring, he gained the other side. In a moment he had closed the throttle and had lifted the engineer to the floor. They were rolling down grade and had already passed the siding where they should have gone for number eight.

He threw himself hard against the reverse lever and wormed it over. Then,

opening wide the sand pipes, he opened the throttle and began bucking the jumbling, bumping cars behind as those nearest slowed up and those behind began crowding down upon them.

Screeching, roaring, fire flying from steel hoofs, the battling engine threw itself back and surely, steadily, checked the pushing mass.

Redwood grasped a torch and placed it upon the floor. His right arm about the limp form of the engineer, he leaped to the ground before the train had come to a full stop. Climbing to the top of the embankment, he laid his burden down. And without a second glance at the still form in the grass, he leaped down and ran for his torch. The train had stopped.

Out on the track he rushed, off toward the—

Then they came. A sudden turn in the track had hid number eight's dim headlight until she was nearly upon him. The torch waved wildly for a moment, then sailed straight for the oncoming train.

With a leap, he was up the side of the hill and going over the fence. He was a flying form as the fireman on eight jumped. He saw the fire flying from the wheels as the brakes set. Then a half minute afterward came the crash.

He felt stunned. But only for a moment. Those cries were too awful. He dashed forward and began hauling wild, distracted passengers from a coach which was on its side against the embankment.

An hour later, just as day dawned, one of the doctors came upon him walking about with a child in his arms.

The child, a two year old baby girl had been the last he had rescued. He found her near the front of the car, that part which had suffered most damage. She had refused to unclasp her little arms from around his neck when he had brought her out and he had allowed her to stay. Her little form had at first shaken with nervous fright and a piteous sob had won its way into his heart.

"I've just left her," the doctor said. "She's gone."

"Who's gone?"

"The baby's mother. She died a moment ago. She—"

"This baby's mother dead?" Redwood exclaimed. "Poor child." And he glanced down into two blue eyes which were fixed wonderingly on his face. Even as he looked the red lips opened in a baby smile and she lisped, "Gwace like oo."

"She's a foreigner—French," continued the doctor. "Her husband died a week ago and she was on her way home. Poor woman! She has reached home but not the one to which she was ticketed."

"And she has no friends here to take the little one. Then I'll take her. My aunt will welcome her," replied Redwood.

"Good," exclaimed the doctor. "I promised her before she died that I'd find a home for her. You relieve me of an unwelcome duty." Then as he turned away, he exclaimed, "Fate is a queer God. There is another mother lying over there unconscious but not dangerously injured whose child was killed."

Redwood, with the rear-end crew went back to the eastern terminal. The engineer had been taken home, or rather, had taken himself home. He had experienced a fainting spell, the doctors claimed.

Poor fellow, it was to be his last run likely, even though he should never experience another. The risk was too great.

It was two days later that Redwood climbed aboard number nine with the baby. He was going to take the child to his aunt who lived at the other end of the division.

The station platform at Fort Wayne was crowded. At the west side stood a hearse and behind this in regular order, waited a line of cabs. Number nine was nearly due. It was a funeral party and Mrs. Sellers, pretty, twenty-three, and a widow was waiting for her dead. Her eyes were heavy with weeping. Her face was marble white. Unfortunate, indeed, had the past few years of her life proven. Mr. Sellers, not exactly young, wealthy, well liked, had died in the first year of their marriage. And now the baby, her very life, had been taken away the night of the wreck and she was left alone. They had told her of the other mother and she wondered bitterly why her child had been spared instead of hers. Surely, God was not good.

A rumble filled the air. The ringing of a bell was heard. Number nine came steaming into the station.

She glanced toward the baggage car, then turned away with a groan. Her friends gathered around her in sympathy.

A tall, broad shouldered young man stepped carefully from the second coach and started toward the street.

Suddenly a loud scream was heard and a woman fell nearly at the man's feet. He stopped and glanced down.

"Back, people," he shouted as they gathered closely about the fallen woman. "Give her air. Get water quick."

She was unconscious only a moment.

Suddenly her eyelids trembled and she glanced up into the face of the man above her. "My baby. Where is she?"

Redwood had given the child to a woman nearby while working with the fainted woman and now he turned toward her.

The child held out her arms eagerly and he took her to his arms thanking the woman with a smile.

As he turned again, the baby glanced downward.

"Mama," she cried, and scrambled from the man's arms.

There was a glad cry and the woman clasped the child to her breast.

In a moment, her face flushed, her eyes dancing, she was on her feet. "Where did you get my baby? I thought—" Then a question appeared in the deep, blue depths of her eyes. She turned toward the baggage car.

A rough box was being carried to the hearse. She shuddered and turned weakly to the man. "I do not understand."

A flash of understanding shot across Redwood's mind. "The babies have been confused. That one, nodding toward the hearse, belongs to the mother who was killed."

And they followed the hearse to the cemetery as solemnly and as devoutly as though it had been hers.

A year had passed. Redwood was in the general offices now and headed for the top. He had met the woman and the babe a dozen times. It was after the second time he passed them on the street that he began

thinking. Each time afterward he thought more and more. Just three evenings previous, he had met the woman at an informal social gathering and had talked a great deal with her.

And now he was thinking. He had been thinking all day. He was thinking as he was walking down toward the club. The clear, laughing blue eyes, the tempting red lips, the dark, wavy hair, the intoxication of the perfume she used and of her presence, her—it was too much. He wondered—no! She would want nothing to do with him. She knew men pretty well and he thought she would care nothing for him.

And the woman. She had thought of him also. How brown his eyes were. She loved that trick he had of smiling with the eyes alone. And he was so straight, so tall, so tender, so—Ah! She dare not think of him. What could he possibly think of a widow. His ideal must surely be a pure, sweet maiden as innocent as the smiling spring daisies.

There was some one else who thought. The baby. Often when the mother rocked her or wheeled her in the carriage, the little one would talk of her "Henry" and of how she wanted him to "tum."

The man walked slowly onward, his head slightly bent. Suddenly he stopped.

"Hewwo Henwy. Oo bad man. Oo don't come see Gwacie. Pweese tum an stay wif us. We dit so lonesome."

Redwood heard and glanced quickly at the woman. A warm flush had mounted to her face and had even reached the tip of her ears. She tried to turn her head, but his eyes held hers.

Something in them—what was it? He felt his pulses quicken. A sudden gladness filled his heart.

"May I come and stay with—with Gracie?" he asked, a tender pleading in his tone.

She flushed still more. "Do you think you'd care to—to—to."

He drew nearer. She stepped back in dismay. "Oh, be careful. Someone will see."

"I'm so glad," he whispered.

And a tear of happiness peeped out between her dark lashes before it danced away from the smile which answered him.

MARK TWAIN AND THE TYPE-WRITER OPERATOR.

BY ALBERT H. MODRICKER.

NOT all stenographers, however, intelligent, are gifted with a sense of humor, and professional humorists sometimes suffer severely at their hands. Mark Twain once had a trying experience with a stenographer—one of those conscientious stenographers who not only know, but know that they know. Mr. Clemens had received the typewritten sheets of a story which he considered as funny as anything he had ever written, but on reading the sheets he dismally discovered that the fun had been eliminated. Mr. Clemens returned the sheets congratulating the stenographer upon having consumed "only one week in making sense of a story which he himself had required two weeks to make nonsense of."

Speaking about Mark Twain, he recently went into the sales department of a publishing house, and, being attracted by a particular book, asked the price; he was informed the price was \$4.00, whereupon Mr. Twain remarked that, inasmuch as he was a newspaper writer, a discount was due him.

"Do I get a discount on that score?" he asked.

"Certainly," replied the polite clerk.

"I am also a magazine writer. Do I get something off for that?"

"Yes," said the clerk, "you get a discount for that."

"I am also an author. Don't I come in on the author's discount?"

"Yes, sir; you get the author's discount."

"In addition," said Mr. Clemens, "I am a stockholder in this house. Does that entitle me to something off?"

"Yes, sir," the clerk returned.

"Now," continued Mr. Clemens, "I would like to state that I am Mr. Clemens. Does that fact enable me to get another rake-off?"

"It does," said the clerk, after a moment's hesitation.

"That's good," replied the author, "now how much do I owe you?"

"We owe you 80 cents!" said the clerk.

Another story about Mark Twain that has not "made the rounds of the press" entirely, is one in which the story might appropriately be entitled, "It Might Have Been Worse," but, as to that, the reader must be his own judge. Condensed, the story is as follows:

Mark Twain, during one of his lecture tours, was waiting at a station for a delayed train. Several Mark Twain stories start out in this way, but, we'll let it go at that. The lecture committee and several townsmen were with him and talking their best to pass the time away. One man told about a frightfully unhealthy town he had read about, and it was a grewsome tale of dying and burials and that sort.

"It might have been worse," Twain followed, in his slow and direct manner. "I lived in that town—that same town—for two years, and I never died once—not a single time."

The way he said it seemed to daze the crowd, and not a man said a word in response.

"Of course you may think I am lying," the humorist continued, "and I'm sorry, for I can't get any witnesses to testify that I didn't, because everybody else that lived there is dead."

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

FIRST EXPERIENCE IN THE WEST.

BY ARTY.

THE incident which I am about to relate, occurred on the N. P. several years ago, at an "OS" station just west of B. The night operator was a young man, only recently from the East. He had been at this particular station but a few nights, but as yet had seen no redskins shooting up the town and the long drawn out howls of the coyotes made him seriously think of going back to his staid old East, where some kindred souls on the wire knew how to play checkers, thus keeping him awake during the latter half of his 12-hour stunt, and enabling him to answer the despatcher promptly every half hour. It must be understood that the despatcher called the roll of his night "ops" every 30

minutes, and if some satisfactory excuse for a failure to answer was not forthcoming, he was handed a package by the next mail. But, however, this was the west, and no roll call had to be answered out here, so he was going to stick it out, at least, until he had his photograph taken in a wide sombrero, leather chaps, etc., with a 45 Colt's looking out from its holster, belted around his waist. He was thinking what a great sensation this photo would make, reproduced in the *Pumpkinville Weekly "Bugle"* when an extra coming east brought him out of his reverie and he got busy with his hoop and "supe ticket."

But the extra stopped and the "con" hopped off the engine with a message for the Supt. The message read as follows: "Found, a man, evidently a tramp, frozen to death in a box car. Have placed body in care of opr. here."

The poor scissor-bill after reading this message wished more than ever that he had stayed back on his \$35 per month job, but he was going to make the best of the situation anyway. This would surely make him a person of importance back home, when the news reached there. Oh, this was the West, all right.

So they unloaded the corpse. It was frozen stiff. They placed it in a chair near the stove, which was red-hot with a coal fire. After "joshing" the kid about what good company a dead man was, the train crew retired, leaving him, like Robinson Crusoe, "Monarch of all he surveyed," as far as the office was concerned.

To make matters worse, when he "os'ed" the extra, some of the night ops up the line started to kid him about his unwelcome guest. Asked him if the corpse had a card, etc. When one would get through, the others would start on him. At last, the despatcher put a stop to it, and told him that the coroner would be on No. 2 to view the remains and take it off his hands.

The kid was thankful that the stove was in one end of the office and the instrument table in the opposite end. He was also thankful that he had replenished the fire only a short time before, and that No. 2 would be there in a little over an hour. He tried to compose himself, but every

once in a while, some os'r would call him and say "Better look out for that 'corpse,' see if he has any guns on him" or some such remark as that. This so worked on the poor boy's nerves that try as he would he could not keep his eyes away from the "corpse." About this time, the waiting room was invaded by a couple of hobos who asked him if they could warm themselves for a few minutes. They were quite surprised at the relief their presence seemed to give to the boy. They were more than ever surprised when he handed out his lunch basket to them, telling them to feed up as he didn't feel hungry and to stay there as long as they wanted to. He was wise enough to keep the presence of his dead friend from becoming known to them. At any rate, he didn't want to be the only mourner at this "wake." Now he could rest in comparative ease, if they would only stay.

The door leading from the waiting room to the office was sawed in two. The upper half was always open, so as to allow conductors to sign orders without intruding into the agent's private sanctum. There was a sort of a shelf placed on the bottom half and the bottom half was always locked. The kid settled himself down in a chair, took the copy of the "Bugle" he had received that day from home, and prepared to read the news of the old town. For a few minutes he kept one eye playing on the corpse, but soliloquizing thus: "Well, that man is dead, and the dead don't bother anyone and I'm not alone here, so I'm all right" he straightaway forgot about the "corpse" and became absorbed in the current events of Pumpkinville. He was so interested in reading the thrilling story of how the Red-Jacket hand tub brigade of Pumpkinville had won first prize at the annual firemen's muster, that he did not notice the exit of the two tramps from the waiting room. Suddenly a most unearthly groan came from the other end of the office. The kid had his feet on the telegraph table while reading and as he looked up with a face as white as a negro's teeth he got a brace with his feet on the edge of the telegraph table, and with his hands giving him a good grip on the chair, he

made a flying leap for the waiting room, through the upper half of the door, which was open. He landed on all fours in the waiting room, then made a run for the outside door.

Although it was bitter cold, outside, he started to do a Marathon stunt down the track, hatless, coatless, and speechless. He didn't notice the cold, he only wanted to get away from that "corpse." After running about a mile the other side of the switch he could see the rays of the electric headlight on No. 2 six or seven miles away, and just figured that he would be able to get back in time to prevent a delay to them and also see the coroner "scared stiff" as he thought. So he beat it back, and the cold was just beginning to tell on him. Several times, he stopped, almost frightened to death at some skulking coyote, thinking it was the corpse after him, but he at last made the near end of the station platform just ahead of the train. Then, pulling himself together, he walked up to the station and peered into the office. All he saw, was a crumpled up heap on the floor, near the stove. The train stopped and when the coroner alighted the kid said, brave as a lion: "Say, doc, I've got a corpse for you." The coroner and conductor entered the office, conductor got his "supe ticket" and the train departed. Coroner viewed the remains and said, "A plain case of death by freezing; a case for the meds, at the college to dissect if they wish to." The kid then told him about the corpse collapsing in a heap and the coroner said the effect of the heat from the stove on the stiff body caused it.

Next day, the chief dispatcher received a letter from the kid saying that his mother was seriously ill, and requesting relief "at once." He never asked him for a pass or half fare. He just wanted to beat it back home.

The kid is older now and laughs when he tells the story, but he never does attend an "Irish wake" and will cross the street and enter a store or any old place he can enter, when he sees a funeral coming toward him.

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

SLEEP RESULTED IN CATASTROPHE.

By H. LEROY JENKINS.

A DRIVING wind was howling without. The night was so intensely cold that the diminutive office stove, although heated to its full capacity had difficulty in keeping the office heated to a comfortable temperature.

I had blown in a few days previous from Pocatello to Ogden and was in quest of a betterment of my financial position. Having met with no degree of success I braced the "Espee" for a position as telegrapher.

The high and mighty chief informed me, upon application, that if my record was right up to the "snuff" and if I could pass the "Espees" system of Bertillion examinations, in addition to consenting to have my countenance photographed (presumably for the rogue's gallery) he could use me in a little "OS" job on the desert honored by the name of Hogup. So I had the alternative of either accepting the position or "beating" it back east via the side door Pullman and scanty feed route.

Being rich to the extent of two dollars and twenty-three cents (to be exact), I made no hesitation in accepting the former. Consequently in due time I was safely installed in my new berth.

Those who have had the misfortune of spending a winter in the Great American desert, that vast expanse of sand and mosquito bush, can more fully appreciate the awfulness of that veritable hades.

The "boomer" who was not so fortunate (if it may be so termed) in securing a position, sat with his feet elevated upon the desk and chair tilted back.

He had blown in, in the early part of the evening on No. 98. After the fraternal handshake, I welcomed him with that fellowship instinctive only among brother telegraphers.

After he had gotten upon the outside of a meal, created by my culinary ability, (which, by the way, if I do say it myself, is no mean ability after long association with *myself* in the west) and had shaved himself with my razor, with the aid of a

broken mirror which graced the office, became more at ease and communicative.

"Fierce night, isn't it?" he ventured, but before I had time to reply he asked.

"Would you mind rolling me a white one? My nerves are so bad tonight that I am afraid I wouldn't be very successful."

I reached for my papers and makings and rolling one handed it to him.

"Thank you, old timer," he said, receiving the proffered cigarette. "How long have you been out in this God-shunned country?"

I replied that I had been in the west a few months.

"How long have you been booming the west?" I inquired.

"My boy," he responded, "it has been more than ten years since I first came to this country. Let me see, yes, I came west in —97." I noticed as he imparted this information, that he had a faraway look in his fine gray eyes.

I surmised that he was thinking of things far pleasanter than our present surroundings. But, ah! as I afterward discovered, that pleasant thoughts were rarely known to him.

It was some seconds before either of us spoke again. The cigarette glowed between his fingers, the glow died down and went out unnoticed. A tiny curl of smoke curled upward like a spirit departing from a dying body. The wind howled more wickedly than before as if trying to vent its fury upon the little station in which we were seated.

Can I ever forget that look of pain that he gave me when at last I inquired why he had ever began to roam?

He shifted his feet to the floor and relit the cigarette, and replied brokenly.

"Yes, pal, I shall tell you why I started this miserable way of existence. It is a long story but I feel as though I should like to talk tonight.

"It was in September, —97. I was a young man then of twenty-two, not fully awakened to the responsibilities of life. I was working a night trick in a small town for an eastern road, I shall not mention the place. My prospects seemed bright, as I was soon to be promoted to a better pay-

ing position in the despatcher's office a few miles distant, and I was in love."

I caught again that faraway look return to his eyes.

"I can see her dear sweet face as plainly as if it were here before me now," he continued as if more to himself than to me, "Oh, how I suffered that awful night. Yes," he said again addressing me, "I was in love with the sweetest girl that God ever gave life."

"I had been courting her in the afternoons, as I did not have much time to be with her in the evenings, and sometimes the day man would work for me on Sunday evenings so that we could go to church together.

"I am afraid I was a little wild before I met her, but her sweet compelling influence made a better man of me and caused me to look upon life more seriously.

"Her parents objected at first to my attentions to their only daughter, they being quite wealthy, and me with nothing but my salary and prospects, but we finally became engaged and with some difficulty we received her parents' consent to our marriage.

"We were to have been united in October, I had asked for two weeks' leave of absence, and we were rapturously happy in our love.

"It was on the twenty-eighth of September that she went to the city to purchase her trousseau. I went to the train with her, and she seemed reluctant to be parted from me for even so short a time.

"Ah, I can see her yet, as she stood on the station platform, her beautiful blue eyes light with the light of love.

"She was to return the same evening on the limited No. fifteen. I was to take her home from the station, as generally after No. fifteen had passed I could get relieved for an hour or so from the office.

"I came on duty that night on time. I had slept only an hour or so that day for I had had a severe headache and could not rest well. Consequently, I was in no condition to work.

"Number fifteen was three hours late, she was due at my station at nine-forty-five p. m.

"The despatcher put out the three hours time to the various trains on his division to help them along. I was kept rather busy until about eleven forty-five p. m., then there was a lull in business. I was almost overcome from the loss of sleep and I fell asleep. I had only slept about thirty minutes, but, ah! those disastrous few moments caused me a life time of misery and pain. I was awakened by the despatcher calling me like mad. I hastened to answer him. Why don't you answer he snapped and then he asked me if Extra east 2231 had passed. I had slept with a white board, but I thought nothing could get by me without awakening me, so I answered him not yet (not yet). Copy three for em he clicked, then he called A—— the next station east and told him to take an order for Number fifteen, the limited. He made a positive meet for the two trains to meet at B—— a blind siding between my station and A——.

"I glanced out of the window to see if the extra was coming but could see nothing of them. I then heard A—— report Number fifteen out of his station.

"I settled back in my chair to await the coming of the extra, I presently went outside to see if I could see or hear them coming, but everything was stillness with the exception of an occasional chirp of a sleepy sparrow under the eaves.

"When I returned to the office the despatcher was again calling me.

"Is that extra there yet,' he inquired. I answered in the negative. 'They should be there he said, they have only eight cars of stock and are making passenger time, that's why I made a meet for 'em with No. 15. Are you sure they are not by?'

"Then I was struck almost dumb with doubt, what if they had passed when I was asleep and that I had slept so soundly that I had not heard them.

The boomer relapsed once more into silence and a great sob shook his wasted frame.

"I held the key open," he continued. "Oh, God, was it possible that they were by and I should be the cause of sending them on into the limited, and my darling was on that train?

"While I was trying to collect my thoughts enough to make an intelligent answer to the despatcher, the telephone bell rang.

"Who could be calling at this time of night,' I thought, and as I reached to answer I had a strange feeling that its ringing boded no good.

"I managed to articulate a husky 'hello' into the transmitter, an excited voice replied in the other end, 'this is the infirmary.' I was wild with apprehension for the infirmary was near the tracks of the railroad and a short distance east from B—— where the two trains had an order to meet, cold drops of sweat stood out on my brow as I listened.

"There's an awful wreck out here,' the voice said, 'the limited had a head-on with a freight train. Order all the available doctors and nurses out here at once and—!'

"I waited to hear no more. I rushed out of the office. I ran over to the hotel where the day man stayed and smashed in the door with one kick, after I had awakened him I told him of the awful catastrophe. I then started for the scene of the wreck. Terror lent wings to me; it was about six miles from the station, but I made it in an incredibly short time. The two trains were a mass of twisted steel and iron and some of the coaches were afire. Oh, the horror of it; strong men cursed and raved, women and children screamed and wept, men, women and children were dying all about me, and I had done it all.

"I rushed through the flames in a vain endeavor of finding my darling, but it was not until what seemed an eternity until I found her.

"My clothes were burned off from me, and I was burned and singed badly. There, I found her apart from the others in the arms of an uninjured woman, dying. She saw me, but, despite my blackened appearance, she recognized me with a sweet smile and died before I could kneel beside her.

"They tried me at court, but I was eventually cleared and set free. Oh, how I prayed for them to hang me as I so richly deserved and put me out of my misery."

He shook violently. The wind had died down to a deathly stillness. The little

brass tongue sounders were quiet as if afraid to disturb the unfortunate man in his great sorrow. No. 93 was whistling for the signal unheeded. I saw him through misty eyes and reached over to shake his hand in sympathy but started back. He had passed into the great beyond where sorrow is no more and to his darling.

LABOR'S PURCHASING POWER.

THE Labor Journal is not always in accord with Robert Hunter, but that gentleman is eminently correct in the following statement:

If trade unionists only understood the full meaning of unity and solidarity, their power would be invincible.

Today union men often spend forty dollars a month to destroy unionism, where they give up one dollar a month to build up unionism.

Union men as a body spend no less than \$1,500,000,000 a year to purchase the necessities of life.

Every dollar of that immense sum spent for non-union goods is spent to break down unionism.

If a strike is on in a shoe factory, union men all over the country send their contributions to support the strike. If the strike fails, and scabs are employed, union men often buy the product of that scab labor.

What with one hand they try to build up, with the other they try to tear down.

If a union man gives a dollar a month to support his union he thinks he has done a great deal. By paying these dues he expects to build up a powerful trade union movement. At the same time he often uses his immensely more powerful *purchasing* power to defeat the aims of unionism.

Suppose every one of the three million trade unionists in this country considered it a crime to buy non-union products. Suppose the merchants and employers knew that and were trying to attract union buyers. Suppose they knew that every penny of this billion and a half dollars would be *spent only for union made goods*. What would you see?

Every store patronized by working men would have a union label sign at its door. The merchants themselves would *advertise*

the union label; the employers would *advertise* that their shop is a *closed shop*. All the industries that produce products for working class consumption *would employ union labor or go bankrupt*.

This great lesson is constantly preached by union leaders. It is the lesson of unity and solidarity. It means instead of a few million dollars going to the support of unionism that over a billion dollars every year would go to the support of unionism.

Back of every union fighter, back of every strike, back of every industrial battle, would be the power of this billion and a half.

The dues paid to your union are nothing compared with this immense purchasing power—power now often frittered away and wasted when it is not *actually used* to break down unionism itself.—*Rochester Labor Journal*.

THE RUN OF NO. 71

“DURING the course of my railroad career, some twenty years ago,” said Engineer Tom Meahaffy, “I have had at least one experience which I will never forget.”

The boys were all attention in a moment, for they knew when Tom started in to spin a yarn it was generally calculated to be a “hair raiser.”

“It was back in '86,” he continued, knocking the ashes from his pipe and refilling it. “I was firing on the old M. & T. road then, for an engineer named Hood—Bud Hood. I knew all along that he had a slight inclination to strong drink, although I had never seen him intoxicated before—but that is getting to the point too quick.

“Bud was what was known among the men as a ‘time-maker.’

“We went out on No. 71, the fast freight for the west one day, and somehow or other we made a miserable run. The engine would not steam, despite the fact that I shoveled coal into its iron maw so industriously that it kept the firebox door at almost a white heat. Then, too, the valves were leaky, and these and other minor misfortunes caused us to reach the terminal some two or three hours late.

"Now, these fast freight trains (Nos. 71 and 72) were the particular 'pets' of the local officials. Competition for the through freight business was rife; and it was considered equally important to maintain the schedule with these trains as with the passenger trains; in fact, they were rated as first-class trains on the time card. So, when Bud returned the next day he was called up 'on the carpet' by the division superintendent, who read him the riot act, and told him that he would give him another trial on the fast freight line, but that if he did not make a better showing he would be ruled off the run, and placed on local.

"Now, you may be sure that this was all gall and wormwood to a man like Bud, who was conscious of the fact that he could run as fast as the best of them, all things being equal. He brooded over it a great deal during the few days he was laid off, and the more he thought of it, the worse he felt about it.

"The engine was taken into the shops, the leaky valves repaired, the flues adjusted, and she was pronounced as being in 'tip-top' condition.

"A couple of days later we were called to make the trip west on No. 71 again. We departed a trifle late that morning on account of being blocked in the yard, and when we reached the open country, beyond the confines of the city, I spoke to the engineer.

"'Got any orders?' I asked.

"'One,' he said, and handed it to me.

"The moment he spoke I detected a strong odor of whiskey on his breath. His actions, though, were nothing out of the ordinary, and my suspicions were not aroused. The day, although clear, was crisp and biting cold, and I surmised that he had merely taken a little 'bracer' to 'warm' him up, as was the custom of most of the railroad men in those days.

"I read the order: 'No. 6, engine 114, will wait at Pelham until 10:15 a. m. for No. 71, engine 41.'

"'Think you'll make it?' I asked.

"'Sure,' he replied, as he replaced the order in the pocket of his jumper. The 41 was in prime condition, and was behaving nicely. I had her up to the limit on steam.

Our train consisted only of eight loaded cars and the caboose, and we were fairly skipping along through the level country.

"Although we were now running considerably above the speed limit prescribed for freight trains in the rules, my engineer continued to open the throttle wider. We rounded a heavy reverse curve, dashed out on the straight track again, and approached bridge No. 30, as it was known.

"This was a shaky old affair that had been erected when the road was in its infancy, and the company had already ordered a heavier structure to replace it. There was a slow order out over this bridge and in addition, large signs had been posted at each end: 'Reduce speed to ten miles an hour over this bridge.'

"Instead of slackening speed, Bud opened the throttle wider, and when we passed over the crazy old structure, which groaned dismally beneath our weight, we were running not less than fifty miles an hour.

"'My God!' I mentally ejaculated, 'Bud has certainly gone crazy.'

"The suspicions of the conductor were also aroused at the failure to reduce speed for the bridge, and at the reckless rate we were now traveling. When I looked back over the train, I could see him giving signals to reduce speed.

"The engineer must have seen the signals, also, but he paid not a particle of attention to them.

"I saw the conductor climb out through the cupola of the caboose, and start as though to come over the train to the engine. He quickly abandoned the attempt as hazardous, however. The cars, which were all boxes, were rocking like old ocean in a storm.

"The head brakeman, who rode back five or six cars from the engine, had long since made his way to the end of a car, and was seated there now, clinging for all his life was worth to the grab iron on top.

"Trees, houses and telegraph poles resembled mere shadows as we flitted past them. The exhaust from the engine was heavy; and the big drivers moved rapidly, with a regularity of motion akin to clock-work. As we sped on at this mad pace, I

glanced at my watch. A cold chill ran up and down my spine. I could feel my hair gradually raising my cap from my head.

"It was 10:10. We had until 10:15 to go to Pelham for No. 6, and there was eight miles yet to travel. There was another station just two miles ahead, however, and the engineer would surely take the siding for No. 6 there, I thought, and was relieved. I went over to his seat and shouted:

"We head in for No. 6 at Dogwood, don't we?" He turned on me instantly.

"If anyone heads in it will be No. 6. I stop for nothing today. If she is not out of the way, we will climb over her. Put in some more coal.' His voice was thick and sounded unnatural.

"I turned sick at heart and dizzy at this crazy speech and reeled against the tender, where I clung for support.

"Put in some more coal,' he roared, again, and his voice and manner were so fiercely commanding that I was completely cowed and meekly obeyed.

"It came to me in an instant. Bud was intoxicated—drink-crazed. The whiskey he had imbibed, which had he remained in the open air, where the temperature was near freezing, would have had little, if any, effect, was now getting in its work.

"I looked back over my shoulder and saw the conductor giving us violent stop signals. The station at Dogwood was now in sight. As we approached nearer I could see the operator standing on the platform. I shouted to him at the top of my voice as we passed, and waved my arms frantically above my head.

"The words were drowned by the rumble of the train, but he must have seen that there was something wrong by my actions, and then, too, he had heard the order given over the wire to No. 6, and knew that we would not have time to go to Pelham before they left there. I had the satisfaction of seeing him dash headlong into the office. A second later the wires were fairly ringing with calls for Pelham.

"Suppose he did not get a message to Pelham in time and No. 6 left the station, there would be a collision, and—I shuddered at thought of the consequences.

"I suffered the most intense mental torture during those few minutes' ride between Dogwood and Pelham. I would undoubtedly have jumped from the flying engine had I not known that instant death would have been the result. After what seemed to me an age, but was in reality only a few minutes, we came in sight of Pelham.

"Thank God!' I murmured, fervently. There on the side track stood No. 6, her great iron horse panting and seemingly impatient to be off. The operator at Dogwood had succeeded in raising Pelham, and had saved the train. I saw the message afterwards, and this is how it read: 'Hold No. 6 for God's sake, 71 running wild.'

"No. 71 was 'running wild' in all truth. We flashed past No. 6 like a meteor, leaving passengers and crew gazing after us in wild-eyed astonishment.

"The speed we were traveling was something fearful already, and Bud, indifferent to all danger in his intoxicated condition, opened the throttle to the last notch.

"I give you my word of honor that I have never ridden at such a heart-breaking rate of speed, before nor since. A cow, grazing on the right of way, attempted to cross the track, and miscalculating the distance or speed at which we were traveling, was caught by the pilot and hurled fully twenty yards from where she was struck.

"Old 41 quivered like a thing of life at the shock, and then leaped forward with renewed speed.

"I found myself calculating in a dazed sort of way how long the wild ride would continue. I looked at the gauge. The water was running very low. If something was not done quickly there was likely to be trouble of the worst kind.

"And then there flashed upon me the thought of the Wetumpka river draw bridge. We were within a few miles of it now, and at the speed we were going it would be only a question of minutes when we would reach it. Suppose the draw was open, I thought. It frequently was at this season, to allow boats to pass. The thought of this possibility sent a cold chill through

my blood, and rendered me desperate. I leaped to Bud's side of the engine and grasped the throttle.

"He drew a revolver from the pocket of his jumper and fired at close range, point blank at my head. Fortunately, his aim was unsteady, due to the rocking motion of the engine, and the bullet whizzed past my head, but the side of my face was scorched and blackened by the explosion; and I bear the powder marks, as you can see, to this day.

"Before he could fire again, I had knocked the pistol from his hand, through the cab window, and grappled with him. He fought like a mad man, straining every muscle to hurl me from the rapidly moving locomotive; while I put forth my best efforts to maintain my footing, and get my hand on the throttle. As we struggled, the engine thundered onto the trestle approach to the bridge.

"With a superhuman effort I tore loose from his grasp and rushing to the left side of the engine peered ahead. I caught my breath with gasp. The draw was open!

"The bridge tender and assistant, seeing us approaching, were working like mad to replace the draw. Too late, for before they could get it to revolving we were on the brink.

"Just before old 41 toppled over, dragging her train after her, I stood in the gangway and sprang far out into the murky waters of the Wetumpka, sixty feet below. Fortunately, I was not struck by any of the falling cars, and being a good swimmer, I readily reached the nearest landing.

"It was nothing short of miraculous that the whole crew was not killed. As a matter of fact, though, they all escaped practically uninjured, except poor Bud, and that he was killed instantly there can be no doubt. His body was never recovered, being buried deep down in the mud beneath the wreckage."

A momentary silence fell upon the group of listeners as this narrative was ended.

"Ye gods! What a ride!" exclaimed one.
—By A. SID PHELPS in *Boyce's Monthly*.

RABBIT-SHOOTING STORY.

THE great day had come at last. A week before, Jexter, an old friend of Chorley's had written to say that he had got a rabbit shoot about ten miles away, and would be very glad if Chorley would come over and have a day's sport, bringing his own gun.

The gun Chorley had borrowed from a friend, and as he walked out of his house in the morning, carrying it over his shoulder like a sentry on the march, he saw Wimbleby in the next garden.

"Hello, Chorley," said Wimbleby, with a look of surprise, "have you joined the Volunteers?"

"Certainly not," replied Chorley, with a lofty smile of disdain. "Friend of mine has just asked me to join him in a rabbit shoot. We shall send what we shoot to the local hospital."

"Yes," said Wimbleby grimly; "if it's a gamekeeper, I only hope he lives till he gets there, that's all."

"What nonsense," protested Chorley. "You don't know what you're talking about."

"Oh, yes, I do," insisted Wimbleby. "If I had a grudge against anybody, I'd just as soon ask him to go out shooting with you as not. But as it happens I'm a man who lives at peace with all the world—"

"Yes," said Chorley, with a snort, as he passed on his way. "I've noticed it, Wimbleby."

"You take my tip and leave word with a good, reliable undertaker, Chorley," shouted Wimbleby as Chorley was turning the corner. "You can get a good commission if you hold out for it!"

In due course Chorley arrived on the ground, where Jexter greeted him cordially.

"The place is fully of rabbits, old man," said Jexter, enthusiastically. "We must keep this side of the hedge, as the other side belongs to the farmer. But as soon as my man has got the ferrets down, you'll see some sport. Are you much of a shot?"

Chorley had never had a gun in his hand before in his life, but he wasn't going to own up to that. So he smiled and said that he was probably above the average.

"That's all right," said Jexter "The man's got the cartridges. Run up and fill your pockets. Then we'll take it in turns to pot."

The "man" was engaged at the moment in trying to coax a ferret into a likely burrow. Chorley went up to him and tapped him on the shoulder with the muzzle of the gun. The man started up in a hurry and promptly knocked the gun out of Chorley's hands.

"Dash it all, guv'nor," he said, "do you want to murder me?"

"Ha, ha!" laughed Chorley. "The gun isn't loaded."

"No," snapped the man. "No guns never is till they goes off o' their own accord and kills somebody. If I'm agoin' to stay on the ground I'll arsk you to kindly keep your gun's nose downwards."

"Of course I shall, when it's loaded," said Chorley, flippantly. "Got any cartridges?"

The man gripped his ferret with one hand and held open his bag with the other so that Chorley might help himself. He looked at Chorley for a few moments, and then burst into a roar of coarse, vulgar laughter. Chorley was trying to stuff the first cartridge down the muzzle of his gun.

"I don't see what you've got to laugh at," said Chorley, a little testily. "It's not my fault if the things are too big for the barrel. Have you got such a thing as a ramrod about you?"

"No, I ain't," returned the man, with a snort of contempt. "But if that's the kind o' sport you are, guv'nor, I'll ask you to keep over on t'other side of the field. I ain't lookin' for to be a fatal accident and a hinquet at my time o' life."

Chorley retraced his steps dismally, and got a few friendly hints from Jexter as to loading and handling a rabbit gun. As soon as Jexter had shown him where to put the cartridges, he said rather significantly:

"I think, if you don't mind, old chap, I'll go and stand at the other end of the field. So that if anything comes your way, you pot at it and never mind me."

Chorley didn't quite understand why his presence should create that air of mis-

trust, but still, he could only obey his host's wishes. Jexter went to the other end of the field, and a moment later there were two sharp reports in rapid succession, and a rabbit turned a somersault down the hill, and then breathed its last at the bottom.

"Well done!" shouted Chorley. "Wait till I get a shot."

The man, who, much against his will, had been sent over with his ferret to Chorley's part of the ground, then said, quietly:

"I shouldn't shoot so much, if I was you, sir. Just keep your eye on that little 'illock close beside you, and if I ain't mistook you'll see something in a minute. But for 'eaven's sake keep the nose of your gun down'ards."

"All right, all right," said Chorley, impatiently, as he fixed his eye on the hillock in question. A moment later he was positive he saw something move, and his hand shook so he could scarcely keep his gun to his shoulder. Then he gave a sudden yell as a rabbit ran right across his feet, and disappeared in an adjacent furrow. Chorley was so surprised that he hadn't time to fire. He aimed a blow at the thing with his gun, and there is no doubt that if he had hit it he would have hurt it very severely.

"W'y didn't you shoot it?" asked the man, derisively. "'Tain't no good tryin' to kill rabbits by clubbin' 'em to death. They're in too much of a 'urry."

"You mind your business," snapped Chorley. "I know what I'm doing."

The man grumbled to himself to the effect that he wouldn't like to bet on that, and then he put the ferret into another hole, and told Chorley to watch the hillock again, as a rabbit would probably come out just there. Chorley watched diligently for some moments, and then he distinctly saw something moving within a couple of yards from where he was standing. Steadying his nerves with an effort, he put his gun up, shutting his eyes religiously, fired both barrels point blank. There was a squeal, and then all was still.

The stillness was broken by the man. He rushed forward with a gasp, and said something which Chorley sincerely trusted

he hadn't heard correctly. Then he looked back, and gulping down the rest of his holiday vocabulary, he cried out:

"Thunder an' lightning! Dashed if you ain't bin and shot the ferret!"

"I—I thought it was a rabbit," Chorley blurted out, as Jexter, looking rather glum, came up and tried to make light of the accident.

"It's all right, Chorley, old chap," he said, with an affectation of joviality that he was far from feeling. "I've often done it myself. We'll soon get another."

Jexter walked off with the "man," and Chorley could hardly help noticing that they exchanged glances more than once as they went. However, it was clearly an accident, and it was no use letting a thing like that interfere with the day's sport. So, having by this time learned how to load his gun, Chorley slipped another pair of cartridges into place, and strolled along by the hedge, where he had been given to understand the rabbits flocked in the most generous confusion.

Something moved on the other side of the hedge, and then something else—dozens of them, it seemed to Chorley. He never doubted for a moment that he had started the contents of a whole burrow, and, with a whoop of joy, he fired into the scampering crew. As the sound of the shot died away a wild and demoniacal squealing rose from the meadow on the other side of the hedge. The sound seemed familiar to Chorley. It was like the noise a pig makes when it is about to be turned against its will into a silent, expressionless saveloy.

Chorley looked around for Jexter and the man, but they were nowhere to be seen. Trembling with apprehension as to the extent of the damage he had done, Chorley climbed the bank and peeped over the hedge. As he did so, another head shot up from the other side, and a rough, hard hand grabbed him by the coat collar.

"Got yer!" shouted the owner of the rough, hard hand. "I s'pose you gen'lemen thinks that takin' pot shots at a poor man's pigs is good sport, don't yer? But I knows a better sport 'n that"—and as he spoke he flourished a stout stick in the air and

endeavored to drag Chorley through the hedge.

"Y-you are making a m-mistake, you are, really," stammered Chorley. "It was quite an accident, I assure you."

"Yes, I know," said the other with a sarcastic laugh. "I know them kind of accidents. You come through this 'ere 'edge; come on! When I've got yer 'ere I can talk to yer."

Chorley squirmed and kicked, but he was helpless in the grasp of the burly farmer, who stuck his stick in the ground for a moment and put both hands into the job of dragging his prisoner through the hedge. By the time Chorley landed on the other side, his face and hands were a good deal scratched, and his clothes were torn to ribbons. Having got him through the hedge, the farmer flung him a few paces away, and then picked up his stick again.

"Now, then, mister," he said threateningly. "Look at them there poor pigs."

Chorley looked as directed, and discovered that he had taken a flying shot into a litter of young and trustful pigs. Two of them were dead, and the survivors were crowded round their mother with an expression of unmistakable anxiety upon their youthful brows.

"Of course," said Chorley, "it's very unfortunate. But I will pay for any damage I may have done. There's no need to be violent about it."

"That's as may be, guv'nor," returned the farmer, toying significantly with his stick. "I puts them young pigs at a sovereign each. And that ain't all," he added, shaking a warning finger at Chorley, "there's the shock to the poor mother's system, to say nothin' of the moral damage I've suffered myself. This little outbreak o' yours 'll cost you three pounds. Are you goin' to pay it?"

Chorley said at first that it was an imposition, and that he wouldn't hear of it; but there was a glitter in the farmer's eye that seemed to suggest that a lengthy discussion of the terms would be imprudent. He therefore handed over the money and crawled through the hedge again to look for his host in order to explain his temporary absence.—ARNOLD GOLDSWORTHY in *Exchange*.

JIM SKEEVERS' OBJECT LESSON.

SKEEVERS was "acting master mechanic," once when the real article went "down East," got married, and honeymooned around for a while for all the world like a common engineer or a human being.

Skeevers didn't make any startling changes, but while he was in the office he was boss, all the same, and he put the knife into every sore caused by friction between engineers and firemen.

They couldn't any of 'em shut Skinny Skeevers' eye with a five-act story—Skinny knew all the stories by heart, and the men, too.

Skeevers went over the road with the officials on a tour of inspection once, and saw, for the first time, a middle-aged scrap-head on the Coalville branch, and Skeevers made a note in his book that the "38" was the dirtiest engine he ever saw.

When he got back home he wrote a letter to the engineer, saying that he was ashamed of the engine and of him; that whoever the fireman was, he, the engineer, was responsible for him, and that if the engine wasn't at once put into decent condition the engineer would hear something drop.

In a couple of days a reply came in, couched in very dignified language; there was no excuse for the dirt, no promise to remove it, no word about the fireman, but a protest about the summary way that Skeevers wrote. "I want you, sir, to distinctly understand that I am a gentleman, and shall insist on being treated as such," concluded the epistle of the offended "plug puller" of the branch run.

Skeevers sent him a pass by the first train—and also a man to relieve him.

The next day he climbed the stairs to Skeevers' office with three gauges of indignation on.

Skeevers knew he was coming and was busy writing.

"Is Mr. Skeevers here?" he asked, as he leaned his arm on the railing.

"What do you want to see him about?" asked a fresh young clerk.

"I want to see the master mechanic of this here road," said the gentleman from Coalville.

"I am that person," said Skeevers, quiet like. "May I ask who you are?"

"I am the engineer of the '38.'"

"Oh, yes; let's see, how long have you been running an engine here, sir?"

"Six years, and I—"

"Never mind, now, but don't you draw pay from this company for another position?"

"No, sir."

"Just hired for an engineer and paid for that and nothing else?"

"Yes, sir."

"I am glad to know that; I got the impression from a letter you wrote me that you were down on the payrolls as a gentleman. They may need some of them in other departments, but I want engineers, firemen and mechanics; I wouldn't give the best gentleman in America \$20 a month for my part of the work.

"I understand, sir, that you are connected with some of the first families here, but that cuts no figure with me. After working hours you may lead the german at the governor's ball if you want to, for all me; but while on duty here you are in charge of a locomotive, and are responsible for it to me, and I to the management. I don't care a continental cuss whether you were born in the White House or the gutter, who you married or what church you belong to. It cuts no figure here, as I remarked before.

"I do care what kind of an engineer you are, though, and you can't be any better engineer because you belong to the Masons, the Episcopal Church, the Greenback party or the Holy Rollers. Marrying into the first families won't help you, and being born in a hovel won't hurt you—as an engineer.

"It's an engineer's duty to see that his engine is kept reasonably tidy; the fireman should do most of this work under your directions, but you are as responsible for that as you are for packing the valve stems.

"Now, sir, this road wants good engineers, and gentlemen would be a drug on the market. If you want to try running the '38'—"

as an engineer, mind you—I am willing. You can go ahead and marry a wench or a Pawnee squaw, if you want to, and tell 'em it's none of my business; but if you don't clean up that engine before Saturday night, I will fire you off the face of the earth and hire an engineer..”

“Give Mr. Panghorn a pass to Coalville, James. Good-day, sir.”

“Good-day, Mr. Skeevers.”

“That’s what I call a dry roast,” said the chief clerk, as the gentleman runner shut the hall door at the foot of the stairs.

“That’s what my old fireman calls an object lesson, illustrated,” said Skeevers, and whatever it is, I know that Panghorn sees something in a different light than he did, and he won’t forget it, either.”—*Ry. & Locomotive Engineering.*

THE MYSTERY OF LAWSON

“**M**AX, you’ll have to take the third trick at ‘CX’ tower for a while. Middleton and Reilly have been doing twelve hours since they took Lawson away, an’ I guess you’ll have to jump in and help ‘em out till we get somebody. Run out on ‘64’ tonight and Reilly ‘ll give you a line on things.”

“All right, sir,” I replied, and the “Super” passed on to his office.

Lawson, who had been doing the third at the tower, I knew by sight, though I had but a telegraphic acquaintance with him.

The story was whispered about that Lawson had gone mad. It seems that for some time he had evinced symptoms of melancholia, had grown steadily worse, and that a week or so prior to my assignment to the tower they had been compelled to remove him to a sanitarium, a raving maniac.

At 10:45 I dropped from the rear platform of “64,” as she slowed up passing the tower. I went up stairs and joined Reilly, the second trick man, who would now go off at midnight.

We spent an hour or so going over the “system,” and I threw the irons for several trains during the interval, so that at 12 o’clock I felt myself wholly competent to work the job, the more so, perhaps, because the third was the slow trick. After “109”

east, there was nothing doing until No. 16 west, at 5:27, which I had to hold on the siding to let “First 20” by. Reilly left at 12 o’clock, and after I had reported “109,” I drew a chair up under a lamp, and, firing up my corncob, settled down with a magazine.

My eyes wandered about the little room. In shape it was nearly square. Windows ran entirely across the front or railroad side and half way back on either end. The keyboard extended from end to end along the front windows, and the row of “irons” was about four feet in the rear of this. The stairway ascended from front to rear at one side, hence the landing was in a rear corner. A banister ran along the side of the stair opening, while the front end was boarded up from floor to ceiling, so that there was formed a recess some four feet square, from which the stairs were invisible, by reason of the board partition. The irons commenced at a point about three feet from the opposite wall and extended right up to the stairway, so that one in passing from the recess to the head of the stairs was compelled to traverse the front of the room and pass around the farther end of the irons.

It was in the recess so formed that I had ensconced myself.

I had read for perhaps half an hour, when I became unable to concentrate my thought upon the story. I found my eyes leaving the page and wandering to the clock, to an indicator, the switchboard, or a small mirror upon the opposite wall. Again and again my eyes sought the page, and I would read over again the same paragraph without gaining the sense of it. I became possessed of a peculiar nervousness, superinduced, it seemed, by a feeling that I was not alone. Not a breath of air stirred without, and the silence was broken only by the rhythmic ticking of the office clock, or the occasional clicking of a sounder. My eyes wandered to the mirror across the room, which reflected the stair rail. A sickening sensation came over me and my muscles became rigid, as my mind grasped the fact that a man’s hands were holding two rungs of the railing, while his face

was pressed against those between; and such a face I pray God I may never see again. The skin was white as chalk, and the mouth drawn down at the corners, the lips parted, disclosing the teeth and gums, while the eyes were staring straight ahead, seemingly sightless, with the lids raised clear of the pupil. A smear of blood on the side of the face contrasted glaringly with the pallid skin.

For a moment I was transfixed with horror. It was the face of Lawson.

Presently, my self-possession returned, in a measure. I had obviously a maniac to deal with. I slowly rose and passed to the other side of the room, saying, as I did so, in as calm a voice as I could command, "Hello, Lawson!"

In rising, my view of the reflection was cut off, and when I came to a position from whence I could see the stairway, the apparition was gone. I bounded across the floor to the head of the stairs, but there was nothing there. I grabbed up a lantern and passed down to the door. It was latched, as it should have been. I went out and walked several times around the tower, casting the rays of the lantern into the adjoining shrubbery, but no trace of him could I find.

I went back into the tower and seated myself at the keyboard. My hand trembled visibly as I reached for the key. I called up the T. D. "Do you know what sanitarium Lawson was taken to?" I asked.

"Yes, what about it?" said the sounder.

"Well," said I, "will you please notify them that their patient has escaped and is in the immediate neighborhood of this tower?" and I briefly recounted the circumstances.

"I will telegraph them immediately," came the reply, and I closed the key.

Reading was now out of the question, and I drew a chair over to the head of the stairs and proceeded to watch out the balance of the night. I was still there when the indicator rang on No. 16. Eight o'clock came soon then, and in walked Joe Middleton, the first trick man, to whom I related my experience. He was incredulous at first, but, convinced by my evident sincerity, he

commended my course, and vouchsafed the opinion that poor Lawson would be soon apprehended.

Upon my arrival in town I passed through the T. D.'s office, and was just leaving for home, when the "Super" stopped me in the hallway.

"What is this about Lawson, Max?" said he, and I told him of the thing.

He heard me through as he toyed with a yellow slip of paper. When I had finished, he handed me the paper, a telegraph receiving blank containing the following message:

"Patient George W. Lawson has not left institution since his entrance here. Is in his room in charge of attendant at present moment. Mistake somewhere.

W. K. ESTABROOK, *House Physician.*"

I handed the paper back without reply. I turned and passed out to the street. I went home and turned in, but sleep I could not. I tossed about till noon, when I rose, drank a cup of coffee, and wandered out into the town. I do not know where I went nor what I did, but I just reached the station in time for "76" and arrived at the tower a few minutes before midnight. I suppose Middleton had told Reilly of the thing, but my manner was such that Reilly merely looked at me sharply and bade me good-night.

My second night passed uneventfully, likewise my third, fourth and fifth. By my sixth night in the tower, the effect of my experience had somewhat worn off. After "109" had passed and been reported, I pulled my chair into the recess and picked up the evening paper.

Ever and anon my eyes again sought the mirror. Somehow I began to firmly believe that each successive glance would disclose the subject of my fear.

Again I felt all muscular power leave my limbs, and a deathly faintness seize me. There it was, in identically the same position as before, but gradually lowering into the stairway. Down it went slowly, until the head disappeared from view. Not until then was I capable of action. I made a leap and ran around the irons to the stairway, but it had vanished as completely as before.

The stairway was empty, and the door latched, as I had left it.

How I spent the balance of the night I do not remember; but when Middleton came on in the morning, he looked at me steadily until I left, and earnestly inquired how I felt.

I determined to say nothing about this second occurrence, but on my own hook I sent the following message to the sanitarium:

"How is patient George W. Lawson, and how did he spend the night?"

Some two hours afterward there was delivered at my home the reply:

"Patient Lawson doing as well as can be expected. Spent restless night, but is sleeping comfortably this morning.

ESTABROOK, *House Physician.*

I was not surprised. I expected it. The mystery was beyond me, but I determined to go on working that trick until the end, whatever that might be.

On the third night after the second visitation, I sat in the recess as usual, chair tilted back, feet in the rungs, my arms folded, and puffing away on my corn-cob, when I thought I heard a slight click of the door latch below.

As stealthily as a cat I skipped around the irons and hid behind a case of battery jars near the head of the stairs. The door stood ajar, and on the stairs, slowly creeping upward, was a man dressed in brown overalls and a sleeveless undershirt. His head was raised and turned sideways as he peered through the rungs of the stair-rail, unconscious of my presence. Lawson it apparently was, but his face was soiled and blood-stained, and his hair matted and disheveled. As his head came to a level with the floor, he rose to his feet and, grasping the rungs of the railing, he assumed the position in which I had seen him on the two previous occasions.

I slowly emerged from my hiding place and approached the stairway.

"Lawson," I said in a low tone. He turned his head quickly, and, seeing me, crouched like a tiger about to spring. So quick was his action that I had little opportunity to

prepare myself. With a guttural cry he was upon me, clutching at my throat. Madly I sought to loosen his hold. Backward and forward we swayed upon the landing. He missed his footing, but so tight was his grip upon me that we went crashing together to the bottom of the stairs and against the door. He was slender in build, and should have been no match for my hundred and ninety pounds; but he fought like the maniac that he was. His strength was beyond all proportion to his physique. Over and over we rolled in the limited space at the foot of the stairs. Again and again I had him down, but loosen his hold upon my throat I could not. It was a grip of steel. As we struggled I heard No. 16 roll to a stop upon the siding. I tried to cry out for help, but could not utter a sound. I felt the veins swell behind my ears, and a mist was beginning to creep over my eyes, when I dimly heard a banging on the door from without, and we were pushed over against the wall by the forcing of the door. Then I was conscious of other hands in the fray and insensibility came.

When I came to, I was out on the road-bed, and No. 16's crew were applying water to my bursting temples. The maniac was securely bound, and several volunteers had mounted guard over him.

They took us both in on No. 16, an operator who happened on the train remaining as my relief.

A little wiring cleared up the mystery. Poor Lawson had a twin brother, of whom we had never heard, who was employed as a machinist up in Frankfort.

Inquiry there showed that he had disappeared from his boarding place about the time Lawson had been removed to the asylum. Either through coincidence, or by that remarkable sympathy, so-called, which so often exists between persons of this singular relationship, the brother had been taken in a manner similar to that of poor Lawson, and when the latter became so violent as to necessitate his incarceration, the brother had attained the same identical state. During the period of my expectancies, it was inferred, he had hung about

the neighborhood of the tower, through an evident desire for intercourse with Lawson.

He had a latch-key, either made by himself or given him by Lawson, which fitted the tower door, and hence the case of his access thereto.—By HARRY M. LUMMIS in *Express Gazette*.

HIS MOST SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

A BUNCH of railroad men had been telling of their most hazardous experiences.

Then spoke up Wm. McGreevy, city passenger agent of the Rock Island railroad. "The most distressing accident that ever befell me in all my railroad career," says McGreevy, "was when I was city passenger agent of this same road out in Los Angeles. One day a young fellow came to me and wanted me to map out his route for a wedding trip. I engaged a stateroom for him and a lot of things like that, and then he called me to one side and told me with a serious face about two feet long, that there was one more important thing he wanted me to do for him. He said I must help him identify the girl he was going to marry that evening.

"'Wh-a-a-t!' I says. 'Help you to identify 'er!' I was startled, for it looked as if the young chap must have had his reason kind of unseated by the anticipation of approaching unwedded bliss. But he was in dead earnest about it. 'You see,' he tells me, 'I did all my courting by mail and I've never seen the object of my affections. She is coming in on the train this afternoon and I might not recognize her. I know only that she is very beautiful, for I have her photograph.' And he took the picture out to show it to me.

"She was a pretty girl, all right. I told him it oughtn't to be any trouble to recognize her from the picture. But he said his was a timid, shrinking disposition when young women were concerned and he wouldn't take a chance on approaching the wrong girl when the crowd got off the train, not for anything. He looked up at me with pleading eyes like a child, and coaxed me to go down to the station and see if I couldn't pick her for him. So I went down.

"Well, I held the photograph in my hand, looking first at it and then at the crowd, and right up among the first bunch that climbed off the day coach was a slick-looking little dame that I thought must be the one. She wasn't dressed what you would call swell, but her clothes looked neat and seemed to fit her everywhere at once. I wondered how it could happen that such a girl would have to answer an advertisement in order to get a man, but there wasn't much time to ponder over that. As she came through the gate, I walked up to her with the bridegroom right at my heels, and says I, clearing my throat nervously: "Do you happen to be Miss Twinkleton, the girl that—"

"Before I could finish it, banged if she hadn't thrown her little arms around my neck and was kurglin' in my ear: 'You're just the darlinest boy ever. I was afraid you might not know me, but I knew you!' And a lot more like that, before I could break her clinch and get her stopped and introduced to the bridegroom.

"That," says McGreevy, "was the most serious railroad accident I was ever in."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

AN INJUNCTION REMEDY.

THERE has been suggested by a professor on economics in "The American Federationist," a good plan of meeting the present situation on the use of the injunction in labor disputes by the adoption of the essential terms of the British trades disputes act of 1906. This appears to us a good recommendation that should result in the preparation of a bill on similar lines to the trades disputes act for presentation to Congress. Such a measure, we believe, would appeal to its members as a means of relief to workmen in strike difficulties and satisfy the demands of justice to all concerned.

It is a most significant fact that this act was drafted by the present Lord Chancellor of England, corresponding to the chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was aided by other leading lawyers, and it can be taken for granted that the act is both just and effective. The sub-

stance of the act lies in Section 4, as follows: "Any action against a trades union, whether workmen or masters, or against any members or officials thereof on behalf of themselves and all other members of the trades union in respect to any tortious act alleged to have been committed by or on behalf of the trades union shall not be entertained by any court."

It will be seen that this action avoids the charge of class legislation since it applies both to trades unions and employers' associations. On the ground no injunction or other action would lie against employers for maintaining a blacklist, and none could lie against the union for supporting a boycott. It applies, also, of course, to strikes and lockouts.

A LAWYER'S QUEER CARD.

A CORRESPONDENT of Law Notes sends in the professional card of a Chicago lawyer, which bears on its back the following legend:

"MAN."

A man's life is full of crosses and temptations. He comes into this world without his consent and goes out against his will,

and the trip between the two is exceedingly rocky.

The rule of contraries is one of the features of the trip. When he is little the big girls kiss him, when he is grown the little girls kiss him. If he is poor he is a bad manager, if he is rich he is dishonest. If he needs credit he can't get it, if he is prosperous every one wants to do him a favor. If he is in politics it's for the pie, if he is out of politics you can't find a place for him, and he is no good for his country.

If he doesn't give to charity he is a stingy cuss, and if does it's for show.

If he is actively religious he is a hypocrite, if he takes no interest in religion he is a hardened sinner.

If he gives affection he is a soft specimen, if he seems to care for no one he is cold-blooded.

If he dies young there was a great future before him, if he lives to an old age he has missed his calling.

The road is rocky, but man loves to travel it.

If you want a good attorney, see me.—
Ex.





In Memory.

Sleep on, sweet Jack,
And take thy rest;
God called you home,
He thought it best.

A loved one from me has gone,
A voice I loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in my home,
Which never can be refilled.

Like a flower you passed away,
Destroyed in all your bloom;
You left this world and all your friends,
To moulder in the tomb.

You have gone from me forever,
Longer here you could not stay;
You have reached a fairer region,
Far away, far away.

Go to thy rest, fair Jack,
Go to thy dreamless bed,
While yet so gentle, undefiled,
With blessings on thy head.

God, in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love had given;
And though the body slumbers here,
The soul is safe in Heaven.

The golden gates were opened wide,
A gentle voice said come,
And angels from the other side
Welcomed my loved one home.

Dearest, Jack, we have laid thee
In the peaceful grave's embrace;
But thy memory shall be cherished,
'Till I see your heavenly face.

Heaven now retains my treasure,
Earth the lonely casket keeps;
And the sunbeams long to linger,
Where my dear sweet Jack sleeps.

Again I hope to meet you,
In a land so bright and fair;
Where we will be reunited,
And no sorrows enter there.

Dearest one, I hope to meet you,
When the day of life is fled;
And in Heaven with joy to greet you,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

— MRS. J. W. HODGE.

The New Casabianca.

He stood upon the chilly pave,
The child with curly head,
Around him surged a human wave,
But ne'er a word he said.
He knew how swift the moments fly,
The crowd swayed to and fro;
He heard his mother's distant cry—
Yet still he would not go.

The hours wore on, the boy was there,
He waited with the rest;
The curl had left the tangled hair
His mother oft caressed.
His little legs they felt like wood,
He knew 'twas after four
Yet by the board he patient stood
And waited for the score.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Leave Them Outside.

Don't bring them into the lodge room,
Anger and spite and pride;
Drop at the gate of the temple
The strife of the world outside.
Forget all your cares and trials,
Forget every selfish sorrow,
And remember the cause you met for,
And haste ye the glad tomorrow..

Drop at the gate of the temple
Envy and spite and gloom;
Don't bring the personal quarrels
And discord into the room.
Forget the slights of a sister,
Forget the wrongs of a brother,
And remember the new commandment
That ye love one another.

Bring your hearts into the lodge room,
But leave yourself outside—
That is, your personal feelings,
Ambition, vanity, pride.
Center each thought and power
On the cause for which you assemble;
Fetter the demon Discord
And make ye the monster tremble.

Ay, to fetter and chain him,
And cast him under your feet,
That is the end we aim at,
The object for which we meet.
Then don't bring into the lodge room
Envy or strife or pride,
Or aught that will mar our union,
But leave them all outside.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Questions Hard to Answer.

If a woman had an English pug, ten children,
and a cat,
And she tried six weeks to rent a house, a twelve-
room house at that,
With neighbors fine on ev'ry side, and a yard
with lots of room,
How old would those ten children be before they
found a home?

If Henry took sweet Josephine out for an auto
ride,
And if at sixty miles an hour, to steal a kiss he
tried,
And he forgot the steering gear, on her ruby
lips to sup,
How soon could twenty men with brooms sweep
Hal and Josie up?

If Charlie took his Mary Lou to a very swell cafe,
And he ordered half the bill of fare, and felt so
fine and gay,
If the dinner cost five twenty-five, and Charlie
had but four,
How many things would Charlie strike before he
struck the floor?

Supposing now that I was you, and supposing
you was me,
Supposing I was somebody else, how many would
there be?
I think I'll give you one more sum, now work it
if you can:
Would you substract or multiply to find the age
of Ann?

—PROF. EULER B. SMITH, in *Atlantic Journal*.

Preparing for Rest.

If you're waking, call me early, call me early,
mother dear,
For tomorrow I start packing, as I do this time
each year.
I am going for vacation up where mountain
streamlets run,
And I'll need a rest, dear mother, long before
my packing's done!

I must fold my shirtwaists, mother; there are
twenty-three, I think,
And my lingerie needs ribbons—I shall run it
all with pink;
Then the skirts must not be crumpled and the
hats must not be crushed.
And my coiffure puffs, dear mother, must be
all unrolled and brushed.

Then my slippers need new boxes and my silk
embroidered hose
Must be laid out lengthwise, mother, in the
neatest kind of rows.
And my sheath and evening dresses and my
jewels ought to be
In the safest trunk, dear mother, so, at least,
it seems to me.

Seven parasols, I fancy, will be quite enough
to do,
And a dozen three-piece costumes really ought
to see me through.
I shall wear my cherry basket and an automobile
veil,
And the yellow rajah empire, with the stunning
fan-shaped-trail.

If you're waking, call me early, call me early,
mother dear,
For there's such a lot of packing now my
fortnight's grace is here.
But it must be done, dear mother, ere I gain
the rest I seek—
Where? Just going to the mountains; Wild
Cat cottage. Six a week.

—*New York Times*.

The Struggle of the Rich.

That's what's the matter with men of wealth—
It isn't at all that they need
The money for which they will peril their souls;
It is simply ambition's greed.

They want to be part of the magnate push,
And to mix in a row to see
Which one of the captains shall gain control
Of the stuff that spells Victory.

It is only to win in a corporate war
That they stay in the game and play
While a helpless and suffering world looks on,
With the blood of the bill to pay.

Theirs isn't the struggle that millions put up
To secure their daily bread,
And give of their lives that others may live;
It is power they're after instead.

For that they will hazard the best that they have,
Their health and their peace of mind;
Their consciences go with the rest as well,
For the pleasure they think they find.

It is power they're after—not power of right,
That may count for a glory crown;
It is merely the power to keep themselves up
By keeping the other man down.

If they struggle for wealth for the good they could
do
With abundance of golden might,
Their motives no man would dare to condemn,
And the world would applaud their fight.

Nobody denies they are giants of strength,
And each has a right to his
As long as he hews to the line of the law,
But, God, what a shame it is!

—W. J. LAMPTON, *New York World*.

FACETIOUS



Saw the End.

"What's the final end of man?" queried the Sunday school teacher.

"The letter N," answered the small boy at the foot of the class.

Sure.

"Why do so many women rest their chins on their hands when they are trying to think?"

"To hold their mouths shut so that they won't disturb themselves."—*Cleveland Leader*.

Splendid Recipe.

A Salina (Kan.) girl sent 50 cents in answer to a Chicago advertisement for keeping the hands soft and white, and received this recipe: "Soak them three times a day in dish water while your mother rests."

As Usual.

He—"I suppose you will erect a handsome monument to your husband's memory?"

The Widow—"To his memory? Why, poor John hadn't any. I found his pockets full of letters I'd given him to post."

A Damp Suggestion.

"Not dressed yet?" he cried in mild surprise as he entered his wife's boudoir.

"No," she snapped. "They've never sent my dress and I've literally nothing I can wear. I can't possibly go to the horse show. What on earth can I do?"

He pondered a moment, until an idea struck him.

"You might—you might take a bath," he suggested.

And yet they say some husbands never think of their wives.

Too Late.

"I'm introducing a brand-new invention—a combined talking machine, carpet sweeper and a letter opener," said the agent, stepping briskly into an office.

"Got one already," answered the proprietor, "I'm married."—*The Bohemian*.

Pertinent Question.

"What did you say last night when Jack asked you to marry him?"

"I shook my head."

"Sideways or up and down?"—*Boston Transcript*.

In Pullman Parlance.

Two Pullman car porters met outside the Grand Central Station after a night's run.

"Where's Ike Stevens, Bill? He hasn't been on the job for two nights."

"No. He had a birth at his house."

"Girl or boy?"

"Twins."

"I don't call that a birth; I call that a section."—*The Telegraph*.

Mother's Wages.

"Mother gets up first," said the new office boy. "She lights the fire and gets my breakfast so I can get here early. Then she gets father up, gets his breakfast, and sends him off. Then she an' the baby have their breakfast."

"What is your pay here?"

"I get \$3 a week and father gets \$3 a day."

"How much does your mother get?"

"Mother!" he said indignantly, "Why she don't have to work for anybody."

"Oh, I thought you just told me she worked for the whole family every morning."

"Oh, that's for us—but there ain't no money in that."—*Brewers Zeitung*.

He Knew.

"I say, Jack, if you get me a lock of your sister's hair I'll give you ten cents."

"Make it a quarter and I'll give you the whole bunch. I know where she hangs it at night."—*The Car Worker.*

Where Ignorance May Mean Bliss.

Teacher—I wonder what your mother would say if she knew how backward you are in geography?

Girl—Oh, my mother says she never learnt jogfry and she's married, and Aunt Sally says she never learnt jogfry and she's married; and you did and you ain't.—*Punch.*

No Suffering.

It was at a breach of promise case, and the rustic defendant was under cross examination.

"Now tell me, please," said the counsel sternly, "on the evening of the 16th when you bade her good-by did she suffer you to kiss her?"

"Well," said the witness slowly, "I reckon now I did give her a kiss or two, but there wern't much sufferin' about it as I could see."

And even the learned judge condescended to smile.—*Exchange.*

His Sacrifice.

He was a good little boy and very thoughtful. He had heard about the great scarcity of water throughout the country. He came to his mother and slipped his hand into hers.

"Mamma," he said, "is it true that in some places the little boys and girls have scarcely enough water to drink?"

"That is what the papers say, my dear."

"Mamma," he presently said. "I'd like to give up somethin' for those poor little boys and girls."

His mother gave him a fond look.

"Yes, dear. And what would you like to give up?"

"Mamma," he said, in his earnest way, "as long as the water is so very, very scarce, I think I ought to give up bein' washed!"—*The Toronto Lance.*

Why He Joined.

"Tommy," said a young lady visitor at his home, "why not come to our Sabbath school? Several of your little friends joined us lately."

Tommy hesitated a moment, then suddenly he exclaimed, "Does a red-headed kid by the name of Jimmy Brown go to your school?"

"Yes, indeed," replied the new teacher.

"Well, then," said Tommy, with an air of interest, "I'll be there next Sunday, you bet. I've been layin' for that kid for three weeks and never knew where to find him."—*Philadelphia Public Ledger.*

A Lucky Editor.

A paper in a good sized town in Michigan recently published this item: "The business man of this town who is in the habit of hugging his typewriter had better quit, or we will publish his name."

The next day thirty-seven business men called at the office, paid up their subscriptions and left behind them thirty-seven columns of advertising and told the editor not to pay any attention to foolish stories.—*Exchange.*

Materialized Melancholy.

Mrs. Silas Bennet was a philosopher. On a certain dismal occasion some of the neighboring women were condoling her. With commendable cheerfulness she replied:

"I've raised four girls an' three boys, expectin' every time they'd be twins and red-headed like their Grandpa Bennett, and yet they ain't."

"An' I've worried consid'ble over small-pox breakin' out in my big family. So fer, 'tin't."

"Last summer, durin' July an' August, an' mebbe part of September, I was real melancholic, fearin' I'd got an appendix; but I guess I ain't."

"An' through it all, it never onct occurred to me that I'd be the one to fall through them rotten old meetin'-house steps an' break my leg in two places, but I be."—*New York Times.*

Our Correspondents



THE PRIMARY DUTY.

"THE *New York Tribune*," for October 12th, in its "Financial Review," says: "The demand for capital for use in business is growing at home and abroad, and if our credit is to be used to invite speculation in stocks, and commodities, industrial expansion will come to a halt. Our debts in Europe are enormous. The figure publicly mentioned, by those who should know, is \$500,000,000."

Those few thoughts, given to us, plain people, by our masters in the flesh, and often in the spirit, so that to create a befogged or distorted mentality, are extremely important, if properly applied to the ramifications of our daily life, and as long as we don't choose to live in the wilderness, away from the duties, joys and comforts for which we all seem to be created.

That credit, that is, congested, idle wealth, should be able to control the wealth at work, in use for healthy, honest purposes! Do you know what that means? It means that we have given to some the legal power to use, for gambling combinations, large, enormous portions of the wealth produced by the workers of nations. And it happens to be the land of freedom, so called that gives to a large clik of multi-millionaires, the power to borrow about half a billion of dollars from foreign wealthy chaps, so that to more completely crush our own plain people through dishonest, unjust, barbaric wealth manipulations. And most of us, good, intelligent, religious people imagine that all wealth gambling combinations are the inevitable developments of "Christian progress." Or we feel that the tendency shall in due time vanish, and so we can go on favoring the causes, and laws, and consensus that vitiate the life of all of us, rich and poor.

Long, long ago some rabid theologians declared that the infernal regions would be found paved and enveloped with good intentions. That is just the situation we all have managed to establish with the infernal regions of our life terrestrial. It is through good intentions that all evil is allowed to grow and poison the existence of all of us. In relation to the needs of today and the aspirations we do impart to all, and make only possible to the few, in relation to all that we do sacrifice the multitude, more completely than ever before. And it is the multitudes who produce the wealth to be seen here and there. And it is the few who are gorged with that wealth. If it is possible to perpetrate any greater crime, on earth or in the infernal regions, we would like to know. We would also desire to know the process by which the created consciousness could manage to evolve any other kind of infernal regions any where. One experiment of that kind in space infinite! Is not that enough?

It is by means of two bottom, dreadful misconceptions that all generations of men have thus far remained sunk in the kingdom of organic absurdities and sins. Those two misconceptions are connected with two solemn words—Politics!—Religion! Practically all the important teachers and leaders of men have said that neither politics has any thing to do with religion, nor religion with politics. That is, such teachers and leaders have destroyed the natural unity of human life. Why so? Because politics is simply—the business machinery of all of us grouped in nations. If politics has nothing to do with religion nor religion with politics, then we abandon ourselves, all of us, to the Power of darkness and sin in forms the most complete. Religion then remains—a shallow combination of forms of wor-

ship and wild speculations about the life beyond. We thus destroy, cancel, repudiate all the important, bottom moral duties, by obedience to which alone life on earth can be made honest and sensible. It is thus that the essential teachings of Christ and the old prophets are trampled upon, cast to the four winds. Hence all our calamities, jealousies and disturbances. Hence the dreadful incompleteness of all of us, up to the best of the lot everywhere on earth.

The preceding thoughts give us the why of so few men able or willing to preach the gospel of the Father in forms finished, simple yet complete. In order to do that we must be able to live somewhat comfortably without the need of any wages, salary or business income. We must be independent of all public patronage or opinion. We must even be willing to put up with social ostracism, and derive all our joys direct from God's throne of glory.

Without the elements in question we can only preach the truth through abstract generalizations, appealing simply to the emotions and sentimentalities of the human mind, to the consecrated prejudices and infatuations of all ages and generations, to well-doing along petty lines of conduct, omitting, laying aside all the fundamentals in the moral and ethical order of our combined activities and considerations.

Yes, the gospel of the Father is worth preaching without any masquerading of the truth, without any attempts to justify our combined legalized wrongs and the individualized sins we thus force upon all of us. All divine truth should be presented, expounded in forms of language simple, direct, specific, so that to localize in the brains of men the economic, industrial details embodying the fundamental duties we owe to God and to all of us. Nothing of any positive, permanent value is done, if we don't preach the gospel in such a way as to embrace our whole human life, and so all our relations in all our departments, civil, political, industrial, religious; in philosophy, science, art; in all private and public functions; in all aspirations and ideals for good to all men, for joy and manhood all over the planet.

Of course, every individual owes something to itself. None of us has the right to foolishly play the martyr by attempting the impossible. Therefore, when the circle of those to whom alone we can preach, force us to preach but 20 per cent of the truth, well—that settles it. In some form or other, a godless progress is bound to curtail and limit our longings for high ideals and results, forcing us to do less than we may vividly desire. The same godless social conditions may often compel us to obtain our material needs through the distorted processes that alone can be had in the whole or bit of human life, the kind decreed by the consensus of the powerful. And who is most responsible for that? Those who could most easily work for a sound consensus, and decline to do it.

The primary duty of each one of us is then. To make sound, honest consensus, along lines of least resistance, for good universal, to the measure of our respective social influence and industrial independence." All evil comes from the absence of that consensus, from unwillingness to grant the full life to all through laws of equal rights to all.

JOSE GROSS.

RAILROAD REGULATION AND PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

As a dissension to the opinions on the above subjects expressed by Mr. H. Montgomery in the August TELEGRAPHER, I humbly request the attention of the readers to the understanding manner in which the author discusses the possibilities for the public in government supervision and regulation, also the air of finality with which he disposes forever of the matter of public ownership with a few words directed against the unsatisfactory history of the government-owned railways of Continental Europe.

As far as we are able to ascertain from the most authentic publications treating of the matter, these railways are operated at as near the principle of "all the traffic will bear," as is consistent with the general policy of the various owning or controlling governments.

In consequence of the fact that the author of the article mentioned has neglected to differentiate between the government and public systems of ownership, it does not appear that he has made any argument against the principle of actual public ownership. He has simply briefly attacked and disposed of government ownership which would most likely be controlled by political or capitalistic considerations, or both, as in many cases is apparent in government owned utilities of the present day.

I heartily concur in the opinion of the gentleman, regarding such a system as he describes, notwithstanding the fact that he misnames it "public ownership," but as an example of applied quasi-public ownership. I commend to the consideration of the readers the United States Postal Department, which being carried on and administered by the paramount political interests since its inception, is a good example of a system which on account of "the politics which would necessarily have to enter into the placing of positions, would create chaos in the service."

In view of the fact that the postmasters at Chilili, New Mexico, and New York, N. Y., as well, are appointed by political preference, we should long since have been suffering under that chaotic condition in the postal service government owned, and politics controlled which Mr. M. holds out to us as the one possible result under the conditions he names, which do now and always did exist in our postal department.

However, such opinions are only prophecies at best, until we have tested new methods of handling our railways. It is to be hoped that the people of this nation and those who aspire to contribute to the formation of a national line of civic thought, will delay judgment upon the momentous question of who does, and who should own the public utilities, until such time as the various projected methods of control are more thoroughly understood by the public generally, and by the aspiring thought leader especially.

Let us rather consult the best obtainable authority on the subject, then proceed to the bombardment on defense, according to

our best understanding of the problem, available from our researches.

The well recognized authorities of the present time, seem to be unanimous in their belief that public ownership of public utilities will prove to be what we want, when we become through an appreciation of its beneficent qualities, worthy of its administration and enjoyment.

My own inferior judgment leads me to believe that before we will have cause to worry over the efficiency of public owned railway management, we will have eliminated the probability of failure on account of politics, by first eliminating the disagreeable features of politics through our acquiring public ownership and control of the present elementary functions of government.

EUGENE A. ROBERTS,
Cert. 687, Div. 29.

SUNDAY REST.

For the past several numbers of the TELEGRAPHER I have noticed a sort of a "rag-chewing" over the question of Sunday rest.

This does not appear to me to be a question of religious difference. There are so many different creeds in this land of the free, that when we come to have a day of rest—a special day for every creed according to their notions—we would have to divide the country into sections and put each creed in that particular section—that is if the days were set apart for each one—and let them have their day, while we others would take ours on the day we deemed best for that purpose.

Therefore, the only solution of this problem would seem to be for the majority to rule. Sunday being generally considered by nearly all the denominations as the legal day of rest, why not agitate for that day. We can get nothing by each one having a view or end of his own, which means a sort of disorganized move, with nothing accomplished in the end, and we will find that we are just where we started. That is, we will still be working Sundays. This question is something like the bond question, and there is only one way to settle it, that

is to vote on the question of whether this organization shall go on record as opposed to Sunday work, or such other day as shall be decided by the majority. The next step is have the people—your neighbors and yourselves—petition your Congress—your servants at Washington to set aside a day of rest for each week, let it be Sunday, Monday or any other day that will be decided upon by the majority, then push it for all you are worth. You cannot get anything by chewing it over in print, if you are in earnest, get after the proper party—the only party that can do any good in this cause—the National Congress, or if you want to do some good and get people to

thinking, go to your state Representative or Senator and have a talk with him, see how he stands on the question. If he don't stand the way you think he should, it is your privilege to turn him down at the next election. I am for one day of rest a week and I believe it ought to be Sunday as that will be most acceptable to a majority of citizens of the United States.

The General Manager don't work on Sunday, the General Superintendent don't work on Sunday. Why should we work on Sunday any more than any other persons, regardless of salary or position? Let us settle it once for all.

CURLY,

Cert. 186, Div. 138.





St. Louis Div., No. 2.

The meeting of October 18th was well attended. The usual routine of business was transacted after which the meeting closed in due form.

A communication was received from Prof. E. M. Colton, of the Home and Health Society, requesting permission to address the lodge on the subject of contagious diseases and their prevention, which permission was granted and the professor will address the meeting of November 1st. The lecture will be extensive in its scope and will include valuable instruction on first aid to the injured.

Notices have been sent to all brothers in St. Louis and vicinity, and it is hoped that all who can do so will take advantage of this opportunity to receive interesting as well as valuable instructions on a subject of much importance to working men in offices as well as factories.

Brothers V. L. Owens and E. L. Stump, were recent visitors in St. Louis, on business of Div. No. 6.

Bro. E. Y. Endicott, an old time Wabash man writes that he is now at Rock Springs, Wyo., with O. S. L. Ry.

Bro. M. Ocheltree, of Wingate, Ind., passed through St. Louis en route to Denver. He will work for the D. & R. G. in Colorado.

Bro. Shutt, local chairman, on the Wabash, was also a recent visitor, en route to Hood River, Ore., on a land inspection tour.

Bro. Lindenmuth, formerly of the general offices, is now with the Mo. Pac., at Mound City, Kas.

Bro. L. L. Gonter, champion script writer, of Coshocton, Ohio, is again at his desk, at headquarters.

Bro. E. Uhle, of Div. No. 2, has returned from Hannibal, Mo., where he was a delegate to the Knights of Pythias convention.

Bro. Robert Shipley, formerly of the general offices, is now organizing in northern territory.

Be it known that old Saint Looney had one grand celebration October 4th to 9th, inclusive, in honor of his one hundredth birthday. A big parade every day and Dr. Cook, the big man of the hour heading the historical parade on Thursday, previously he delivered his North Pole lecture, to the largest audience that ever assembled in St. Louis for such an occasion.

President Taft, was also a visitor in our city on Monday, October 25th, after which he commenced his Mississippi River trip under the auspices of the Deep Waterways Commission. It is hoped the president will be sufficiently impressed with the feasibility of the projected river improvement, that he will urge Congress to make the

needed appropriation that will give us "Fourteen feet through the valley."

All of which is very good but do not forget that organization for us is better and of immediate importance. We have seen many obstinate nobs but it is a fact that but very few of them have remained perpetually indifferent to their own best interests. If you have any such species of the germs home in your vicinity, renew your attack and like MacDuff, "lay on until he cries enuff."

Div. Com.

Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Middle Division—

The regular September meeting at Lewistown, held on the second was well attended and some very important matters were considered and disposed of. A committee on organization was appointed, which will no doubt put its best efforts into the work assigned to it.

We expected President Perham at our regular meeting in October, at Lewistown, which was held in the morning and largely attended, but for some cause he was unable to be with us, nevertheless, we had a very successful meeting.

It is very noticeable that an earnest forward movement has been inaugurated and the brothers are awakening to their interests and doing all in their power to bring about a thorough organization.

A wave of enthusiasm seems to be sweeping over the membership, things are beginning to hum, and a feeling of determination has taken hold of every member, which will be sure to bring good results.

Now let every brother stand shoulder to shoulder, and pull together.

The interest that is being taken by each and every member is indeed gratifying, and a few more months of this good work will make the ranks solid in the territory of No. 3.

If reports are correct, there is an office located near Tuscarora, on our division, doing a thriving business, teaching students, as four or five can be seen in this office at a time during the day and evening. This office was solid O. R. T. at one time, but it seems they have forgotten the good the Order has done for them and are now pulling down what has been built up.

Boys will you not stop for a moment and consider what you are doing. We believe you are fair minded enough to see that in thus turning on us you are not playing square, and that you are injuring your own as well as our chances for bettering our condition. You are certainly intelli-

gent enough to realize what this sort of thing would lead to, if we were all to follow your examples. You are "running by the red," and will see your danger when it is too late. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

Brothers G. W. and C. R. Banks, two of our esteemed fellow craftsmen, have each taken unto themselves a wife.

Bro. Miller's absence from our last meeting was owing to a visit from the stork the night before.

Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our esteemed Brother and co-laborer, Mr. J. H. Underwood, who for many years has labored in our ranks, maintaining under all circumstances a character untarnished and a reputation above reproach; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. J. H. Underwood we have sustained the loss of a brother whose fellowship it was an honor and pleasure to enjoy, that Harrisburg Division, No. 3, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, has lost a loyal member, that we offer to his bereaved family and mourning friends our heartfelt sympathy, and that we commend them to the Heavenly Father, who is merciful to all who call upon him, and who alone can console in the time of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved family, a copy spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to the RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

B. H. SALTSMAN,
A. E. LEHMER,
M. L. MINICK,

Committee.

Ottawa, Ont., Div., No. 15.

Brothers, why not wake up and make our division 99 per cent solid, and then "the other fellow" won't be hard to get. You might begin by getting after that night man of yours.

This is my first journalistic attempt, come to my help next month by gathering up the stray bits of news I may not hear of, and send them in.

There has been quite a number of changes on the line since our last write up, several months ago.

Bro. Hilborn has been transferred from Arnprior to Brockville; Bro. Boyd, from Douglas to Arnprior and Bro. Joynt to Douglas.

Bro. Drewitt, at "HR," who took in the National Exhibition sights, at Toronto, was relieved by Bro. Thurston.

Bro. Thurston, of Alexandria, off a couple of weeks on account of his brother, W. J. Thurston, a fireman, being killed in a derailment, was relieved by Mr. Foster.

Bro. McGuire, "MD," accompanied by Mrs. McGuire, while taking in the fall fairs, was relieved by Bro. Thurston.

Agent Mills, of St. Justine, while on holiday vacation, was relieved by Bro. Thurston.

Agent Freeman, of Brule Lake, was relieved by relieving agent Lalonde, from Whitney, relieved at that place by Agent Bramner, from the C. O. Ry., relieving the latter at Whitney.

Bro. L. G. LaBatt, of Carlsbad Springs, while on holiday vacation, was relieved by Bro. Murphy.

CERT. 103.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

In order to have a record breaker meeting on December 14th, at Williamsport, let every member make a great effort to be there, and those who are not members let them make a big effort to have their applications in for this meeting, so that the members present will know you are striving to do right and intend to start the New Year as O. R. T. men.

Now that base ball and the busy season of agriculture is over, let every member of Division No. 24 take their rest at home and not sleep on duty. There is no excuse for sleeping on an eight-hour per day trick, and by attending to the work assigned you promptly you are making a good record for yourselves, which will be appreciated by your employers, and gladden the hearts of the officials of our Order.

All the brothers of Division No. 24 are enjoying the eight-hour system, with the exception of K. I. and B. Q. yard offices, which are still twelve-hour jobs.

Brothers, let us do everything in our power to help them change this condition.

Bro. H. V. McGee, from "MK" office, at Milton, served as jurymen at Sunbury, in the September term of court, J. K. Strunk relieving during his absence.

Bro. T. L. Grady, second "DE" tower, has bid in relief trick, No. 2, and Bro. J. F. Shaffner bid in Bro. Grady's trick.

Bro. J. F. Wentzel, of "BQ" nights, is spending a few days at Philadelphia and New York City.

H. W. Brown is doing extra work in the Division Operator's office.

Bro. C. R. Dugan is working third trick at "NC" temporarily.

Bro. Lonts, first at "GD," spent his relief at Sunbury, taking in the sights.

Bro. M. A. Burns is taking an extended auto trip to Philadelphia and other eastern cities.

Bro. E. H. Holmes, third at "GD," is contemplating a fishing trip near Baltimore.

We regret to hear that Bro. Spade's wife is ill with typhoid fever, and hope for her speedy recovery.

Bro. Wetzel, third trick at "HU," spent a few days at the Allentown fair.

Bro. Gurtner, second at "DY," spent his week's vacation fishing.

Bro. Leister, third at "P," accompanied by his wife and brother, spent a few days at Allentown and Philadelphia recently.

Bro. C. J. Snyder, third at "RF," has returned from his honeymoon.

The *Aurora Borealis* has been affecting the wires lately. Evidently the Cook-Peary controversy has brought the North Pole too near with its magnetic power.

Bro. A. C. Grieb and wife and Chas. C. Bastain and wife, attended the Lachemeyer and Cline wedding at Nisbet.

Bro. G. E. McCloskey visited Lock Haven recently.

Bro. R. J. Wilson spent his relief day at Winsport with his brother.

Bro. Ed Aughanbaugh, second at "GF," has a fine pair of rabbit dogs.

Bro. Fred Friggle, third at "GF" tower, is spending a week in Pittsburg, and at his home in Oil City.

Bro. C. C. Bastain has moved from the Fournery to Nicholas Young's new residence at Nisbet.

Bro. J. C. McCloskey, formerly first at "AQ" tower, now on the Oregon Short Line, reports work very scarce in the west.

Bro. F. L. Grady has bid in relief trick No. 2.

Bro. J. C. O'Donnell was a Linden visitor recently.

Bro. A. Wetzel, on short leave of absence recently, was relieved by his brother Ferd.

H. I. Engle, second at "RV" tower, was relieved a few days by Mr. Feustermacher, of Dalmatia.

Bro. C. M. Bickel, second at "BA" tower, and local chairman, Bro. Zerbe, enjoyed a short vacation recently at Millersburg.

Bro. C. A. Riland, first at "RV" tower, while in Millerstown on his vacation, called on Bro. Ritzman at "RK" tower and was royally entertained. Bro. Riland was relieved by M. A. Miller.

Bro. J. F. Wentzel, of "BQ" office, at Sunbury, visited his mother at Herndon recently.

Bro. G. H. Wetzel, third "RV" tower, off on a week's vacation, was relieved by F. W. Wetzel, of "HU" tower.

Bro. H. T. Derrick, of Millersburg, first, with his wife visited the fair at York, Pa. He was relieved by H. W. Buck.

Bro. N. A. Steffen, second at "CF" tower, who was relieved by Mr. Feustermacher, of Dalmatia, also attended the fair at York.

Sister H. I. Williams has returned to duty on second trick at "D" tower, after spending a few weeks' vacation in the West. She was relieved by Mr. Kebach.

V. H. Feustermacher, of Dalmatia, relieved H. J. Engler, second trick at "RV" tower, for a short vacation.

Bro. A. R. Feustermacher, third at "ZA" tower, and Bro. O. W. Deibler, third at "D" tower, both enjoyed several days' vacation recently.

Brothers, don't fail to furnish the correspondent with notes of interest. We are anxious to have Division No. 24 well represented.

Sig. "Orr."

New Haven Div., No. 29.

The meeting of Division 29 held in Redmen's Hall, New Haven, October 1st, was of the kind that goes to make up the history of advancement in all great achievements. To say it was a success, would not even partially express it, and it is necessary to enter into some detail to show the special features of interest.

The meeting had been called for 7 o'clock, as noted briefly in the October TELEGRAPHER, and at 7:30 p. m. was called to order by Chief Telegrapher, Bro. L. H. Dowd, with an attendance of about one hundred. By eight o'clock, the regular routine of business was disposed of, and at 8:15 p. m. there were present about two hundred and fifty.

Second Vice President, Bro. T. M. Pierson, the first speaker, was introduced at 8:10 p. m. The look of pleasure that passed over the countenances of the brothers when Bro. Pierson began to speak, and the attention given to his every word was evidence of the fact that something new—something extremely interesting and instructive was expected, as usual, and we were not disappointed. He outlined the advancement of the O. R. T. from infancy, speaking of its wonderful success and achievement, which has been made possible only from the fact that it was friendly founded, that its affairs had been handled in a true business-like manner, and that a progressive membership had ever kept the great wheels turning. Bro. Pierson was very optimistic regarding our future, and among the many important points he brought out was the one great feature of pushing forward and stopping only for proper soundings.

Bro. M. G. Wooley, General Chairman, N. Y. C. & H. R. R., was introduced and spoke earnestly of his work, showing many of the pitfalls that beset the path of the committees, which have to be avoided. Bro. Wooley has charge of a large territory of varied conditions and has proven his ability to handle so great a responsibility. His remarks convinced one and all that he was speaking from experience wholly, and that his clear cut views came from the trying-out system, and not from theory. His address was highly instructive and we all felt better for having heard him.

Bro. Pennoyer, General Chairman B. & A. R. R., the next speaker, told of his work and hopes for the future. He said he came to listen and absorb, but from his remarks one was easily convinced that he was also very capable of imparting wisdom.

Bro. Cardinal, of Division 38, then spoke on organization, giving his varied experiences in getting new members. Bro. Cardinal is one of the old O. R. T. veterans and is endowed with a species of wit that is always greeted with applause. His talk was highly entertaining and instructive.

Bro. Leonard J. Ross, Chief of Division 89, referred to the progressiveness of that division and to the encouraging fact that they were not stand-

ing still one moment, every meeting being full of enthusiasm. Bro. Ross extended a most cordial invitation to all present to visit Boston and attend the meetings of that division.

Bro. E. J. Manion, General Chairman N. Y. N. H. & H. system, urged the membership to keep up the interest in the work, striving individually and collectively to complete the organization. The members at large, he said, should take a broader view of many things pertaining to committee work, put their shoulders to the wheel with a determination to assist in moving the load. Bro. Manion expressed his appreciation of the good attendance and thanked the visiting brothers for their presence and for the instruction gained by the exchange of views along lines of organization and committee work.

Bro. Burger, Chief of Division 37, extended an invitation to the brothers to visit that division, promising, one and all, a true fraternal welcome at its meetings. Bro. Burger was rather modest in praising his own division, yet it can be truly said that none in existence can surpass division 37 in first-class, up-to-date business methods, and in the watchfulness of the order's interests in its territory.

Bro. Donovan, of the same division, said he trusted the chief would not bid him "Good-night" in the same breath with his introduction, which was a reminder of an incident in the past, that had caused considerable merriment.

Bro. Clay, also of Division 37, gave a brief outline of telegraphy, and having been introduced by Vice-President Pierson as the "oldest man in the world," proceeded to show that, as that "oldest man," he could give dates and figures to prove that title along the lines of telegraphy and organization.

Bro. Mehrling, Providence Division 35, extended an invitation to attend the meetings of that division, and as the writer knows something of the hospitality of the members thereof, I would advise the brothers to accept the invitation as soon and as often as possible.

Bro. Lynn, secretary and treasurer of Division No. 26, said he thought there was no investment that paid so well as an up-to-date card. He recited some of his experiences in rounding up the wireless men, that were very interesting.

Bro. Gallagher, of Division 37 and local chairman N. Y. Division, and Bros. Noon and O'Mara, N. Y. C., all spoke briefly and earnestly along organization lines.

Bro. Culver, with his gift of humor, created considerable merriment by replying to a supposed insinuation, and it can truly be said that "Q" carried off the honors of the controversy.

During the evening the entertainment committee served refreshments, consisting of chowder, sandwiches of every known kind, and high-class smokes, and it was done in a manner to which even royalty could not take exception.

Bro. E. C. Terry appeared late in the evening, and as the "judge" of Division 29, inspired his hearers with a few well-chosen words of advice.

Bro. Pierson was then called upon for final remarks, and the meeting was duly closed, having been thoroughly successful throughout.

The meetings of Division 29 are always good, and the instructions received cannot be regarded too highly; but a meeting where there is gathered together talent from many other roads and the different localities of our own system, is highly educational.

Remember that the division room is the only place where this exchange of views can be gotten, and lending your presence at each meeting is not only beneficial to the meeting, but is also a gain to yourself.
L. H. D.

NOTE: Bro. Dowd sent me the foregoing, and kindly gave me permission to make any changes I might deem necessary. Had I as good an opinion of myself as he has, I might have the nerve to try to improve it. If he would write something like it every month, my duties as correspondent would be a "Scinch."
T. A. A.

Western Division—

Bro. E. J. Manion, our General Chairman, was the guest of Bro. VanDeusen, at New Milford, October 5th, Bro. Manion having made a trip over the "Old Berkshire." The boys all say they hope to see "Doc's" smiling countenance often.

Bro. VanDeusen and wife, of New Milford, attended the fair at Gt. Barrington, September 28th and 29th.

Bro. Kane, of Canaan, also attended the Gt. Barrington fair, September 29th.

Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock, acted as Bro. Miles' assistant at Gt. Barrington during the fair.

Bro. Percy, agent at New Milford, was the guest of his sister in Bridgeport, Sunday, October 3rd.

Bro. Bessette, of Hawleyville, was the guest of Bro. VanDuesen, of New Milford, September 24th.

Bro. Wheaton, of Hawleyville, and Bro. Wheaton, of Botsford, (two brothers) have returned from a month's vacation spent in Canada.

Bro. Cosgriff, of VanDeusenville, has accepted a position as assistant yard master at Waterbury.

Bro. Ryan, first trick, on three weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Osborne, second, Brookfield Junction, and second at Brookfield Junction covered by an extra man.

Bro. Shapiro, of Bridgeport, is working at Housatonic for a few weeks.

During Danbury fair week Bro. L. H. Dowd covered "WS" office, opposite Danbury station; Bro. P. J. Hogan, of Canaan, "RX" office, Wildman St., Danbury; Mr. Foster, "Q" office, West St., Danbury; Bro. V. M. Coe, "MX" office, east switch fair grounds; Bro. Bateman, "FG" office, opposite gate fair grounds; Bro. B. H. Dunbar, first; Bro. Anson, of Towantic, second, and Bro. Rogers, third trick "DY" office, Danbury.

At Brewster, Bro. Tuttle covered first; Bro. Gallagher second, and Mr. Lynch third trick, and

Bro. Allen devoted his time and attention to tickets.

The N. Y. C. trains were run through on Saturday this year, in addition to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, on account of the automobile races.

News from the "Old Highland" is conspicuous by its absence this month, not a single item having been received.

Midland Division—

It has been suggested that the telegraphers employed in and around Hartford form a "Telegraphers' Club," with headquarters at Hartford, so that they may have a place to meet and spend a social evening, and discuss matters pertaining to their welfare. This would be a good thing and could be maintained at a very small cost to each member, as there are about fifty operators employed in this vicinity. Let's get together and see if we cannot start such a club in the Capitol City.

We have a new C. T. D. on the Midland, and those of you who have met him know that if we do what is required of us that we can always be assured of a "square deal" from him. Let us give him the best possible service we can.

Brother James T. O'Day spent his honeymoon in Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, and has now gone to housekeeping in his new home, on Adelaide street, Hartford; where his many friends will always be welcome. The boys on the Midland all join in wishing Brother and Mrs. O'Day a long and happy life.

The night of October 1st was a very pleasant one for Sister Foley, of "GX," and Sister Cahill, of Windsor, as they attended their first meeting in Division No. 29. It was a grand meeting, and they were so well pleased that they will attend as many of these meetings as they can, hereafter, and they will always be welcome.

During Bro. Connors' vacation Bro. Massey worked the second trick. We were pleased to see Bro. Connors at the meeting on October 1st, and hope he will come again.

Bro. Jim Costello says that the meeting was worth attending.

The vacancy at Tower No. 215 has been bid in by Bro. A. C. Malstrom, from Central Village. We are glad to have this brother in our neighborhood, for he is one of the kind that you have got to show "WHY" you don't wear a button.

Bro. Brooks has been called for several times of late to go out with the wrecking crew.

Brother Gough is the handy spare man for the C. T. D., he being able to handle any of the agencies on this Division.

Brother Kingsland, from "HO," bid in second trick at Tower No. 214, and he is staying up nights learning the combinations. Brother Manning, Tower No. 214, is having another attack of rheumatism.

Brother Gilbert has gone to Westchester to take the agency, which he bid in. This is Brother

Gilbert's first experience in that kind of work and we wish him success.

Bro. Casey, of East Hampton, has bid in one of the spare positions, and we shall now see his smiling face on many parts of the division.

If you want to see the "smile that don't diminish" just look at Bro. Gill since he bid in Club House.

Brother Will Johnston, who has not worked his own position but six days since June 1st, is now at Vernon Junction, third trick.

Bro. W. F. Johnston, Sr., is now working the day trick at "SK."

Burnside has at last its full complement of regular men, Bro. White having gone on this trick there October 4th.

If you have a half hour to spare, drop in on Bro. Bell, he will tell about the beauties of the Southwest, where he spent his month's vacation.

You don't see many favors handed out on the branch where they are not appreciated.

Any who have not paid their dues should remember the motto, "DO IT TODAY."

Refer your motorcycle troubles to Bro. Swain, he is an expert on all repairs, and will also sell you a new one while you wait.

Manchester is "ALL TO THE GOOD."

There are several new men on the road owing to the changes that have taken place, and it is our duty to call on them and see if they hold an "up-to-date" card, and if not, what their intentions are in regard to the Order. The best way to make new brothers is to show that you are interested in their welfare.

Bro. Vermilyea is still on the sick list, and Mr. Markam is doing the honors in "SK" nights. That extra money would buy an "up-to-date."

In the next month's TELEGRAPHER, I propose to tell you of every man and every lady employed on the Midland division who are not members, and the excuse they give for not joining. We have waited patiently now for more than five years for these people to say something, and as they give nothing but the same old threadbare reasons, it is no more than right that the rest of us who are paying their way should know the reason why. This will not be a roast, just a simple statement of facts, and facts are stubborn things when in print.

Colchester and Middlefield are still the sore spots on the Air Line, and the strange thing about it is that both these men can afford to keep an up-to-date card better than any one else on the Midland Division.

The agent at Bolton has a house and horse and all the comforts of home, but no button. There must be something wrong there.

You haven't all your buttons, while you are shy the O. R. T. button, Mr. Ed Kenyon.

Come, Jim Fanning, "be a sport," and buy a button like the rest of us wear.

Pete Hopkins is the great "Not Yet" man.

Shortly after the first of the new year, if it is not possible for me to do so before, it is my

intention to furnish each member with a list of employes on each part of the road, in their vicinity, showing who are members and who are not, so that there will not be a reason for saying: "Why I thought he belonged."

Now, let's all get busy and wind up the year by getting our non-member neighbor to file his or her application for the December meeting, and see if we cannot complete the year 1909 with a "CLEAN SLATE." There are two ladies on the division, one at Jewett City and one at Danielson, both ex-members.

EN.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed Brother E. S. Brimmer, and while we humbly submit to His holy will, and know that our brother has been amply promoted, we deeply feel the loss of his presence, and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our respect, love and appreciation of the high character and useful life of our departed brother, be it

Resolved, That Division No. 29, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved family our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement which we share, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Division, a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. F. McCORMACK,

H. M. WILLIAMS,

A. T. STANNARD,

Committee on Resolutions.

Providence Div., No. 35.

CARD OF THANKS.

Members of Providence Division No. 35:

We, as a family, wish to thank all of the railway men for all of their many kindnesses to our beloved son and brother, Stanley H. Sturtevant, who died at the Rhode Island Hospital, on September 25, 1909. The many kindnesses shown him date not from the beginning of his last illness, which was only a week before his death, but from the time that he took up his work as a railroad telegrapher. It was the good nature and good will of these men that made his work pleasant; and many times we have heard him put in a good word for the O. R. T. Again we would thank his comrades and associates for the beautiful floral tributes that they so kindly presented as a last token of love and respect for our beloved Stanley. We believe that the Almighty had his reason good for taking this young man from us, and was that reason not this? "To make us stop, look and listen."

MR. AND MRS. R. W. STURTEVANT,

MR. AND MRS. A. R. STURTEVANT,

MR. AND MRS. H. C. KERR.

Middlebury, Vt., October 4, 1909.

New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

The regular monthly meeting of this Division was held Friday, October 8th, at New Rochelle, Chief Burger in the chair. The regular business being quickly disposed of, the chief introduced our worthy President Perham, who had honored us with a visit. He gave us a very interesting talk on Federation and the good results attained thereby, which was listened to very attentively by the large number of brothers present. We were all pleased to hear from Bro. Perham and hope the next time he is East he will call again and favor us with his presence.

"Dock" Manion, our worthy General Chairman, who was the next speaker, gave us quite a talk on the non question, and if the brothers would only go at it the way "Dock" puts it, a non would be a thing of the past on this system.

After Bro. Manion concluded, Bro. Donovan, in behalf of the refreshment committee, which was composed of Chief Burger, Bros. Reef, Donovan and Christman, reported and escorted the brothers to the Lafayette Hotel, where a neat spread was laid. After every one had his fill, cigars were lighted, and thus ended one of the most enjoyable meetings ever held at New Rochelle. President Perham being escorted to the train by Bros. Gallagher and Decker.

A number of the brothers from this Division attended the meeting of Division No. 8, Electrical Division, in New York City, on October 22, and also the big meeting of Division No. 29 at New Haven on October 1st, and certainly had a good time.

Bro. Gulshan, Port Chester, days, is the owner of a new Oliver, and will be pleased to show any of the brothers how it works if they will call on him. It is one of the latest.

The following changes have occurred lately: Bro. Putnam, second at Riverside, has bid in first at Stanford 37. "Put" says nothing like working home.

Bro. Tiger is filling in at Riverside, while bids are out.

Bro. Jim Lynch, from Harrison third, has bid in second at Riverside. "Jim" will certainly be missed around Harrison. A new man named Muir is working third at Harrison, awaiting bidder.

Mr. Miller has been transferred from second at Mamaroneck to second at Greenwich.

Bro. Watson, transferred from second at Cos Cob to second at Mamaroneck. Understand he's a Division No. 8 man. We would like to have him transfer to No. 37.

A new man is working second at Cos Cob. Understand his name is Cotton.

SCRIBE, CRT. 122.

Boston Div., No. 41.

The October meeting was a record breaker in the history of our Division with a good attendance to greet the president of our Order, who, together with Vice-President Pierson, paid us a fraternal visit a week previous to the meeting.

The members were notified that we were to be favored with a visit from these two officers, as it was the first visit we have ever had from our president, we looked for a large attendance and the boys showed up in goodly numbers. Considering that many live a long distance from Boston and others are working owl tricks, the attendance was very gratifying.

The majority of the members for the first time had the pleasure of meeting President Perham, whose life and energies have been devoted not only to the uplifting of the railroad telegraphers, but who has stood firmly for the raising of the standard of life of all classes of labor; the man so aptly referred to by our worthy Vice President as the "Old Man" of the O. R. T. The words of our General Chairman were the echo of what we were all thinking, and we feel sure that none left the hall that night without a broader and more liberal view of what our Order represents. We agree with you, "JO," that we have a leader of "some calibre" in our worthy President H. B. Perham.

In addition to the very elevating and instructive address from the president, we were likewise favored and entertained by the remarks of Vice-President Pierson, who is no stranger to us, but whose presence, with "the smile that won't come off," is always welcome at our meetings, and who is equally adept at telling a good story and negotiating with the management of a railroad in behalf of the members. The members who were unable to be present missed a good deal of sound common-sense instruction, and some good smokes, which helped to make the evening a very enjoyable one.

The "No Smoking Sign" was taken down for the evening, and with a change at the secretary's desk, none seemed to fear the "Fire Alarm," which it has been customary to sound when an odor of tobacco was noticed.

Remarks were made by General Chairman Pennoyer of the B. & A., by General Chairman Bode, and also by the Sage of South Framingham, the genial chief of No. 89, who extended to all a cordial invitation to the two meetings to be held by No. 89 the following Monday in honor of President Perham, to which a goodly number of our boys turned out and all reported a bang-up time.

Bro. Ross never does anything by halves; the buffet lunch was right up to date and the remarks very entertaining and instructive.

The news we had from the B. & A. boys was most welcome, and we know that they will soon be sharing some of the good things with us, and that their long struggle has been rewarded.

Quite a number of good jobs are up for bid on the Southern Division. Among them are Stratham, N. H.; Hadley, Mass.; Rutland, Reservoir Switch, and Hooksett, N. H. The boys have a good chance to pick from this bunch.

Arlington, Mass., telegrapher position is also up for bid. It is about time, and there is a good

chance now to straighten out that North Somerville matter.

The bears and moose have taken to the tall timber, way down in Maine, as the smiling agent from Arlington has gone down there for a few weeks, with an assortment of shooting irons that strikes fear to the denizens of the woods.

Div. Cor.

Fitchburg Division—

Mrs. Nellie Sullivan, agent at Brooks Station for many years, passed away September 9th. Mrs. Sullivan was formerly a member of Division 41, and had been employed for many years as a telegrapher before taking charge of Brooks. This job was bid in by Mr. Warner, third at South Ashburnham, which job was bid in by Mr. Landry, third at Winchendon, and the latter is now up for bid.

Mr. Thompson, of Gardner, is on a month's vacation, relieved by Mr. Nutt.

Mr. Smith, third trick at East Deerfield, has gone to Concord, Mass., days.

Bro. Wrisley, third at Athol, is on vacation, being relieved by Bro. Dunn, of Division 38.

Bro. Cowick, third at Royalston, is being relieved by Bro. Heyward, formerly of the B. & A.

Bro. Bresnahan, first at South Ashburnham, and Bro. Hoag, third at Baldwinville, have also been on vacations.

Relief men seem to be plenty now, and most all the boys desiring a rest seem to be able to get it.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the members of Division No. 41, other members of the O. R. T. and employees of the B. & M. Ry., for the assistance they have given me during the past summer, when I have been unable to work. The money received has helped to keep me in the country and to give me necessary medical attention. I am glad to say I am much improved in health in consequence.

Fraternally,

ARTHUR T. WHIPPLE.

Cert. 310, Div. 41.

New York Div., No. 44.

The regular meeting for the month of October was called to order in our hall on the 9th with the best and largest attendance for some time, when several important matters were taken up and disposed of in a business-like manner. Three new members were introduced to our goat, and showed their ability to ride it.

Bro. W. D. Marvel, of Flushing, is now a guardian. When one of the young telegraphers there was refused a marriage license recently because he was not quite 21 years old, he could not secure the precious document without a guardian, and Bro. Marvel took the chance.

Bro. H. H. Oldfield is spending his honeymoon at Canton, Ohio, his former home. Bro. and

Mrs. Oldfield, who will reside in Flushing, have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Mrs. H. Camman, who was assigned to relieve Bro. Oldfield during his vacation, was taken sick with the mumps and had to be relieved.

Relief Agent Walters is at Amagansett while Agent Ira Baker is on ten days' vacation.

Bro. Van Nostrand, relief agent, has relieved Mr. Combes at Greenport. Combes was for many years one of Division 44's knockers. Like all persons of his kind, it was only a matter of time for the officials to get next to him.

Bro. O. A. Hudson and wife were called to Philadelphia on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Hudson's mother.

Bro. J. L. Haley is now located in Husted, Colo., on the Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

Bro. D. A. Sharpe, of Floral Park, is spending his vacation up the State with his parents. Bro. F. Carrough is covering this trick.

Bro. F. W. Conklin, former agent Deer Park, is now on second trick, tower department, Laurelton.

Bro. M. F. O'Laughlin has resigned as ticket agent at "FB" Ave., Brooklyn on account of ill health.

Bro. J. J. Lynch, of "HP," Long Island City, has resumed duty after an absence of six weeks on account of illness.

Bro. R. J. Edwards, who has been quite sick, has resumed duty.

We understand that Ed Sullivan, formerly on the D. & H., who tarried in our midst about four days, induced one of our Long Island City brothers to forget our motto, "No card, no favors," and as a result was stung for a small amount. It don't pay to trust them.

H. W. Haniquet relieved Bill Oaks as agent at Central Park station.

Bro. F. H. Pike has been installed as agent at Farmingdale.

Roy S. Murray has been appointed general ticket agent at "FB" Ave. station, Brooklyn. All the other agents are now clerks and ticket sellers, reporting to and respecting the orders of Mr. Murray.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Bros. Frank Horsch and W. J. Kaufman.

Edgemere having closed for the season, F. A. Carman goes to Lynbrook for the winter, relieving J. W. Pidgeon.

Bro. A. D. Johnson, of Westhampton, goes to Greenport as permanent agent, vice Bro. Van Nostrand.

Westhampton agency is up for bid.

KNOCKER.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Conemaugh Division—

We are pleased to note the "walking delegate" referred to in last month's write-up did not drop out of the Order as was stated, but is still with the boys.

Bro. Youmans, first trick operator at "CQ," after an absence of two weeks, is again back on duty.

Mr. Scott, our third trick west end dispatcher, is spending a well-earned two-weeks' vacation, relieved by Extra Dispatcher Walters.

Bro. Satterfield, who was laid up again on account of injuries received in the accident some time ago on Brilliant bridge, was relieved by Mr. Cox, a new man, and is now working third at "DY," relieving Bro. Borland, who is working Bro. Satterfield's trick at "XY."

On the night of October 14th, the engine on Extra 2560, one of our stock extras, turned turtle east of Kiski Junction in field about fifty yards from track, scalding Engineer L. Miller, and hurting his fireman severely. A number of cattle and horses were killed in the wreck.

Bro. Gilliland, third trick at "ZA," bid in and got third trick at "GC," close to his home in Allegheny.

Bro. C. C. Askey, second at "BI," while off a few days, was relieved by T. J. Johnston.

Bro. Helfrich relieved Bro. Kurilla and Miss Allen at "ND," while on a short vacation.

Bro. G. C. Johnson worked "DX" first trick during the vacation of Bro. Hovis, Bro. Helfrich working third trick.

The brothers at "BI" have been changed to their new home, which, when completed, will be the nicest tower on the Conemaugh Division.

Bro. McIntee, of "DX" second trick, is off on vacation, visiting relatives at Corning, N. Y.

Our two enthusiastic poultrymen, Bros. Johnson and McIntee, are improving their time reading up on scientific poultry raising.

Sisters L. J. Duncan and S. R. Haney, of "AC" office, were visitors in Blairsville recently.

"Sa" reports very cold weather. No wonder, as all three tricks there are filled by nons, two of them hardshells, willing to take all the Order gets for them, but never contributing anything.

Bro. McLaughlin is a real Order man, having secured several new members lately.

Bro. Ashbaugh, "UM" third trick, is off on a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. King, third "BI," went to Pittsburg, recently, to see Pittsburg and New York play ball.

There is a new brother at "VN" named M. E. Arnold.

Bro. Callward, of "BR" second, got third trick at "BR" on bid.

"OA," "OC," "GU."

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Maryland Division—

There have been quite a number of applicants for the Wilmington one o'clock a. m. advertisement, but it has not yet been assigned. Bro. Reed has been posting for the position, and Bros. Rose and Quill are also in the race. Bro. James B. Cosden, extra in Wilmington office for several years, is also pretty well up on the list. He has been off sick for over a month, but we hope to see him out soon.

Telegrapher Badders bid in second trick at Port Deposit, made vacant by Bro. Robinson accepting the position at Newark, who later took the night extra shift at Landlith.

Telegrapher Schenk bid in Safe Harbor Block, 4 o'clock trick.

Telegrapher Redmiles, of Landover, bid in Lanham Block, last trick.

Telegrapher Showalt bid in last trick at "AU," Patuxent block.

Telegrapher Davis, "BC," Bacon Hill, bid in "NH," Northeast, last trick, that being his home. Telegrapher Chambers, on last trick, Newark, bid in Iron Hill block, made vacant by Bro. Lewis accepting "PJ" block and moving to Wilmington.

Telegrapher Marshbank, Creswell station, has bid in "MS," Bengies, block.

Telegrapher Jameson bid in the last trick at "W," Landover block station, Mr. Redmiles going to Seabrook.

Telegrapher Lockard has been appointed regular at Charlestown block, last trick, one of the new stations recently opened.

Newark block last trick and Odenton block middle trick have been advertised, but, as yet, have not been filled.

Bro. Hoffheinz, of the West, is to be transferred to our local.

Bro. DeCorse, of the B. & O., is doing extra in Wilmington.

Bro. Thos. H. Cassidy has returned after a short visit with his brother in the New England States.

Bro. John Beatty, formerly a Delaware Division man, is working the "hello" alternately with "Old Kye."

Boys, let your division correspondent have a few tips each month about the tenth. It will help wonderfully in getting up the news for THE TELEGRAPHER. Div. Cor.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

The secretary reports just a few have not yet paid their dues for the last half of this year. Come across, brothers, it is cheaper to pay dues than to rejoin.

Our committee has certainly been up against it for several months. Just about the time they were to meet the general superintendent he resigned. The new general manager, Mr. Cutter, put us off week after week, claiming he was not yet familiar enough with conditions here to go into the making of a new schedule, and the committee refusing to be put off any longer, turned the matter over to the organization. First Vice-President Newman went to Minneapolis and found that Cutter had handed in his resignation, effective September 15th, and that nothing could be done until his successor was appointed. The committee is now waiting for the arrival of a new general superintendent or general manager, and if they will take the matter up at once, the committee will resume negotiations. If not, it will be turned over to the Order for settlement.

The Marshalltown "T-R," of September 22d, says that Master Mechanic C. E. Gossett has consented to a conference with the unions, which includes all the shopmen, with a view of a new

revised schedule and an increase in wages. These fellows are granted a new schedule and increase every year, and we have not had a revision of our schedule for very nearly two years. It looks like this schedule business is being worked one-sided, and we are not getting the proper consideration.

Bro. J. W. Howard's wife is on nights at Olds. Mrs. Howard is an old-time operator, and Jim will no doubt be bringing her into the Order soon.

Bro. F. J. Yenny, at Marsh, joined in September. We are getting new members right along, and nearly all are lined up now except the boomers.

Sister C. M. Weldon, formerly of Mason City, has been transferred to Division 31.

Bro. R. B. Mitchell, while in the Northwest, transferred to the N. P. Division, but having returned to Marshalltown, on the Iowa Central, is back again in 71.

Bro. J. A. Morris, of Brighton, who has been up north on account of an attack of hay fever, has returned home much improved. He was relieved by H. A. Sweigard.

Mr. Frost, agent Middle Grove, for several weeks, has resigned, and H. A. Sweigard has been appointed temporarily.

Little York is now in charge of a man who is not a telegrapher, probably owing to the scarcity of good telegraphers.

Mr. McDermott, who relieved Sister Weldon at Mason City, days, has been relieved by Mr. Secrest, who was transferred from Ackley nights, where he relieved Bro. L. E. Lewis when he resigned.

Bro. C. T. Harding is at Ackley nights again.

Bro. J. B. Odem has relieved Bro. J. W. Rankin, agent Liscomb, who has resigned on account of his health. We all hope for Bro. Rankin's speedy recovery.

Bros. Gardner of Abbott and Brush of Albion have returned from short vacations. Bro. Gardner was looking after his land interests in Dakota. He was relieved by Mr. Platts, nights at Hedrick, who is now on vacation.

Bro. Carder, at Gifford, although he has been given another telegrapher, still has to work a six-hour trick and look after his station work. He says he is going after them now for a man to fill in that six-hour trick.

Bro. M. J. Cahill, of Union, is looking after his business in South Dakota; relieved by Bro. Fred Arnote, who says he is going on his farm near Kansas City, Mo., when Bro. Cahill returns, and that it will be operated on an eight-hour, seventy-five-dollar minimum plan. We are all sorry to see Fred leave.

Mr. Craig, from Corwith, is at Zearing. Bro. Smith, of McCallsburg, will no doubt line him up.

Mrs. J. J. Flynn, of Belmond, has returned from her California trip, and as soon as "Jack" fattens up a little, we will expect him at the meetings regularly.

The Gifford gravel pit has been leased to a Kampaska Material Co., of Watertown, S. D., who will furnish gravel for commercial uses and also to the railroad company for ballasting purposes.

The new man at Mason City, nights, says he can't see anything in the Order, and has to put his money where it will do the most good, as he is a married man, etc. He claims to be an ex-Order man. "No card, no favors."

Div. Cor.

Camden Div., No. 84.

Bro. Lock Burke, owl at Sewell, is courting "buck fever" in the Maine woods. Moose will be very scarce when he leaves.

Bros. Logue, of "CD," Camden, and Morris, of Paulsboro, are on a trip through the West for the benefit of their health and to see the country.

Bro. R. D. Mitchell is working at Paulsboro in the absence of Bro. Morris.

Messrs. W. C. Vaughn and Lent have bid in the first and second tricks at Haddonsfield.

Bro. C. B. Smith, of Westville, is away on ten days' vacation, M. A. Glennon, extra telegrapher, is relieving him.

Bro. F. G. Patterson has gone from "CD," Camden, to "CH," Woodbury, for the winter.

Bro. Delafrange, first trick at "HN," Camden, is spending his honeymoon at Niagara Falls. The cigars smoked very well. VERITAS.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Division Notes—

Our regular monthly meeting was held on October 15th in Concordia Hall, Trenton, N. J., at which time we were honored with the presence of our worthy president, Bro. H. B. Perham.

After the meeting adjourned we had a banquet and reception in his honor at Hilderbrecht's.

Both the meeting and banquet were largely attended. Quite a number of the Belvidere brothers being present.

Bro. Perham gave us a very interesting talk on the work of our glorious Order, which every one enjoyed exceedingly.

Bro. Gaunt and Mr. Baird had to work twelve hours three days recently, on account of Mr. Maloney, second trick, being sick.

C. R. Yelland, second at "N" Miese, bid in second trick "MO," Moore tower.

Bro. Palmer, first at "P," Phillipsburg tower, is off for a month. Is being relieved by Bro. D. W. Smith, second trick, Mr. Barber, of the third taking second.

Bro. Palmer went to Ohio during his vacation.

Third trick at "K," Martins Creek, was bid in by Bro. Lawrence, placing "RX" third up for bid. On account of Mr. Decker working in Trenton "FG" office, Bro. McKelvey worked in his absence, and Bro. Lenhart, regular third trick at "DY," worked the relief from "K" to "P," his place being filled by Extra Telegrapher Scheffler.

Third trick at "RX" is being filled by extra Diehl.

Div. Cor.

Chicago Div., No. 91.

Quite a number of the boys attended the regular monthly meeting.

We also had with us Bro. Miller, of New Orleans, Division No. 93, Illinois Central, one of the I. C. committee men trying to get a new schedule for the boys on that line, and we all sincerely hope he succeeded.

Bro. Miller says this makes the fifth time the Illinois Central committee has come to Chicago for a new schedule and have succeeded each time.

First Vice-President Newman was also with us, and he gave us a very interesting talk on "How to Back Up Our Committee" when they go in to face the officials for better working conditions and better pay. He also outlined the plan of the O. R. T. Bond Company, showing that it would prove one of the best things proposed in a long time for our own good and benefit.

Bro. Turner, our organizer, gave some of his experiences in lining up the nons, which was certainly pleasing to hear. He is doing very good work, which we hope will continue until he has all the roads in this division organized.

A committee was elected to arrange for our annual dance, to be given for the benefit of Division No. 91, to be held here in Chicago some time in the early part of February, which promises, it possible, to eclipse all former efforts in that direction. The exact date will be decided at our next monthly meeting, Saturday, November 27th, and the tickets will be placed at a figure which enables everyone to come and have a good time.

Now, that the members have decided to give this dance, you boys who live in and around Chicago want to get your dancing pumps out and practice up a bit, for we are going to have it in the finest hall in the city, and as all the members are going to fetch their own girls, we are going to have the finest looking lot of girls to be found. Those who attended the dance in the spring of 1907 will surely come when they know that the one we contemplate will equal that.

Bro. Downie, who has been with the C. G. W. for two years, is now in Chicago. He comes at a good time, as he was one of the hardest workers for our last entertainment, and will be a wheel-horse again.

Bro. A. D. Turner, of Division 18, is now organizing for Division 91. Already he has covered one road, which was only 23 per cent strong when Bro. Turner started out, and now it is 94 per cent strong, and is going to cover all of the other systems assigned to our division. Members are asked to get the names of all the nons they know of and send them in to the secretary.

Bro. Berschens, formerly of Division 126, has located in Chicago, and is now a member of Division 91. All members of the Order residing in Chicago, and its vicinity who are not members of the system divisions should follow Bro. Berschens' example and come with it.

Some of the boys that are working eight-hour tricks should send in a few items each month, as

an agent, with his twelve to sixteen hours a day, has very little chance to hunt up news.

Bro. A. E. McCullough, agent, and Bro. R. M. McCullough, second trick at Oakdale, have returned after a pleasant visit with their parents at Kittanning, Pa., and points of interest on the B. R. & P. Bro. A. R. Hoffman, first trick, filled in as agent, and W. F. Wolf as telegrapher during their absence.

Bro. J. R. Stanley, the genial agent at Dolton station, has accepted a more lucrative position with the Ind. Harbor Belt. Relieved by F. W. Jacobs, a new man.

Bro. H. W. Grace, second "KN," Pullman Junction, is working for the Nickel Plate. Bro. A. A. Jacob is filling in on the extra list, Bro. W. R. Dixon working second, and Bro. Cook, third.

Bro. E. O. Jacobson, third Oakdale, has been transferred to "RS," 47th St., tower. Bro. W. Walley working first, Roy Brown second and C. V. Peterson, a new man, third trick there.

E. H. Miles, agent at Burnham, has resigned, and been relieved by R. E. Moore, of Pullman Junction.

There seems to be a shortage of telegraphers all over the country, the phone not making a surplus very rapidly, and I suppose we will be able to get a job as telegraphers as long as we care to live on a small salary and take the responsibilities that attach themselves to this branch of the service.

Remember the motto, "No card, no favors," and make it apply on this division.

CERTS. 409 AND 527.

Cobalt Div., No. 99.

Bro. Lambe just returned from a much-needed vacation; was relieved by Bro. Campbell.

Bro. Workman is now doing the relieving stunt, having been relieved by Bro. Roberts at "RS" office.

Bro. Murray is at present relieving Agent McCutcheon at the Wye.

Bro. Pierce is relieving Bro. Murray during his wife's sickness.

Bro. Taylor, of Temagami, is relieving Bro. Caldwell, of Earlton, who is laid up with typhoid fever.

Bro. Earl is back at Cobalt, after two weeks spent at the front dodging automobiles and street cars. He is assisted by Telegrapher Deagle.

Great rivalry exists between Uno Park and Charlton for the Elk Lake telegraph business. Bro. Hawkins, of Charlton, seems to be getting the bulk of the business, and is doing a large freight business.

Bros. McBride of Engelhart, Cullen of Matheson, and Bros. McLaughlin and Mond have all had their holidays. Others wanting relief are finding it hard to get.

Bro. Aubin, ex-agent, Englehart, is doing a large business in his new hotel at Elk Lake. The Gowganda wireless office is in his hotel.

Our correspondent will no doubt give us a good write-up next month. "BEEN ABOUT."

Concord Div., No. 108.

On Saturday evening, October 23d, all roads led to White River Junction, Vermont, and at 8:30 p. m. a large crowd of the boys met at Forrester's Hall, to hear our Worthy Brother Vice-President Pierson give us a talk. Nobody was disappointed, and every one felt well paid for the time away from home. Bro. Potter, from Hoosick, N. Y., was also present, and the way he was received shows that he stands high in the estimation of the Brothers. He also gave us a talk, showing us how much the organization had helped us during the short time we have been organized.

We were greatly surprised, and much pleased, also, to have with us Bro. Manning, local chairman from the New Haven. He came a good way from home to help us make our meeting a success, and all the boys were very grateful for his assistance. He told us what the O. R. T. had done for the brothers on his road during the past few years, which every one felt was certainly a success.

After the speaking was over we all sat down to as fine a supper as one could wish, after which all indulged in cigars, of which there were plenty, as Bros. Walker and Black will testify, I am sure.

Many operators were present from the Central Vermont, also brothers from the C. & P., both north and south. Everyone talked favorably of having another meeting, which will probably be arranged for soon.

Much credit should be given Bro. Adams, who saw that everything needed at the meeting was arranged for, and he is entitled to great praise for a large share of its success.

By the time this is in print, our committee will be in session revising the schedule. Some of the boys are looking for a change for the better in Article 5.

Bro. W. L. Whitney, of Div. No. 23, has been visiting his old home in "SB."

Bro. Tighe has been appointed to third trick at "SG."

Bro. Haley has been substituting at "AU," in the absence of the agent, for a few weeks.

Bro. Walker has been appointed agent at "ND." J. M. Cronin takes Bro. Walker's place as assistant.

Bro. Knight, at "BA," and Bro. Clay, at "SB," have been enjoying a few weeks' vacation.

SECRETARY.

Addison Div., No. 108.

At this time of the year it seems to be second nature for a telegrapher to cleave closer to his job. It may be caused by a strange sensation that creeps over him at the approach of a distant October storm, cold feet, or icicles on his whiskers. Whatever the cause may be, the probabilities are there will not be as many changes in the next few months as in the past. However, we

hope to see all positions advertised and bids made.

The brothers should all make a special effort to attend each meeting of Division 108 held at Addison, N. Y., the second Sunday of each month.

Bro. J. R. Riley, agent at Belfast, is laying off on account of his health.

We all regret to hear that it has become necessary for Bro. Horton to resign his position as agent at Wharton, on account of his deafness. Bill will be missed. For the past ten years you could see his smiling face at the window, morning, noon and night. Operator Dinnie Riley, of Belfast, has bid in second trick at Wharton.

Bro. Carroll, of Blaisdell, has been enjoying a vacation for a week or so. Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it wise to remove from our midst Brother L. R. Brown, in memory of our brother who has been taken away from us, and in sympathy with his bereaved wife, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division 108, Order of Telegraphers, that we extend to the members of the family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this, their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Brown, Division 108, Order of Telegraphers, loses a true and faithful member, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

L. D. JACOBS.

ED. BELCHER.

E. C. COLE.

Committee.

Second District—

Everything seems to be running about the same on this end, except that there are only a few nons now with us. There seems to be such a scarcity of telegraphers that it seems almost impossible to get relieved to attend the meetings, but we can keep on trying.

Brothers, send any items you may have for THE TELEGRAPHER not later than the tenth of the month to your local chairman or to the general chairman, so they can be sent in early enough to appear each month.

The boys responded very generously in making a donation when Bro. Brown, of Cross Fork Junction, died at the hospital in Hornell, N. Y. Mr. Curren, of Galeton, also raised a nice sum among his friends.

Bro. Schoonover, Westfield, was relieved for a ten-day vacation during the bird season by Mr. Geschwender. Div. Cor.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

On account of Tiona telephone office being closed, Sisters Bertha Wood and Nellie Hanley go to first and second, "EY" tower, Kane, which puts Bro. Crawford and Telegrapher Marr on the extra list.

There have been four electric signals placed at "Z" office, Kane, to replace the old signals. This will be a great help to the telegraphers as well as the yard crews.

Sister Emma Thorsten, of Kane third trick, is enjoying a ten days' vacation with her mother visiting at Chicago, Ill. Relieved by Bro. Griskey, of "WY" tower, who in turn is relieved by Telegrapher Carlson, of Wetmore.

Bro. B. H. Woodruff was relieved by Mr. Evans while off on a short vacation to get married on August 10th.

Bro. Flasher, who returned to Ludlow third trick, was relieved on Jackson's second by Mr. Way.

Mr. Miller, first trick Ludlow, resigned, relieved by Telegrapher McEntire.

We thank Bro. Barner for this contribution of news, and hope that some of the other members will help out in the same way. We have not had any news from the east end for some time.

PLYMOUTH ROCK.

CARD OF THANKS.

Bro. L. E. Daugherty wishes to extend his sincere thanks to the members of the division for their kindness during the illness and death of his wife.

Olean Div., No. 135.

Bro. A. G. Carlson, agent, Red House, has gone South, perhaps to stay. We wish him best success. Bro. J. F. Rosenbery relieved him.

The agent at Salamanca is doing six hours of telegraphing in addition to his other work. Brennon and Sister Wells are working nine hours.

Bro. Rickards, Kinzua, who has been working six hours telegraphing besides the agent's work, has been given another operator.

Bro. DeRocher is taking treatment for rheumatism with Dr. Flatt, at Corydon. He managed Bro. O'Dell's trick while he attended the agent's meeting.

This end of the division (Salamanca branch) is really solid, and it is hoped that the few nons still standing out will get wise and come in where there is no danger and always something doing.

Bro. J. C. Lamb, of Riverside Junction, while away getting married, was relieved by Bro. Garin. Bro. Elliott worked second trick, at River, a few days.

H. O. Hart, third trick at River Junction, dropped out because, he said: "A house divided against itself can not stand." But our royal O. R. T. was stronger than he thought.

The Salamanca Business College opened this month with E. E. Matson as teacher of telegraphy

and penmanship. Matson worked on this division a few years ago, and at that time seemed to be quite a decent fellow.

Bro. Stoltz, of Quaker, on short vacation, at Falconer, was relieved by Mr O'Neil, of Oil City.

Bro. R. E. Billington, second trick at Frunky, was relieved for his two weeks' vacation, which he spent in Ohio, by Mr. Murphy and Mr. Jonea.

Bro. A. L. Shobey, while on a twenty-five-day vacation, spent in Buffalo, N. Y., was relieved by Mr. Rothfuss.

Send us the news, brothers, so we can have a good write-up each month.

CERTS. 108 AND 250.

South Amboy Div., No. 149.

The regular monthly meetings for October, were not as well attended as they should have been, but suppose the inclement weather had something to do with it. These meetings are held only once a month, and we should put forth an extra effort to attend, as matters of interest come up at every session.

Lest ye forget, these regular monthly meetings are held the third (3) Thursday in each month, at Scully's Hall, South Amboy. We have a morning meeting at 10 o'clock for the second and third men, and the agents, that cannot attend the evening meetings. The evening meetings are held at 7:30 for all that can arrange to be present. Brothers and Division No. 84 in our territory should transfer to No. 149, and take an active interest in these meetings. Heretofore, the boys on this end have never had a chance to attend the meetings, and that is the reason we have No. 149 at South Amboy, to give them all a chance. There are a number of brothers on the F. & J. that could attend the morning meetings.

Boys, let's make the Raritan River solid; you know there are only two or three more agents and telegraphers there eligible.

We have not had a report from the committee on by-laws yet.

Brother J. L. Sheppard, of New Brunswick, has returned from his annual vacation, one day of which he spent at the Trenton fair.

Bro. J. M. Mayhew, now in the canning business at South Jersey, dropped off to see the boys in South Amboy, on a return business trip from Chicago.

Div. Cor.

Wabash Railway.

Springfield Division—

Owing to the heavy increase in business, Extra Dispatcher Little has been added to the force in the "DJ" office, and will handle the Wabash branch and east end, Springfield to Decatur. He has been relieved as car distributor by Bro. J. W. Anderson.

The wires have been replaced in the office at Buffalo, and the office bulletined with Bro. S. C. Moats, agent, Lanesville, in charge, and the latter agency is now up for bids. Buffalo was one

of the offices closed on account of the decline in business and the nine-hour law.

Third, Lanesville, also on bulletin, is being filled by Mr. Cotson, of the C. & A., until assigned. This additional trick at Lanesville added, owing to the increase of business recently, has placed Bro. Moats on first and Bro. Ryan on second trick.

Baylis agency, an \$80 position, with six hours wire work, is on bulletin, owing to the resignation of Bro. H. W. Edom.

Bro. Geo. East, formerly agent at Naples, who took his wife to Colorado recently for her health, had both arms broken and received several other painful injuries in a street car accident, and is now in a hospital at Denver.

P. J. Stromquist, who had temporary charge of Pittsfield during the absence of Agent Smith, while spending the hay fever season in Petosky, Mich., was relieved by Bro. P. J. Barry, agent, Harrisburg, for several weeks.

J. M. Suter, agent, Dawson, has been laying off on account of the sickness and death of his father.

Bro. F. O. Stehman is now telegrapher and night ticket agent at Quincy, vice Bro. Geo. Taylor, second at Jacksonville.

Bro. R. F. Lipcamon, relief agent, Harristown, off on account of sickness, relieved by Extra Telegrapher Stead, from Griggsville.

L. E. Hancock, second, Riverton, called home to Barry, on account of his wife's illness, was relieved by J. A. Raines.

CORRESPONDENT.

Peru Division—

After looking over the agency at Williamsport, Bro. Harris concluded Roanoke was good enough for him, and Bro. J. J. Dorren, agent, Whitehouse, bid in Williamsport, and has been checked in as regular agent. Whitehouse now being open for bid, is being filled temporarily by Mr. Romick.

Agency at Antwerp, O., is also open for bid.

Bro. Cox, agent Liberty Center, off few days, relieved by Relief Agent Miller.

M. T. Hullihan, agent Riverside, has accepted a position at Chicago with the M. C. Ry., relieved by Chas. A. Talbott.

Bro. Devite, agent Grabill, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Underwood.

E. C. Quiggle, agent Delta, Ohio, resigned and relieved by some man from that town.

Bro. Keller, agent Richvalley, off on several weeks' vacation, was relieved by Mr. Romick.

Bro. W. E. Spencer, after about four weeks' leave of absence, has bid in the second trick at Logansport. Bro. Robertson returning to his regular place at Danes. Mrs. Beckley is doing the extra work at Danes.

Bro. W. J. Meyer, of Delphi, visiting friends at Keytesville, Mo., and fishing on Tippecanoe, is being relieved by Mrs. M. B. Weckerly. Bro. Shutt, of Delphi, has gone on a vacation to Oregon, relieved by Bro. Weckerly.

Bro. N. J. Bechtel has resumed work at Lafayette.

Bro. Jno. Kieff is on days at West Peru, and Bro. Barklow, nights at Peru "Z" office, until Mr. Overman, manager of "Z" office, is able to return to work.

Bro. Backle, agent Antwerp, has accepted a position with some sugar beet company, at that place. We are all sorry to see such a good man leave us.

Bro. Bechtel, Lafayette, was relieved a few days on account of the sickness of some of his relatives, and it was necessary for Bros. Kennington and Swarner to double until some one could be secured to work the third trick there.

Bro. C. O. Benjamin, agent St. Joe, has returned after a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. G. W. Patrick, agent Williamsport, off on account of sickness relieved by Bro. Etnire until extra Miller could be spared.

Bro. L. Hanson, third trick, Williamsport, on vacation, relieved by new man.

Bro. Dunwoody, Newall, off on a camping expedition, relieved by Bro. Murray.

Bro. Jno. Kieff, upon the return of A. A. Hein, of Attica, relieved Bro. Spencer, Westport, while away on account of the sickness of his brother, at Muncie, Ind.

Sister V. M. Baker, "CD" tower, Ft. Wayne, has taken a six months' vacation, on account of having to stay at home with her mother, Bro. Barto relieving her.

Bro. Farmer has been doing a series of relieving at "CD" tower, Ft. Wayne, for some time.

Bro. Glen Abel, New Haven, bid in Tilton, third trick, and has moved there.

Bro. Murray is working third trick, New Haven, temporarily.

Bros. Backel and Johnson had to double at Antwerp recently on account of sickness and death in Bro. Dunderman's family there.

Bro. Theck has returned to West Unity, after several weeks' absence.

Bro. J. A. Fullen, agent Okolona, has resumed work there.

Bro. Clark, agent Rockfield, relieved a few days by Mr. Miller.

All the dispatchers have taken their annual vacation and returned to work again.

Bro. Robertson, of Danes, is working second at Logansport.

CORRESPONDENT.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Some of our nons have woke up and are coming into the fold, several petitions having been received the past month, and prospects are good for several more. Why not, boys? Every other trade is organized and sticking.

Mr. J. M. Overall was the successful bidder on second trick, at Shannon.

Third trick at Baldwin is on bulletin.

Bro. Caver, agent Wheeler, has returned after being off several days.

Bro. G. A. Roberson, agent Ramer, on vacation, relieved by his brother, J. D. Roberson.

Mr. Franklin is in the dispatcher's office, at Corinth.

Third Trick Dispatcher W. F. May is off a few days, relieved by Mr. Morgan, day operator and extra dispatcher. Mr. Armstrong is working days in "JN" and Mr. Sommeds is doing the owl act.

Bro. A. W. Fowler, agent Cayce, while attending the Union City fair, was relieved by Mr. Parish, an old-timer from Henderson.

Mr. Carroll has resumed duty as agent, at Oakton.

Bro. Bradley, third, South Columbus, is visiting home folks at Cayce, relieved by Mr. Rutledge, from Perry.

Bro. Hatley, while attending court, was relieved by Mr. Overall, from Dyer.

Bro. John Hudson is at "CO" Cairo nights, regular.

W. N. Nolan has returned to Red Bud, from Willisville, relieved by the regular agent, Bro. McMurtrie.

Div. Con.

Union Pacific Ry.

Nebraska Division, Western District—

Bro. F. P. Vybiral has been appointed a member of the Nebraska local board of adjustment, and the east end men can keep in touch with him. Both he and your local chairman have a list of non-members, and any member who wishes to get busy can get material while our limited supply lasts. But with seven applications on the Nebraska, in the past two weeks, it looks like you will have to get busy. The secret of it is several have been busy. If you leave it all for your local chairman to do, it would never get finished.

He has been very busy recently getting out the information blanks covering the proposed schedule, which we hope to be able to tell you more about a month hence. The blanks are coming in remarkably prompt, making a great deal of work for your committee. No regularity seems to have been used at all in paying commissions, such per cents as 9 1-2 and 7 1-2 being paid at some stations. This is the result of dealing personally with representatives of the Express company in times past.

The boys are rallying to us loyally, and with the coming express negotiations and our meeting with the Union Pacific, the first week in January, next, we hope that the most of those who have been hesitating will now be ready to come to our assistance. Your local chairman and his assistant on the eastern district are supplied with application blanks and will be only too glad to send you all you can use. Every one do something the coming month to boost the work and see it move.

Your committee is very sorry to have to chronicle the death of the wife of Bro. W. D. Fink, of Princeton, and the mother of Sister N. I. Fink, of Stromsburg. We have attempted in our feeble but inefficient way to tell them of our feelings in the matter and regret that we heard of her demise too late to arrange for any other demonstration of our sympathy.

I am told that the search of the old philosopher for an honest man was not a comparison to the search of Mr. Sheldon just now for operators. It looks as if we were going to have to send to Omaha for our friend "Gladstone" and have another bunch of students promoted or the old heads can't lay off. We can't get relief for the fellows who want to take their vacations.

Bro. J. H. Bachman, of Gannett, is taking a trip through the West, viewing Mormon life, as it is at home. C. A. Hood relieving.

Bro. Stepanoski, of Keith, has bid in the position of day operator at David City.

Mr. Paul, of Missouri, is on third trick, at Brady Island, until filled by bulletin.

Bro. J. H. Hansen, extra on second trick, at Lexington, until filled by bulletin.

Bro. C. R. Haines, of Josselyn, taking a much needed rest and being relieved by C. V. Hanchett.

D. E. McClure, of Simonds, a good brother and a good man, has recently transferred to us from Division No. 31.

Mr. Biddle is working second, Watson's Ranch, since Bro. Brown bid in the first.

Mr. Deene, from the Vandalia, has relieved Extra Dispatcher McNutt at Kearney, who has gone to Grand Island, thereby letting Chief Anderson take a rest.

Bro. Chas. Riley of the "GD" yard office, Grand Island, who was relieved a couple of weeks by Mr. Paul, is back at work.

Bro. I. J. Thelin is taking a month's rest, relieved by Mr. Obenhouse. CERT. 765.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, In the dispensation of an All-Wise Providence, the Grim Reaper has called to join "that innumerable caravan" the wife and mother, respectively, of Bro. W. D. Fink, of Princeton, Neb., and Sister N. I. Fink, of Stromburg, Neb., and

WHEREAS, We realize that they have been called upon to face sorrow, the like of which comes to us but once in life in all its bitterness, and

WHEREAS, The heart of every brother beats in genuine sympathy with another in all the troubles of life, thereby expressing to our inmost beings the rock upon which all Unionism principles rest secure, be it

Resolved, That we gladly embrace the first opportunity of publicly expressing to this brother and sister, the heartfelt sympathy of each brother individually, and the condolence of Division No. 6, and in so doing, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions of respect be furnished the RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. H. SMITH,
E. L. STUMP,
J. H. HUGHEY, JR.,
F. P. VYBIRAL,

Committee.

Grand Island, Neb., September 25, 1909.

Nebraska Division, Eastern District,

Recent reports show that student Agent Tarnov left for parts unknown, but forgot to leave the company's money, the students agents on this district don't seem to be making much of a hit.

Bro. Carter, agent, North Bend, is enjoying a ten days' lay off.

North Bend night office has been re-opened with Bro. Botvidson in charge and Bro. A. A. Vybiral on days.

Bro. Joseph White, Beatrice, has gone to the Kansas division, relieved by Bro. W. O. Wilson, of Division No. 23. Mr. Blakely resigned the night trick at Beatrice and was relieved by Bro. Ault, from the Indianapolis Southern.

Among the recent new members are the following: C. T. Botvidson, W. M. Calhoun, J. E. Carlson, J. W. Swadley and J. C. Haley.

Boys, please send all items of interest to F. P. Vybiral, at Schuyler. CERT. 317.

Kansas Division—

Bro. Stoddard, at Bonner Springs, and Bro. Armstrong are good news-gatherers. We are rather short, however, on news from the West and our correspondent out there apparently being too busy sealing wheat cars to send any in.

From the amount of stuff moving just at present, the U. P. should have a full stocking for Christmas, and our crop of non-members has decreased until we begin to feel as if we would be real thankful by the time Thanksgiving rolls around.

The blanks coming in on the express proposition show that some of the agents have been doing several hundred dollars' worth of work a "Thank you," for some time.

Although out of the service, Bro. Lunger, the up-to-date "union made" merchant, of Mayetta, Kans., doesn't fail to do a little organizing when the opportunity arrives.

Bro. John F. Swaine, formerly at Junction City, now "the ticket man" at Monroe, La.

H. A. Hawkins is again out of the hospital, but doubtful whether he will return to work.

Bro. Stout, Bonner Springs, while on a hunting and fishing trip through the West, was relieved by E. A. Terry, who is now filling the new position just created, until Mr. Shannon is relieved at Menoken.

Fred Haney is back at Lenape, relieving Mr. Hockman.

Bro. Firebaugh bid in Culver and Bro. Leger bid in the third job at Lawrence, C. H. Tucker relieving him at Manhattan.

Bro. Jette has been assigned the agency at Ellsworth.

Bro. John Ross, from Wamego to second, days at Topeka. Several extra men have been at Topeka since Bro. High resigned.

Bro. Armstrong is relieving Bro. Enochs at Grantville, while Bert gets acquainted with the brand new better half.

I. E. Adams bid in third at Rossville.

A. P. Cole, Utah Division, is relieving Bro. Smith, at St. George, who is in the hospital.

Mr. Cole is senior applicant for Morganville, and Bro. Sage for Cleburne, Bro. Wray having resigned.

CORRESPONDENT.

Wyoming Division—

A new seniority list has just been compiled, and can be inspected by calling at Mr. Roth's office, Cheyenne. Local Chairman Horiskey will also be glad to give you any information on this or any other subject.

Bro. Horiskey is a real live local chairman. He is continually doing something in our behalf. He wants everyone to live up to the schedule and will help us in any worthy case where the company fails to do its part.

N. C. Suckett draws first trick salary at Dale Creek. Two years ago he worked twelve hours for this same salary, whereas today he works but six, allowing the other two operators to work nine hours each. He makes a profit on the extra operator, which the nine-hour law occasions. He freely admits that the O. R. T. is "a good thing," but it's been so long since he paid a cent of dues that he couldn't remember it. He is certainly working the order overtime.

Bro. C. F. Carlson, of Rawlins, has been transferred to "N" Cheyenne.

Bro. I. A. Sinclair takes one more step upward and is now the "whole cheese" at Hershey. Only a little over a year ago he was second telegrapher at Hanna; from there he went to Laramie on third trick, and has made three moves since, every one being a distinct advance.

Bro. Joe Kimbring, formerly first telegrapher and yardmaster's clerk at "CY," Cheyenne, upon his return from a sixty-day vacation, accepted a trick dispatching job on the C. & S. at Cheyenne. While away he visited the Seattle Exposition.

Up to this time I have not seen anything in the newspapers which would indicate that Mr. Harriman has consigned any of that three hundred million dollar estate to the thousands of railway employees who made his achievements possible. Now, that's strange, isn't it?

Evidently the wizard expected us to do something for ourselves, and fortunately the opportunity for us to divert a few extra dollars in our own direction is now at hand.

No, you need not get ten new subscribers to "The Ladies' Home Journal," or sell any corn salve, to coax into your coffers the aforesaid wily dollars.

I have reference to the "information blanks" recently sent out by Local Chairman Horiskey, of Cheyenne. Therein lies wonderful possibilities.

The management has taken the first step, by granting our committee a date for revision of our antiquated schedule, and the next step is ours.

First of all, fill in carefully all the blank places, and be liberal with your suggestions and recommendations on the back thereof. The committee must be made to feel that we are with them, and that they will have our strongest support and co-operation from now until the meeting has ended.

Let it be known that we are backing our committee, financially and otherwise, to the very limit.

Don't do any "booming." Remain in the service, and don't move until we get our new schedule.

Between Cheyenne and Rawlins, a distance of about 180 miles, there are fifteen offices at which three men are now employed eight hours each. The only two agents who now work more than eight hours are at Medicine Bow and Granite Canyon, both on double track. Thus, thirty more additional operators have been given employment in this territory than during the 1907 rush.

Bro. G. M. Moyer, of Laramie, alternate to the recent Atlanta Convention, has gone East, on account of the serious illness of his brother.

Bro. G. F. Hayes, general office, Cheyenne, has accepted the position of wire chief with the W. U. there.

Bro. Wilbur T. Conklin, nights, at Laramie, has resigned and gone East.

Bro. Kidd, manager, Sidney, "CD" office, is on his annual vacation.

Bro. Cecil C. Martin, Walcott, has resigned.

Don't forget to send in your information blanks, and see that your station is kept solid O. R. T. This is more important just now than ever before.

Drv. Coa.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

Pacific Division, Second District—

Those members present at the meeting held in Vancouver, August 22nd, were pleased to again have the opportunity of meeting our general chairman, Bro. Robertson, it being the occasion of his second visit to the coast since taking the office. Several matters of importance locally were discussed, the principal question being the adoption of a local fund, which was urged by Bro. Robertson, who stated that it had been found to work entirely satisfactory in other parts of System Division No. 7. This matter seemed to be looked upon with favor by those present, and I hope that it may work out successfully on this district. A local fund will come in quite handy at times, and if required to in any way assist any general movement, we have it to help out with. Bro. Robertson is attending to several items of importance while here on the coast, one of these being an endeavor to have a few of our busiest terminal and junction points made eight-hour jobs, which we believe now to be a necessity. Bro. Harbour was prevailed upon to accept the position of assistant general chairman for the Pacific Division, this position not having been filled at all for some time, and the need of it being constantly felt. Bro. Harbour, being well known on all three of

the districts, should have no trouble in handling things to everybody's satisfaction. Bro. Goulet gave us quite a talk concerning things accomplished at the grand convention. A late but welcome visitor was Bro. P. W. Fooney, local chairman from District No. 1.

Now, boys, we need your help at these meetings, and everything possible should be done to get to them. We should do as well at future meetings as at the last one, if possible, many of the faithful coming from as far east as Yale.

The fine new stations at Haney and Mission Junction have recently been opened for business, and will no doubt be an improvement in conveniences for occupants and the public alike.

Several new positions have been created this summer. Agency opened at Ruskin, Bro. F. H. Puffer appointed. Day operator Westminster Junction, bid in by Bro. G. H. Wellington. Mr. G. B. Anslow appointed agent at Ruby Creek. Yale has been made a night office.

Bro. Thos. Clark, for years agent at Lytton, resigned in order to pay close attention to his ranching interests across the river, succeeded by Bro. F. Priestley, of Spencer Bridge Junction.

Bro. I. S. McKay, from Car Service days, to New Westminster, telegrapher and ticket clerk. Bro. I. J. McNaughton, from "CS" nights to "CS" days; Bro. D. B. Nickerson, "CS" nights.

Bro. J. R. Cameron, nights at Ashcroft, vice Bro. Wellington.

Positions now advertised are: Agencies, Spencer Bridge Junction and Harrison Mills, and night operator, Agassiz; Relieving Agent Whitley is now at Harrison Mills.

Div. Cor.

Regina Division—

Portage has been made a third trick station. The lucky eight-hour men are: First trick, Bro. Anderson; second, Bro. McQuirk; third, Mr. McPherson.

Bro. Freeland, agent at Carberry, has resumed duty after a month's visit to old friends in Ontario.

Bro. Mein, A. G. C., in Toronto meeting the Dominion Express officials, is being relieved by Bro. Mein, Jr.

Agents, where new men are being put on during the rush, should not fail to see that they carry the necessary documents.

Bro. Allen, from "BY" tower, has been appointed regular dispatcher at Kenora. All are pleased to see Glen promoted.

Bro. Ives, from Emerson, landed second, Rugby, and Bro. Marfield, from Otterburne, third. Bro. Allen, who holds first, is being relieved by Bro. Enright.

Bro. Weightman, from "VD," dispatching, relieved by Bro. Thompson. Bro. Egan has the banker's hours, and says the eight-hour trick is "the candy goods." Third, "UD," now permanent, held down by Bro. Eby, from Wpeg Beach.

Bro. Cordingly, dispatcher at Saskatoon, bid in third, "K" office.

Bro. Ingo, regular dispatcher, "K" office, relieved by Bro. Kellough.

Boys, loosen up and send me some news.

CERT. 1036.

New York Central Ry.

CORRECTION.

In the October TELEGRAPHER a typographical error gives the amount contributed for Bro. F. E. Rolfe as \$1000.00. It should have read one hundred (100.00) dollars.

We hope this error will not cause any of the brothers to withhold their contributions, thinking he may have already been sufficiently provided for.

St. Lawrence Division—

At the recent meeting at Watertown, a goodly number were in attendance and we had some very interesting remarks from our local chairman, who was the delegate to the Atlanta convention, concerning the convention and the generous hospitality with which all were entertained while in Atlanta. Those who did not attend this meeting certainly missed one of the best we ever had.

There seems to be a notion among some of our neighbors that they are entitled to bid on an agent's job and if assigned to the position back out in a few days, if it does not come up to their expectations. This will do more in six months to overthrow the privilege of bidding on these jobs and giving the oldest man a chance than all the efforts that can be put forward to regain it in five years. It is important that every man who bids on any position post himself before he bids on the kind of a place he is after, and not go ahead and be checked in a position, then back out with no apparent reason. This all costs money and it should be handled accordingly.

Several offices on the hill are operated on the nine-hour basis, open from 6 a. m. to 12 midnight. This is a great improvement over the old way.

The improvement work at Boonville is moving along rapidly. The new yard is well underway, and in the spring the buildings will be commenced.

There is a little missionary work in places along the line that should be looked after, which should be done between now and the first of the new year.

Bro. Erick, of Alder Creek, on sick list, is being relieved by Telegrapher Shorey.

Bro. Harger is at Remsen, second again, taking the place of the well-known Smith.

Telegrapher Botsford, of third, at Remsen, out of service.

CERT. 721.

Norfolk & Western Ry.*Scioto Division—*

This has been one of the busiest seasons in history of the N. & W. in all departments. The train service has been increased twenty-six crews in the last few weeks on account of the large increase in tonnage.

A new dispatcher's district has been created, dividing the work on the Columbus and Kenova districts and promoting Brothers Kessel, Bailey and Sery to regular dispatchers' positions. We now have nine men handling trains at the division office in Portsmouth, where there were formerly only six dispatchers.

D. E. Peters, of Kenova, extra passenger conductor, on September 8th was promoted to be assistant trainmaster of the Scioto Division. The promotion was well earned.

Bro. C. J. Collins is acting agent at Lavalette, W. Va., while Bro. D. S. Spriggs visits his old home at Peru, Ind., on vacation.

Bro. A. M. Cross, agent Sciotoville, Ohio, resumed work September 6th. He attended the state fair at Columbus, Ohio, during his vacation.

Bro. A. R. Nixon has relieved Bro. J. D. Herbert, agent, at Newton, Ohio, whose failing health has obliged him to discontinue station duties.

Bro. A. S. Godfrey, agent Sardinia, relieved by Bro. W. M. Jaynes, spent several days of his vacation squirrel hunting.

Bro. A. L. Peake has been promoted to night ticket agent, Portsmouth, O., vice Charles Hill, to the general office in M. of W. department.

Bro. C. P. Copenhaver, agent Mt. Oreb, Ohio, is spending his vacation at his old home, in Virginia, relieved by Bro. O. L. Martin.

The annual inspection of buildings and bridges on this division was made by the officials of that department on September 11th.

Vacancy board: Idlewild, O., day operator; Clifford, O., third; Coal Grove, O., third.

Temporary offices opened: Reeses, O., third trick; Miner, O., third trick; Dix, O., third trick; Cromley, O., third trick; Hayesville, O., third trick; Kingston, O., second and third tricks; Hinton, O., third trick; Foster, O., third trick; Corwines, O., third trick; Sargents, O., third trick.

The opening of the above offices, temporarily, gave employment to quite a number of men, who have not been working for the past eighteen months.

Pocahontas Division—

Have you that new card? If not, it is time you were getting it. It costs no more to pay your dues in June than later on. You are jeopardizing your own interests by delaying.

There is a brighter day coming for us all, boys, when we learn to do our duty promptly in this respect.

We record with great sorrow the sad accident to Bro. J. T. Woody, second trick at Coaldale, who was killed by a freight train between Maybeury and Coaldale on Sunday, September

19. His remains were taken to Bluefield and prepared for shipment to his home at Bethel Hill, N. C.

Bro. Woody was a man who stood by us in everything we undertook. We extend to his mother and all to whom he was dear our heartfelt sympathy in this, their sad hour of bereavement.

CERT. 1334.

Sunday morning, September 19, 1909, just as the church bells were pealing forth in the balmy autumn air their messages to mankind, that it was time to cease from the busy scenes of industry and assemble for worship, the boys on the Pocahontas division, of the Norfolk and Western, were horrified to hear flashed over the wires the sad message, that the light from one of the brightest stars, which forms the grand cluster, that on Division No. 14, Order Railroad Telegraphers, had gone out.

It was hard to realize that his familiar "CU" had been heard for the last time. It was sad to learn so suddenly that his pleasant smile and a gentle voice had been stilled in death.

Brother J. T. Woody had answered his last call. While out for a morning walk, with two of his friends, his young life had been accidentally crushed out.

As the storm king smites the heaving bosom of the sea, the Grim Reaper had come without a moment's warning. The rosy cheek and the youthful brow, bathed in God's glorious sunshine, had in an instant become a cold and lifeless form. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 14, Order Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family of our highly esteemed and beloved brother, their love and sincere sympathy, in the dark hour of their loss, in which we share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next meeting, a copy sent to the mother of the deceased brother, and a copy furnished the RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. C. CALLAWAY, Local Chairman,
J. B. SAUNDERS,
P. C. WINBORNE,

Committee.

Radford Division—

We cannot understand why any eligible employe who cares for his own welfare and success, should fail to associate himself with an organization that has done, and will do so much for him as the O. R. T., that is now paying two thousand per cent interest on every dollar invested in it. No other investment pays such returns. For every dollar invested, the O. R. T. has returned to us twenty, and this is only the beginning. There are many other benefits to be derived from such an investment that cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. The selfishness these nons display in quietly reaping the harvest of our efforts is retarding our progress toward still greater achieve-

ments. With their co-operation and help we could present a solid front and be financially and numerically equipped to meet any situation that might confront us in the future. They are not only standing in our way, but in their own as well, and it seems that it is about time to do something that will awaken them to a realization of the situation.

Ten years ago we were working twelve long hours a day, frequently making thirty-six and forty-eight hour doubles, not daring to even dream of overtime, for forty dollars a month. A vacation without loss of pay, an increase in salary, seniority rights and annual passes good over two thousand miles of railway every day in the year for ourselves and families, such things were not even to be thought of and eight hours a day, with 50 to 100 per cent more than we received for twelve hours work, and no loss of time for unjust suspensions, would have been looked upon as a hallucination unworthy of consideration. These and all other benefits we now enjoy has been brought about by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

We cannot understand why any one can hold aloof from such a grand and glorious institution. Why they cannot lay aside any little grudge, malice or imaginary grievance, and get into the band wagon with us.

Some very undesirable nons have been dismissed by the company recently, among them was the ex-member who attended one of our meetings and also the annual banquet last winter. Some brother had unwittingly given him the password. As this is the second time a non has been enabled to attend one of our banquets on account of having the password, it is time that more care was taken. Strangers not vouched for by some member in good standing should be required to show an up-to-date card or a receipt for current dues, at least. We hope the brothers will see that no such "deadbeats" are ever allowed such privileges again.

The automatic signals being put in effect from Elliston to Christiansburg, cut three men out at Shawsville. Bro. Tynes pulled former Bro. Craig at Arthur, Craig pulling Bro. Starrett at Vickers; Bro. Starrett taking vacant third at Christiansburg, where he has since been assigned to second.

Bro. Broderick, third at Wytheville, recently assigned to first, and Bro. Kingil second at Curve, recently assigned to second at Pembokv Tank.

Bro. Thomas, at Shawsville, pulled Bro. Weddle at Elliston, Bro. Weddle pulling Bro. Clenker at Pepper.

Bro. Harry Parrish was recently assigned to third at Ripplemead, and Bro. C. L. Hurst to agency at Groseclose, from second trick at Alkins.

Bro. C. B. Givens at Eggleston is spending his vacation with his mother at Singer.

Bro. R. G. Gardner is off on a vacation trip to Florida.

Bro. J. L. Farrow has just returned from a hunting and fishing trip in Boltetom county.

Bro. Coburn, when delivering orders to passenger train No. 3 at Oakdale, one day recently was struck by the mail sack as it was thrown off, knocked down and remained unconscious for some time. Fortunately, he was not seriously injured and is back to work again.

Bro. Kimer was seriously hurt recently while returning to his home at Salem, from the third trick, at Glenbar. His horse fell on him injuring his right knee and foot. We hope he will soon be able to get around again.

Bro. F. E. Stafford has our sympathy in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Katsinger, who died at Eggleston, on September 20th.

Telephones have been put in all the offices but are not in use yet.

CERT. 239.

Shenandoah Division—

Business is still on the increase over here and the dispatchers have been kept busy with stock and special trains. The stock and perishable movement is heavier than it has been for some time, the local trains are overburdened with local work, and it is hard work to make terminals ahead of the sixteen-hour law. We have had quite a number of excursions to the Luray caverns and several to Washington, via. B. & O., which were all well patronized. We are very much pleased to see this steady improvement in business, and in consequence hope to see the telegraphers benefited in the near future.

On September 7th, while eating dinner Bro. G. Z. Abrihams, agent, Buena Vista, was suddenly taken ill and gradually grew worse, dying on Sunday morning, September 12th. He had not been well for some time, but persisted in sticking to his desk. The bereaved family have the sympathy of his fellow craftsmen.

Bro. M. G. Bush relieved Bros. E. R. Carmichael third, R. E. Bear first Loch Laird, and Bro. J. W. Taylor first trick, Buena Vista, for a few days each recently.

Bro. G. W. Skelton from second Glasgow to second Luray, to relieve Mr. Wine for fifteen days, Bro. Bush going to second at Glasgow.

Bro. Nickols, agent Natural Bridge, was relieved for a while by Bro. H. H. Burks.

Bro. Hughes, from second White Post, is relieving Bro. Roden second trick, Basic. Mr. Thomason relieving at White Post.

Bro. H. F. Coleman, from second, Martinsville, is relieving Bro. K. A. Painter, second trick at Buena Vista. Bro. McNeil is relieving at Martinsville.

Bro. J. W. Melton, from Buffalo, where he relieved Bro. W. L. Burks, to Rippon, to relieve the agent Bro. P. W. Hairston.

Mr. C. H. Moffett, second Shepherdstown, is taking his vacation, being relieved by his son, Edward Moffett.

Conductor Leflier and Brakeman Myrtle, who were cut about the face and head recently on the south-bound local (south end), due to a bad triple valve, and taken to Shenandoah, are both able to be at work again.

Bro. J. S. Biedler is relieving Bro. J. N. Wise, agent at Riverside, who spent part of his vacation at the Morgans' grove.

Relief Agent Bro. H. H. Burks is seeing the sights in Washington, Baltimore and other points during his vacation. Later on he was reported on the sick list and was relieved by Bro. Alwin, from second, at Glasgow.

Bro. J. W. Taylor, first, Buena Vista, relieved Bro. Abrihams, when first taken ill, and Bro. Wyatt from Philpott, who was on his vacation, worked the first trick a few days, when he was relieved by Bro. Taylor's son Lee, who just took the examination.

H. A. Fix, second at Stanley, is relieving H. O. Ringle first, H. M. Davis second and H. A. Bickers third trick. Bro. Huddle is acting as assistant agent, day operator, etc., at Shenandoah. Bro. McIntosh relieved him at Stanley.

Bro. Dunlap, agent Boyce, is being relieved by his son, who has just started in the business.

C. B. Lackes, second trick dispatcher, north end, on the sick list, a few days, was relieved by Bro. S. F. Moffett. J. H. B.

Michigan Central Ry.

The telephones on the West Division went to the bad, one night recently, and the "old reliable Morse, the safest system, now and always," had to be called into requisition.

Bro. Ketchum, second at Kalamazoo, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Kitchen.

Bro. Gifford, third at Battle Creek, is relieving in ticket office, Bro. Slowey from Albion, relieving.

Dispatcher Phillips is on vacation, Dispatcher Fitch working main line third, Extra Dispatcher Cummins on air line third.

The hours at Hill office, Niles yard, have been changed: First trick, 6 a. m. to 3 p. m.; second trick, 12 noon to 2:45 p. m. at Niles "VN" office, then 3 p. m. until 9 p. m. at Hill; third trick, 9 p. m. Bro. Butler bid in the second trick when bulletined. The first trick at "VN," Niles, has also been changed, the hours being 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. instead of 7 a. m. to 4 p. m. This arrangement was made to relieve the congestion of work at Niles.

Bro. Emmons bid in third at Barron Lake.

Bro. Avery, third at Fabius, off a few weeks; relieved by Bro. Phelps, a new man.

Mr. Eagle, from Colon third, is working in "SF;" relieved at Colon by Bro. McMillen.

Bro. Potter, third at Tekonsha, taking care of his mother-in-law, who was quite seriously injured at Marshall; relieved by Mr. Kennedy, a new man.

Bro. Brown, Haires first trick, is off a few days on committee work.

Bros. Boyer, Enright and Burlington, at Lawton, are having plenty of work handling the fruit messages. The grape season is almost over, and business will then go back to normal.

CERT. 414.

West and Joliet Divisions—

Many applications for vacations have had to be turned down on account of the scarcity of telegraphers on this division, and the news from other divisions show that we are not the only ones waiting.

On account of this scarcity a flagman was taken off a freight train recently to work in an office for a few nights and take orders and clearance cards over the fone in place of the regular operator, the latter being detailed elsewhere on a hurry-up call. Kindly remember the fact, however, that the flagman's salary is \$80.00 per month, while the operator's salary nets him the immense sum of \$57.50 per month.

Possibly when all divisions are fully equipped with the phone there will be no need of applying for vacations, as we will all be at some other job. Each State is to have a committee to investigate and choose from the ranks of operators the best specimen to be placed in the State museum (mummified, of course) as a relic of the past. But don't worry, boys, the committees have not been appointed yet.

A story comes to us, apropos of the introduction of the phone, that a certain dispatcher, wishing to leave his chair for a few minutes, uncoupled his phone gearing from the direct wire, leaving the body attachment still on, and on returning and wishing to use the phone immediately, found it would not work; everything sounded dead. Now, this dispatcher does not like the innovation anyway, and when he got no action on the phone, he began a tirade against it to the trainmaster, who was near. The trainmaster laughed, and on investigation found that the dispatcher had failed to plug in when he returned. Now, these are facts, and some of the east end boys will remember a similar incident that occurred on the M. C. at Detroit when the dispatcher sent a line-man out to look for the trouble.

Don't forget the items for next month. Your correspondent will be glad to get all he can for each issue. No one person is in a position to hear of all the changes and other items of interest, and a little help from a few makes a lot of difference, even if it is but one or two from each. If you can not reach him in any other way, just tell Phil to give him a ring on the phone, for, so far, Phil has been very accommodating.

CERT. 156.

N. Y. C. & St. L. Ry.

Third District—

At the September meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bellevue, and, if possible, hold future meetings there instead of Leipsic.

The meeting held in Bellevue on October 22d was largely attended, and seemed to be a more satisfactory place than at Leipsic, on account of more members being able to attend. The meetings will hereafter be held regular in Bellevue, and all the members will be notified of the time and date. One member from each office should now be able to attend these meetings.

Bro. Hollman, third trick Greensprings Junction, just returned from a short vacation; was relieved by E. J. Martin. Bro. Hollman was visiting relatives and friends in Kentucky.

Bro. Hollman, who left Greensprings on October 24th to take a trick dispatching, was relieved by E. G. Ochlike.

J. M. Hazelton, third trick at Colley, was relieved on October 12th by Telegrapher F. W. Dale.

Bro. G. A. Leeth working third at Payne temporarily, Bro. Bowman resigned.

Bro. R. Jacobs, second at Continental, has returned from his vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Horner, who resigned and went to the Indianapolis & Southern Ry.

Bro. Dewey, Millers City, and Bro. Gillette, Kiefersville, were relieved for their vacations by Bro. Baldwin, who then relieved the agent at Peabody.

Bro. H. W. Bechtold, of Oakwood, off on account of the sickness of his father, was relieved by W. A. Davenport and R. J. Dimmit.

Bro. R. M. Thompson, third at Maple Grove, relieved by F. W. Bonnell a few days.

Bro. Baldwin relieved Bro. D. M. Scott, second trick at Greensprings Junction for a few days.

Bro. E. J. Brennan, agent Narlo, has been relieved by Bro. W. M. Baldwin, the regular agent.

Bro. D. F. Thompson, permanent agent at Maple Grove, was relieved a few days by Relief Agent Bartollett.

Bro. E. L. Shirkey was at home a few days before accepting a second trick with the Penn. Co. at Delaware, Ohio.

Brothers, please try and remember that items should reach me about the 20th of each month.
ZIM.

First District—

Every one is busy down here with the grapes.

G. G. Shaver is at Ripley again. Relieved on second at Westfield by D. M. Morrissey.

Bro. W. A. Hatch is at Walkers Grape, V. H. Weatherup at Minton's Crossing and Mr. Dupernell at Sheridan siding.
CERT. 89.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to take from our midst the beloved wife of our friend and Brother, W. J. Jones, be it therefore

Resolved, By the membership of the First District, Division 18, that we extend to the afflicted Brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother Jones, and also to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. W. FERRY.
R. O. WADDELL.
M. L. RUSSELL.

Committee.

Cleveland District—

Apparently the gentler sex are branching out in a new direction—bustling freight. We will not be surprised soon to see them riding the head end of through freight in the near future. Then the bloomer girl will have come again in our midst. If such things continue we may hope soon to see papa taking care of the babies, cooking and washing dishes, while mama makes the living, anywhere from office clerk to engineer.

Effective September 15th, the telegraphers at Madison were put on nine hours. Miss Steele, first trick, six hours telegraphing and three hours hustling freight and making herself generally useful. Bro. Wilson, second, noon until 9 p. m., and Bro. Hammond, third, 9 p. m. until 6 a. m.

Am very sorry to say that even personal letters to the brothers and sisters on Cleveland district fails to elicit the news as it should. Bros. Hammond and Kist alone responded. Many thanks to the two brothers who show interest enough to send in the news.

Bro. E. G. Manson, wife and daughter are visiting the former's parents at Shreve, Ohio.

Bro. C. H. Bastian is at Orrville, Ohio, on the Wabash.

Bro. E. G. Manson on thirty days' layoff. Relieved by Bro. E. W. Robinson.

Bro. Pierce, first trick at East Lorain, was off recently on account of sickness. He was relieved by Mr. Bonnell, who later relieved Bro. E. R. Kist, third at Shinnock, on thirty days' vacation.

First and second tricks at Euclid and second and third tricks at Bellevue are bulletined.

Bro. C. H. Bastian recently called on the brothers at Rocky River.

Bro. H. R. Kist, third at Shinnock, is on a 30-day vacation. Relieved by Mr. Bonnell.

Bro. Jump, second trick at Shinnock, was run over by a wagon, on his farm near there, and seriously injured.

Bro. E. A. Hill, agent at Kimball, is enjoying his two weeks' vacation, hunting in the mountains of New York. He is relieved by S. Kienzle, relief agent.
CERT. 183.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

C. & C. B. (in Iowa) Division—

Business on the Middle Division is mighty good, with two additional passenger trains to take care of.

A new office has been created at Huxley, with hours 5 p. m. to 3 a. m., filled by T. J. Johnson, a new man. This is a great relief to Bro. O. H. Huyck, who heretofore, has been compelled to work twelve hours straight.

The night trick at Bayard, second at Capron, agency for six months at Lost Nation, second "ME" Marion yard office, day job Clinton, night job at ticket office and freight house at Council Bluffs, and first and second tricks at Council Bluffs yard, are all on bulletin.

Twenty-two, second and third trick positions on the West and Middle Divisions are also on bul-

letin. Most of these are new offices just opened up, on account of the heavy increase in business. If any brother is looking for work, here is a good chance for him.

The following are recent appointments: Bro. A. K. Fullerton, of Underwood, to the agency at Bagley; J. J. Brosnon to agency Bouton, vice J. H. Toler; Bro. C. E. Oleson, six months' vacancy, Strawberry Point; R. Wright, second trick, six months, Manning, and F. E. Jackson, night telegrapher, Perry.

Chief Dispatcher J. F. Anderson, Marion, on three weeks' vacation; relieved by Second Trick Dispatcher L. A. Turner; J. W. Held working Mr. Turner's trick, Bro. R. L. Leamon working Mr. Held's trick, Bro. F. W. Ray working Bro. Leamon's trick, and Bro. J. S. Keenan Bro. Ray's at "MA" nights.

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek, Delmar Junction, second, relieved Bro. L. A. Kell, at Oxford Junction, while attending the funeral of his mother. Bro. Zadnichek also handled the second trick at Barnes, during latter part of September, while Bro. Bethurum was away, on account of sick relatives. Bro. H. L. Steen, in both cases, on account of a shortage of men, was pressed into service at Delmar Junction during Bro. Zadnichek's absence.

Bro. L. F. Rogers appointed to first, Madrid, vacated by Bro. F. R. Hoesly, and Bro. A. O. Olson to the second trick. The latter is working first, and Bro. M. P. Richardson, second, until Bro. Rogers takes charge.

We are all very much grieved to hear of the illness of Bro. McConoughey, of Lost Nation, which has made it necessary for him to take a six months' leave of absence. Bro. C. R. Rogers is handling the station while on bulletin; Bro. J. W. Hart relieving Bro. Rogers on second shift.

Bro. C. W. Hall, Elwood, visiting relatives at Des Moines, latter part of August. Bro. S. D. Gillilan handled the agency.

Bro. R. L. Taylor, "MA," Marion, days, on thirty-day vacation; relieved by Bro. F. F. Zeiser, who has just returned from a six months' leave of absence, trying his luck at farming.

Bro. L. A. Dove bid in third at Oxford Junction; Bro. Bethurum relieving at Browns until Bro. F. G. Zeiser returns from Marion.

Bro. W. E. Rose, who relieved Bro. M. E. Burns on first, also relieved Bro. H. P. Buswell, at Green Island, during the latter's illness. He also relieved Bro. Mac Stewart, Oxford Junction, first, while he was looking after his Dakota land.

E. A. Scott, an old-timer, is working third trick at Paralta, extra.

Bro. H. H. White, of Cambridge, while visiting friends and relatives at Duluth, Minn., was relieved by J. H. Toler.

G. Rowe is working nights at Morley.

E. S. Warner, to third, Des Moines River; Geo. Buckham to second, Coon Rapids.

C. C. Marchant, a new man, is working first at "JO" office, Marion yard, extra.

Bro. L. M. Halstead, Preston, very seldom off duty, on short, vacation recently, relieved by Bro. S. D. Gillilan.

J. H. Toler, relieving Bro. M. P. Richardson, second, Madrid, on account of sickness in family.

Mr. Booth, a new man, is working third at Lost Nation.

Did you find you name on the delinquent list? If so, that is bad, but if you found it on the list marked "X₂," that surely indicates that you are drifting from bad to worse. Better make a manly effort and have your name effaced from these lists, and see to it that it remains effaced ever afterwards.

"JOHN TILL."

C. & C. B., R. & S. W. Divisions—

Hope all the members and nons sent in the blanks that were furnished them.

There is one non on the C. B., at a busy junction point, who gets \$52.50 from the company, has a store, runs the telephone exchange, is a real estate agent, etc., and clears on an average \$200 per month. Some more deserving man should have that railroad job. He leaves the office for hours at a time without asking for permission, leaving an inexperienced kid of sixteen in charge, and nothing is said of it.

The third trick at Freeport has been bulletined again, also the second trick at Elkhorn.

Bro. Lafferty, Franklin Park, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Decker, Franklin Park tower. Mr. Putnam, foner-operator, Bensenville, relieved Bro. Decker at the tower, and Beeler, the new foner from Beloit, relieved Putnam.

Giddings, formerly agent Charter Grove, for I. C., relieved Phoner Schultz, for a ten-day lay-off.

Bro. Fraser, Ashdale, is working third trick at Savanna yard, until further notice, and Mr. Williams is working second at Kingston tower.

Mr. Quigley, second at Kirkland, worked third at Savanna yards for a few days, Telegrapher Mack relieving Quigley. 1853.

Southern Minnesota Division—

We have appointed a correspondent for the east and west end, as one man can not keep in touch with the situation on both ends.

Local Chairman Barber was relieved by Bro. Graves, and after spending several days at Star Lake, Wis., went on to Chicago, with the committee.

Business is picking up a little.

Bro. Gunderson, who took in the county fair at Preston several days, was relieved by Roy Wood.

The night that the Patterson Show Co. moved from Preston to Sioux Falls, Fountain and Isinours offices were turned into night offices, with Bro. Whalan at Fountain, and Bro. Burnett at Isinours. Bro. Whalan also worked two days on the circus train on the Second Division.

Bro. P. E. Berg, Wells, nights, was relieved for a few days by Mr. Welch, from the Dubuque Division.

Mr. Gillett, the day man at Wells, has another student. We were in hopes he would tumble and cut this out, but it seems he is past redemption.

Bro. Horton has been doing relief dispatching again at Miles City, Mont.

All the dispatchers have had their annual vacations, and settled back again to their usual routine.

Bro. John Malone, at Jackson, who was off sick several days, was relieved by Mr. Smith, an old-timer, who is in the hotel business, who has filled in for the lads there at various times since last spring.

Bro. Berg has promised to send us the news on the Mankato line.

Bro. Olson, of Whalan, who was granted a three weeks' vacation, and relieved by Bro. Whalan, had to return before his time was up, so that Bro. Whalan could go to Grand Meadow and relieve Bro. Sheehy, on account of his father being very sick.

Bro. C. R. Graves drew the new position of operator at Spring Valley, and Bro. Tagland bid in the position as operator at Fairmont.

Fairmont, Winnebago and Albert Lea are up for a second operator, also a third trick at Wells and Jackson.

Telegraphers are scarce now, and the other divisions have been wiring here for talent, but there is no surplus here. S. C. & D. Division wired for "five operators of any kind."

Bro. Riordan, of Fountain, has returned from his trip East to Coney Island.

Bro. Spike Parker, who laid off recently on account of his mother being sick, was relieved by Bro. Burnett.

Bro. J. M. Olson, of Welcome, who laid off on account of his wife being very sick, was relieved by Bro. Jno. Whalan.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Stephenson, at Ramsey, is in line again. Two or three of the brothers whose names appear in this write-up are now delinquent on account of not having paid dues in the two months expiring September 1st. We hope the few who are now delinquent will soon get their names off the delinquent list.

The time has expired on the bulletin of Ramsey station, and also second trick at Ramsey, and Bro. Horton has been loaned to the new line for a few months.

We understand it is out of line to bulletin positions for less than six months, and can not say if they will be bulletined for three months again or not. Bro. Parker is on second, and Bro. Burnett on third at Ramsey.

Bro. Harmon is at Edgerton, while Bro. Brann is on his vacation.

Bro. Turner, at Fulda, was relieved for a month's vacation in the West, by Bro. Mathison, who then relieved at Flandreau, while Bro. Sny-

der was away as a witness. Mathison has since gone to Easton.

Bro. Felber, formerly helper, at Pipestone, is now working as an operator on the H. & D. Division.

Most of the changes recently have been at the wireless points.

J. R. Spriggs, who has been at Hatfield for the past two months, has gone to Winfred as agent, relieving O. Hurlbut.

We understand former Bro. Earl, who has been working the land business since December 1st, last, still occupies the depot at Erwin. When the wires are cut in there again Earl will have lost his seniority.

Mr. Phillips, who is taking a trip along the Pacific Coast, with his easy money, was relieved by Bro. Taggart, at Lake Preston.

We have three or four nons on the west end whom we hope to land shortly.

Bro. Mathison, who was appointed operator, at Houston, some three months ago, is still working as relief agent.

Fogarty, at Egan, mentioned recently as Bro. Fogarty was an error. We are sorry to say he is not a member, although we have had plenty of promises.

CERTS. 2135 AND 1427.

Third District—

Our general committee is doing all in its power for us, and we should keep after all desirable nons every day in the year if we are to expect good results from our committee.

Bro. Z. L. Moore, of Wadsworth, while on a few days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Wagner, and Bro. F. G. Lucas, agent there, was relieved for a few days by Bro. E. C. Nelson, of Ranney.

Bro. H. I. Perrickam, of second trick, Soo tower, with his mother, has been visiting at his old home at Shelbyville, Ind., and in St. Paul and Minneapolis; relieved by Bro. E. R. Becker.

Bro. G. C. Brown took his old position on third trick at Walworth, on the return of T. Cox, the agent, from an extended trip through the West.

Bro. F. E. Burroughs, Rondout tower, second trick, while visiting relatives in Michigan, was relieved by B. O. Bowser.

Bro. E. R. Voltz, agent at Avalon, was relieved by J. T. Tuffley, while absent a few days, on account of the death of his brother at Evanston.

R. E. Sizer, Janesville Line night dispatcher, visited Seattle and other Pacific Coast points during his vacation.

Bro. J. F. Miller, first trick, Hebron tower, was relieved by Mr. Shea, while visiting relatives in Wisconsin.

J. G. Tuffley has accepted Franklin agency, and Bro. C. W. Bush has taken an extended leave of absence.

Bro. T. P. Merriman, of Fox Lake, has taken his regular position on second trick, Tower A 13.

W. C. Johnson, from the Union Pacific, has been doing relief work at Walworth, and Glenview.

When appointments are made to the bulletined positions, our extra list will be still further reduced. We need a few good relief men, as many of our agents have been waiting for relief for some time. CENT. 64.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

The express committee is now in session, and prospects for a settlement are very bright. The Union Pacific boys acted with us in the matter.

Local Chairman V. C. Walker, of the Central Division, died recently at Van Buren, very unexpectedly. In Bro. Walker we lose a good, loyal member, and the widow has our heartfelt sympathy in her time of sorrow. The call of the silent messenger comes in youth as well as in old age, and we should so live that we shall be ever ready for the great beyond. Bro. Walker wrote just a week before his death pleading for the telegraphers on his district, that they might get the right kind of a deal. Thus, he died in harness for the cause he loved so well.

Bro. W. D. J. Whitechurch, local chairman of the Colorado Division, has resigned, his railroad position becoming so heavy that he could not spare the time to give it the proper attention. He felt that he had done his duty, on account of his long and faithful service to the organization. His successor has not been appointed.

Bro. L. D. McCoy, of the Central Kansas, being elected cashier of a bank at Mildred, Kan., has resigned as local chairman, and Bro. M. R. Nyquist, of Marquette, Kan., was appointed in his place.

The dues period is about here again, and we hope you will remit promptly, as the committee will be up for some time yet, and need your support.

I again want to urge upon the membership the necessity of watching the membership very closely. Keep in touch with the local chairman and advise him of every change, so that the very best results can be obtained. A hard pull together will bring us nearer the goal every day—*solid organization*.

Write the nons daily letters, straight and to the point.

Let the officials see the difference between the service rendered by good, up-to-date members and that rendered by nons. A good, square member with the interests of the Order at heart will render the very best service to the company.

Bro. W. L. Wilmarth, local chairman of the Eastern, and a member of the general committee, has been making his territory this month doing splendid work. The time will soon be when a man without a card will be hard to find.

We have made it plain to you that the board of directors will do all in their power to declare a dividend this year, but unless your stock is paid

for in full, and you are a bona-fide stockholder, you can not expect your share of the dividends, as you see it is a plain business proposition. There is no rich university backing this committee.

We are poor mortals like the rest of the telegraphers, and depend on Division 31 for dividends. We are simply your servants, ready to do your bidding. If you are not now a stockholder, we invite you to investigate and take out the necessary stock, and thus be a credit to the men with whom you work.

H. J. MOHLER, G. S. & T.

Eastern District—

I am receiving applications for every bulletin issued from new men on the line who have been working for some time in the same office with one of our brothers, who have never notified me of the fact. There is no excuse for such inactivity. A good brother should notify the local chairman the very day a new man enters the office, giving him all the information necessary in such cases.

J. H. Reaves, agent at Lincoln, who toured California in August, was relieved by Bro. C. S. Phillips.

Bro. J. D. Ferguson bid in the agency at Lake City, and Bro. L. M. Nance secured the Lupus agency on bid.

Bro. L. E. Downey, who relieved Bro. A. W. Williams a few nights at Warrensburg, recently, has left the service.

Bro. E. L. Powell, manager at Tower Grove, while on a thirty-day vacation in August, visited his brother, E. C. Powell, at Holden, and other relatives in Oklahoma. He was relieved by Bro. Smith, second trick man.

Bro. J. D. Jones, first trick at East Bottoms, Kansas City, while visiting his old home at Remen, N. Y., kindly remembered us with a beautiful postcard showing the falls at Trenton Falls, N. Y.

Bro. J. O. Jones, of Kansas City, has left the service.

Bro. C. A. Weitzel, first trick at Pleasant Hill, has been compelled to go on a vacation to Florida for his health. W. L. W.

St. Louis District—

Bro. Brown, from Bonnots Mill, relieved Bro. Haub at Osage for a short time.

Bro. Cassidy, agent at Chamois, while off on a vacation, was relieved by Bro. Ferguson.

Bro. Voss, New Haven, relieved Bro. Harrison at Webster Groves, and then took a vacation for 30 days, being relieved at New Haven by Mr. O'Hara, who, on his return, relieved Mr. Hunt, third trick at Washington for a few days. This trick has been bulletined.

Bro. Dornan, agent at Labadie, will take a vacation as soon as he can get a man to relieve him.

Mr. Davis, Boles, nights, has resigned and gone to school in St. Louis. CENT. 1886.

Eastern Division—

Business has been very heavy on this end, and not many changes. Boles agency, closed since March 1, 1908, has been bulletined, and several are bidding on it.

Bro. Powell, agent at Tower Grove, has returned from his vacation, and is now busy handing out the pasteboards. He was relieved by Bro. Smith, who was relieved by a newcomer.

Mr. Dornan, agent Labadie, has been trying for two months to get relief.

Bro. Voss, who was relieving Bro. Harrison at Webster Groves, has returned to first trick at New Haven. First trick at New Haven was taken care of during Bro. Voss's absence by Mr. Halstenberg, and the 2d trick by T. W. Heinz, a new man.

Bro. F. C. Haub, agent at Osage, has left the service, relieved by Bro. Brown, from Bonnots Mill. Bro. Brown was relieved by helper H. C. Smith. Osage is now bulletined.

CERT. 243.

Omaha Division—

There has been quite a number of changes on the Omaha Division in the past six months.

Bro. Taylor, an old-timer, formerly of "CB," 13th St., Atchison, died recently at his home in Union with typhoid fever.

"Bill" Asbury, of "XN," Union Depot, has been relieved by Mr. Goudy, a brother of third trick Dispatcher Goudy.

Ross Jones is scratching the sheet on first, after a period of four or five months acting as superintendent's chief clerk.

Bro. Thurber, who resigned third trick at Auburn, was relieved by J. P. Carroll.

Bro. Jernigan is back at Willis after a month's vacation.

Bro. Powers, third at Shannon, has resigned to enter the show business.

Leavenworth Junction has been closed nights, and a night office opened at Wolcott instead.

"IRNIG."

Northern Kansas Division—

I have been appointed assistant local chairman by Mr. Benham, and requested to act as division correspondent; therefore, I would kindly request the brothers to send me all the news items they possibly can, not later than the 20th of each month.

Bro. Holman's visit to the division in July, found us in much better shape than he expected. Bro. Holman is deserving of great praise for the good work he has accomplished during his administration.

Bro. A. V. King, Linn, Kan., who just returned from a 30-day ramble to the coast, has bid in Clyde on bulletin. The traffic department having taken exception to his assignment, the matter is now in the hands of the general chairman.

The bulletin system on the N. K. is working fine.

Bro. Geo. Schafer, extra, bid in Prosser. Bro. D. C. Hinder resigned to engage in other business.

Bro. H. J. Scheck, from Rock Island Division 126, transferred to 31 and bid in Beloit.

Bro. P. S. McCroskey bid in Netawaka on bulletin.

Sam Farrar, who has been at Randall, Kan., for the past 15 years, has gone on a 60-day vacation to the coast. C. H. Wilson relieved him. Bro. Wilson was formerly local chairman on the Vandalia, and we are glad to welcome him to our midst.

Bro. S. A. White, from the Mo. Division, has been at Jamestown, the past month, and is going to move his family there. We welcome him to our midst.

Bro. F. F. O'Bryan, Effingham, nights, is relieving Bro. Mann, who has taken the agency at Barnes temporarily, on account of sickness in the family of the agent there.

Bro. Madison, of Republic City, who has been at court at Yates Center, Kan., the past month, has returned.

Mr. Williams, from the Southern, is relieving A. R. Cameron, agent at Corning.

Bro. F. A. Moore, former agent at Corning, is among us again, after a month's sojourn in Kansas City.

Bro. C. C. Clardy is rusticated in Missouri.
"JACK."

White River Division—

The engine watchmen, of Crane, had a grievance committee in the telegraph office recently with Mr. Calvert. They were promised better wages and additional help.

Business on this end of the White River is picking up, especially on the Springfield Branch, showing that Commercial Agent Gonte must be doing something.

We understand that the yards will be turned over to the transportation department in a few weeks, everything being about completed around the new shops, except the machinery and a few other odds.

Fred Hudson has been appointed cashier at Crane, his brother Ed. relieving him as helper. Fred and Agent Mills have been attending court at Galena in the Benning whiskey case, Mr. Mills being relieved by Telegrapher J. H. Taylor. This case has been put off again until the next March term of court.

Mr. Mills has asked for 60 days leave of absence. While he was attending court his dwelling caught fire and most of his household goods were destroyed, although the house was saved.

Bro. T. T. Balssingame spent a couple of days at Crane and Springfield, recently, and then left for Kansas City, where he expects to work for the Western Union.

Mrs. M. L. Thompson, wife of Telegrapher Thompson, of Springfield, is spending a few days in St. Louis with relatives.

Walter Pharris has a new arrival at his home.

CERT. 2105.

Joplin Division—

Business is good on this division. Several K. C.-Pittsburg runs have been put on, which tie up at Pittsburg. Five switch engines also tie up at that point, which makes business good for telegraphers at Cornell and Pittsburg.

Bro. D. K. Coleman is working nights at Cornell.

Bro. J. T. Miller, agent at Moundville, was married recently, and is kept busy at odd times working on the new house he is building.

Bro. W. F. Sawrey, agent at Bronaugh, has been enjoying a week's visit with his mother and sister from Western Kansas.

S. P. Linn, formerly cashier at Butler is visiting old friends and relatives at Bronaugh.

International & Great Northern Ry.

Bro. Walter Booth, former secretary of our local division, spent his thirty-day vacation in California and other Western States. For congeniality and true fraternalism, Bro. Booth is hard to beat, besides being a man with a great intellectuality. He recently published a very interesting book for agents and operators, which he sells for fifty cents. Send the brother fifty cents if you desire a copy.

Mr. Merchison, of Crockett, is relieving Bro. Stanton, second at Rockdale, while the latter is doing organization and grievance committee work. If the membership in general would exhibit the same amount of energy and enthusiasm shown by our general chairman, we would have a different showing numerically than at the present time.

Bro. I. L. Wood, of Otto, has just returned from a vacation in West Texas. Like Bro. Stanton, he can always be found doing something to advance the interests of our noble Order.

Bro. L. H. Hungate is in Palestine on grievance work, being relieved by Mr. Moore.

Bro. C. B. Gullette, third at Valley Junction, has been relieving Bro. Geo. Terry and Bro. J. P. Taylor in "H" office, Palestine. Joe Long, of the same office, made a trip to Fort Worth recently. Bro. Ault is working third at Valley Junction during Bro. Gullette's absence.

Bro. McLean, who bid on Buffalo station and then passed it up, is relieving Mrs. E. M. Devers, second at Troupe.

J. T. Robinson, of Milano, is on first trick at Valley Junction until assigned to a regular man.

Bro. L. W. Gray, of Franklin, is being relieved by Mr. P. W. Edge, who soon expects to enter the ministry.

Bro. Ennis Waugh, of Whitehouse, recently lost his residence, which was completely destroyed by fire, caused by a defective flue.

Bro. W. H. Wright, of Taylor, is on a vacation at Buffalo Gap. He is being relieved by Mr. Mathis, who has been working in "MS," San Antonio, and also as extra dispatcher.

Bro. D. D. Hungate, after an extended trip through Tennessee, Mississippi and other Southern States, has returned to Buffalo, until that position is filled by regular man on bulletin.

Bro. J. B. Davis bid in Grapeland station, but was unable to get a house to live in.

Bro. H. H. Young, of Roans Prairie, has been visiting his brother Jim, at Buda.

Bro. R. B. Adams, of Jewett, made one of his customary trips to Bryan recently.

Bro. L. W. Sledge, of Cotulla, was a recent visitor to Houston, Rockdale, and other Texas points. He was relieved by Bro. H. B. Miller.

Bro. E. L. Rhea, of Easterly, recently made a trip to San Marcos; relieved by Bro. C. E. Brown. Div. Coa.

St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.*Eastern Division—*

Bro. Halterman, of Monett, on leave of absence; relieved by Bro. E. M. Fonaberger.

Bro. G. C. Roop has returned to duty at Republic, after having relieved the agent at Billings. Bro. R. O. Roop is now employed by the Wells Fargo, at Monett.

Bro. Gardner has resumed duty on first trick at Nichols, after a nice vacation.

Bros. Allen and Chandler have resumed duty in "S" office, after an enjoyable trip to the lakes of Michigan.

Bro. Faircloth has resigned his position in "S" office, and gone to Dallas.

Bro. Morris has been celebrating the Hudson-Fulton event in New York.

Bro. Vaughan resigned the agency at Weaubleau, and is now pulling levers at Sou Junction. Bro. Haymes, from Aurora, has been transferred to first trick at Sou Junction. Bro. Bolander, a new man, is now on third trick at Sou Junction.

Bro. Husted, of Osceola, Mo., is on his vacation.

Bros. McNew and Flanigan, of Strafford, are on leave of absence. Bro. McNew is being relieved by Bro. Durham. Bro. Williams, of Strafford, was visiting in Springfield a few days ago.

Bro. Lindsey has resumed duty at Conway, after an extended leave.

Bro. Henson, of Dixon, is now working at Franks. Bro. Allen, from Jerome, is now on third trick at Dixon.

Bro. Campbell, of Rolla, who has been attending the Seattle Exposition, has resumed duty. He was relieved by Bro. Ellis, who is now working at Newburg.

Bro. Kilgore, of Cuba, is relieving Bro. Luttrell, of Valley Park, on vacation.

Bro. Elliott, now third trick wire chief at "QN," St. Louis. Bro. Martyn working first trick as operator.

Bro. Slater, of Sullivan, who has been on sick list, is again able for duty.

Central Division—

Business on the Central Division is good this month.

Bro. Hill, of Rogers, is taking a trip through the East.

Bro. Ed. Larson, of Chester, is now on his vacation.

Agent Seligman, relieved by Bro. Partlow, goes to M. & N. A., as cashier and paymaster. Bro. Apple is filling cashier's chair at Seligman.

Bro. R. D. Franics, Tuskahoma; A. G. Phares, Ashdown, and H. G. Focht, Talequah, have been appointed assistant local chairmen, Central Division. It is hoped all members will assist the brothers, all possible, in their work.

Bro. Simms, who has been in the freight department for the past four years, is now in charge of the newly created position of night telegrapher at Hope.

Bro. DeShong has returned as day operator at Idabel.

Bro. Cole is off on vacation.

The force at Poteau has been increased one man.

Bro. Erickson has been appointed permanent agent at Talihina.

Bro. C. K. Stoaks has returned from his vacation to second trick at Talihina.

Bro. Thos. Duncan, new man on road, is now working third at Tuskahoma.

Bro. Lockhart has relieved Bro. Schulte, at Antlers, on third trick.

Bro. Stone, of Hugo, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. X. R. Campbell.

Bro. W. C. Rogers is now permanent agent at Butler, Okla.

Southwestern Division—

Bro. Nale, a new man, is on second trick at Sherman. Bro. LaRue now working third trick at Sherman regularly, having been transferred from Afton, Okla.

Bro. Cox, at Madill, is waiting for relief, when he goes to South America.

A third operator has been put on at South yard and Bristow.

Bro. Mattson has been reinstalled as permanent agent at Luther.

Bro. Cowden has resumed duty at Jones.

Bro. Smith has been checked in as agent at Fletcher.

Bro. Snyder, of Altus, has accepted a position with the Altus Cotton Oil Co., of that city. We are sorry to lose Bro. Snyder, and wish him unbounded success in his new undertaking. He is a hummer and bound to win.

Bro. Booker has been installed as permanent agent at Mounds.

Bro. Chapman has returned from his vacation to Ada.

Bro. H. A. Rice is now permanent agent at Scullin.

Randolph Items—Bro. Blackwell, from Rock Island, is now on first trick, and Bro. Dunnam, of K. C. S., second trick. Bro. Carskadon expects to leave soon. Bro. Caldwell, agent, has had a clerk added to his force.

Bro. Jordan is working as regular man at Ada, Okla.

A day operator has been put on at Wetumka, to relieve Bro. Young of telegraph duty.

Bro. Brooks has resigned, and accepted a position as cotton clerk at Weleetka.

Bro. E. C. Rogers has been assigned to duty as day operator at Beggs, Okla.

Bro. Bain, from Missouri Pacific, is working the second trick at Keifer, Okla.

Osark Division—

Bro. Copley, at West Plains, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. J. F. Perry, former agent at Marion, Ark., is now in the county recorder's office at that place. He will issue marriage licenses, and do the necessary in tying the knot, for members of the Order who properly approach him with an up-to-date card.

Sister Curtis has resumed duty at Thayer, after an extended leave.

Bro. Elmore is working for a few days at Ravenden.

There are three operators now at Mountain Grove. Bro. R. B. Rogers is the third man. There are also three operators now at Cedar Gap. Bro. Blansett on first, Bro. Epperson on second.

Bro. Moffett who was relieved by Bro. Wilkerson, has returned to Koshkonong.

Southeastern Division—

Bro. Oden, of Winfield, has been relieved of the six hours of telegraphing. There are three operators now at that station.

Bro. Levens, of the yard office at Birmingham, has taken first trick at Winfield, and Bro. Holt is now at Adamsville.

Bro. Potter, of the Guin agency, has accepted the telegraph job at Gatman, his home town; Bro. Byrd, from Winfield, relieving him.

Bro. J. T. Cross, from Dora has left the service, and gone to Texas.

Bro. Gentry is relieving the agent at Quinton for a short time.

Bro. McBride has returned to work after a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. Hare has left the division, and gone to the M. & O.

Third District—

Bro. John LaFont, is out of the hospital again.

Bro. J. W. Armstrong is back at Brooks Junction as agent.

Bro. W. F. Harris, of Sikeston, made a flying trip to Cairo, the first of the month.

Bro. D. W. Shobe is back at Cape, working nights.

Bro. George Turner has taken his old position as agent, at Advance, again.

Bro. J. A. Moran is now agent at Osceola, Ark.

Bro. J. C. Pharris, formerly night operator at Sikeston, is at Opelousas, La., working first trick, where Bro. Emory is located.

Bro. H. C. Emerson, of Oran, was again attending court in Oklahoma recently.

Bro. E. S. Weaver, of Marsten, is laying off.

Bro. Davis, of Blytheville, is now working in Chaffee.

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.*Newcastle Division—*

Operators seem to be getting somewhat scarce. If the scarcity continues we believe a more liberal policy will be adopted towards us, in place of the one that has been so much in evidence since the nine-hour law was passed. We have the hours, and can get the wages and improve the conditions if we show the right front when the proper time comes. We hope the very few who have not paid dues for the current term, will soon have an up-to-date in their pockets. We do not believe we have any "dogs in the manger," although we do find an occasional "hog in the bucket."

When a person enjoys the advantages the Order has obtained for him for years, and refuses to help maintain the standard, with his moral and financial support, he reminds us of the "hog in the bucket," but when a man affiliates himself with the Order, and has seen the good it has accomplished, and then drops it because his pet theories had not been swallowed, silence expresses our contempt plainer than words.

Business is still on the increase, and from what we hear of the purchase of new locomotives, the company hopes to get in shape to care for the business; loading 350 cars daily at Fairport, and no power, 600 cars in Painesville and Fairport yard one night, and only two engines to move it.

We hear that Easton is to be opened up nights soon. We hope this is so. Bro. Stephenson has had a long run of twelve-hour stunts, and will surely appreciate shorter hours.

While Bro. Purdy, first, Akron Junction, was off sick, Bros. Gray and McLaughlin worked the "emergency" lap for three days, then Bro. Ault, from first, "XN" tower, came to the rescue, relieved by Operator Siering.

Bro. McLaughlin, who bid in second at Lowellville, was obliged to cancel his bid, as he could not find a house there. "MN" thought he saw a chance to get away from the roast at Akron Junction, but alas it was not to be.

Bro. E. B. Smith, who bid in second at Lowellville, and then third at Newton Falls, was given to understand if he went to the latter place, he would have to stand for all failures or delays, so he packed up and went back to the Chicago Division. Bro. Hawk was assigned to Newton Falls, second, and is now comfortably located there with his bride.

Bro. Barrett tired of Niles Junction, and having married on September 28th, he bid in third at Nova, vacated by Bro. Meagher.

Bro. Lane, first, "MR" tower, who attended the Warren Fair, and Bro. McBride, second, "MR," who was off two days visiting Cleveland and Mansfield recently, were both relieved by Mr. Gorham, a new man.

Bro. Prinn, second, Ohio Junction, allowed himself to be drawn into trouble by an irresponsible, and is now out of the service. We understand the "irresponsible" has since been "permitted" to leave. Boys, "keep your shirt on," and don't

get excited and throw up your jobs when these trouble-makers come along. They never last very long. Take, for instance, the case of "Mr." Hoke, on third, "FS" tower, last winter, he overdid the job and had to "proceed" to other fields.

Chardon agent has been furnished a clerk, and a clerk will probably be put on at West Farmington shortly. These jobs will then be put on eight hours straight, instead of nine, as they now are, with first trick men doing clerical work three hours.

Bro. Maynard, first at Chardon, is off on a weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. Quinn. Bro. Cecil, third at Chardon, is on a three weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. French.

Bro. Hill, bid in second, Haselton; relieved from third at Lowellville, by Mr. Richards.

Bro. T. C. Cahill, second, Ohio Junction; relieved by Mr. Leahy.

Bro. Haun on vacation, relieved by T. L. Sierling.

Bro. Faust is back on first trick at Haselton.

By the time this appears, you may hear something that will make you set up and take notice. We hope you will be interested at least.

UNCLE BIFF.

Chicago Division, West District—

Bro. A. L. Spurgeon landed third trick at McCool, on September bulletin.

Bro. C. C. Otto, second trick at Tiffin, got Ayr first trick, on September bulletin.

Bro. Samuelson, of the Michigan Central, is working second trick temporarily.

Bro. Leslie, third trick, Milford Junction, was off a few days recently; relieved by Bro. C. J. Roth, from the G. R. & I.

Bro. W. S. Yeiser, second trick, Albion, has taken a six months' leave of absence, and is dispatching on the T. & C. Interurban, at Vandalia, crossing south of Garrett.

Bro. A. C. Boomershrine, third trick, Kimmell, has a position at Albion, directing the High School Band of that city.

Bro. L. M. Hontz, second trick, has taken a six months' leave of absence, and is studying electrical engineering at Ada, Ohio.

Bro. R. W. Clark, third trick, Suman, has been given Bro. Hontz's trick, at Kimmell temporarily. As this is Bro. Clark's home, he is naturally quite pleased at the arrangement.

Bro. F. M. Thornton, second trick, Alida, has resumed duty after enjoying a month's leave of absence, when he visited with friends in Michigan and Ohio. He was relieved by Mr. Trainer, a new man.

Bros. Gragg, of Alida, and Rothenberger, of Suman, resumed duty October 1st, after spending a month in the West. Bro. Gragg was relieved by Bro. Karr, and Bro. Ruckman relieved Bro. Rothenberger.

During the reign of Bros. Savage, Waddell and Meyer, at McCool, the tower was scrubbed out, beginning August 15th, and the same program

has been continued weekly. The levers were also polished, and the windows washed.

The new office at Babcock was put in service September 28th. This, with the milk stand, makes that formerly rural locality look very much metropolitan. Bro. C. G. Ambrose, a new man from the Wabaash, is working one of the tricks, until the job is bulletined and filled in the regular manner.

An item from this division in the August TELEGRAPHER was somewhat uncomplimentary to Mr. Ritter, third trick at Ripley. He has always carried a card until recently, when, on account of lack of work on the extra list, he became delinquent. We will, no doubt, be able to again call him brother by the time this appears. We trust "BR" will accept this apology, and bear no grudge, as the writer was not aware of the circumstances.

William H. Baker, first trick at Ripley, was found dead in bed, the morning of September 8th, probably of heart trouble. Bro. Baker was 39 years old, the day of his death. He leaves an aged mother and one brother. He was very rarely absent from meetings, and will be greatly missed.

The members contributed over \$30.00 for a floral offering. The bereaved mother and brother desire to express their thanks to the members for this remembrance. CERT. 135.

Monongah Division—

This division covers a good many miles, and I am not situated so as to know all the happenings. Some of the brothers around Clarksburg, Parkersburg and Grafton, should, therefore, send me a few items, not later than the 20th of each month.

Business has picked up very fast recently, and is about as heavy now as it has been for years.

Bro. H. F. Farlow, who visited his home at Ocean City, Md., recently, was relieved by Bro. R. V. Smith, from the yard office.

Bro. M. E. Price and wife spent ten days at Atlantic City recently. Bro. Price was relieved by D. Sweeney, extra, from the Q. & C.

Bro. A. E. Shingleton, "MG," off a few days, was relieved by a Mr. Kelley.

Bro. O. L. Farlow, who went to Stockton, Cal., last spring, is not coming back.

Bro. E. L. Zimmerman, who went to the F. & G. & R. R., at Tonopah, Nev., last march, will not return either.

We wish these two brothers all the luck possible, as they were both good faithful workers.

Bro. R. V. Smith, from "K," relieved Bro. Kennedy, at "GR," while he took his vacation.

The Monongah and Ohio River Divisions held an interesting meeting at Parkersburg, on Monday, September 20, 1909. Both divisions being well represented. Some very important business was discussed, of interest to all the members. Every one was notified in sufficient time; particu-

lar attention being paid to this, so that passes could be ordered in time.

We are soon going to re-open negotiations for a revised agreement, so we want every brother to get after the delinquents and induce every one to pay up. Likewise get after desirable nons. Our line is pretty strong but we must make it strong enough to resist all tackles that come from any direction. Every member we get is that much more strength for a revised agreement. Pick your man, go after him and see if we cannot have everything completed for our hard working local chairman by the time he is ready to do business. Attend the meetings, and invite your neighbor to come along. Show him you mean business. You can find out from your local chairman who are not up-to-date and he will gladly give you any information you desire, by asking. Try to assist him in making the division solid from one end to the other. If we don't help him how can we expect him to do anything for us. Don't forget the motto: "No cards, no favors."

There will be an example made of some of the professors shortly, just a little more evidence and there will be some very surprised student teaching operators on the Monongah division. Don't do any talking around public places, regarding the O. R. T.; the lodge room is the place for that, any information regarding "ham factories" let you local chairman have at once.

Bro. E. A. Shaffer, local chairman, of the Cumberland division, attended our Monongah division meeting at Clarksburg, on Saturday night, October 9th. It was a very large and interesting one, although some of the brothers in town did not come around. Brothers, make a special effort to get to these meetings, as they are very important. The local chairman advises we will soon be nearly solid and we must all get together and push.

Bros. C. E. Ogden, J. A. Bridge, C. M. Conley, C. E. Hosler, Lloyd Plum, R. R. Thrasher, Stanley Hillock, R. W. Vevans and W. M. Moran, attended the Cumberland division meeting, held at Oakland, Md., October 21st.

Bro. Worley Powell, Fetterman and Bro. Joe Graham, Central, are on the sick list.

Bro. E. L. Zimmerman, formerly "WD" tower, Fairmont, is now in Nevada, and Bro. J. J. Switzer, of Weston, is also West on a furlough.

Bro. W. M. Furlong, Belington, W. Va., called West on account of the sickness of relatives. Relieved by Bro. Herbert Enoch.

Bro. D. I. McCualsky made a flying trip from Tygar Junction to Grafton, recently.

Bro. J. L. Jenkins, of Hackers Junction, was also off a few days.

Bro. Alexander is back on duty, after a long siege of fever at Meadowbrook, W. Va.

Bro. B. H. Gabbert, of Cornwallis is visiting Webster Springs and Pittsburg, Pa.; relieved by Miss Doyle.

Bro. Long, of Shinnston, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Taylor.

Bro. A. E. Hoover, at Enterprise, and Bro. L. L. Hough, Lost Creek, have been off for a few days.

Bro. A. E. Shingleton, Monongah, relieved by Bro. Snyder, for short vacation.

The following are the Clarksburg changes: Bro. V. D. Pringle, bad case of rheumatism, from "MO" tower, to "D" office; Bro. F. W. Knight, "D" office, second trick to third trick, "J" tower; Bro. O. H. Stout, "J" tower, to third trick "MO" tower.

Bro. Thrasher and Bro. C. M. Conley, of "J" tower, are both off a few days, the latter on account of the sickness of his sister; relieved by Bro. Leatherman, from Bridgeport, and Bro. Lang from Petroleum.

Bro. R. E. Smith, second trick, "D" office, Clarksburg, on vacation to Seattle.

Bro. C. M. Moore has returned from a vacation at his home in Virginia.

Bro. Mosby, Erbacon, is taking a short vacation.

Bro. W. B. Hardman, Newlon, attending court, relieved by Mr. Knipp.

Bro. A. G. Harbert, of Buckannon, has returned after a two months' visit at Seattle with his wife.

Bro. E. J. Nuzum has resumed duty after a three weeks' vacation spent in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bros. J. W. Kinney and F. L. Losey, of Grafton relay office, on vacation will visit Atlantic City, New York and other eastern cities, relieved by Bros. B. H. Hall and R. V. Smith.

Bro. J. C. Newham has returned from a two weeks' visit at Atlantic City.

Bro. C. A. Orrahood, from Richwood, off on short vacation.

Bro. K. O. Wade, agent and operator Heaters, has returned from a trip to New York, Atlantic City and other eastern points.

Bro. D. J. Fury, of Holly Junction, is on a vacation visiting friends in the far West, being relieved by Bro. Thomas.

Bro. T. E. Morrow, of Gauley, being relieved by Mr. McCoy.

Bro. D. L. McCualsky, Tygart Junction, has been on a trip to Grafton.

Bro. Q. E. Meyers, from Tygart Junction, is also off a while.

Bro. L. B. Horner, Bridgeport, off on vacation, is being relieved by Bro. B. C. Taylor, from Gypsy.

The following appointments were made effective October 3rd: Bro. H. F. Farlow, from third trick at Gaston Junction to first trick "WD" to extra copying operator, "G" office, Grafton; tower; Bro. W. P. Cline, "GR" office Grafton; F. E. Dent, from second trick at Gaston Junction to first trick; Bro. F. M. Baker, third trick at Clarksburg Pass station, to third trick at Parkersburg Pass station.

Bro. Leatherman at Buckhannon Block, during fair, relieved from Bridgeport by Bro. U. V. Lang, from Petroleum.

O. H. Stout was in Grafton a few days on business.

J. J. Switzer has returned from an extended trip through the West.

Bro. F. L. Lossey has returned from his vacation in the East.

Bro. Glenn, from Wolf Summit, made a flying trip to Clarksburg.

Bro. M. E. Price is now back on his regular turn at "WD" tower, after working the third trick for six months, while the job was vacant.

Bro. R. V. Smith, from yard office, Fairmont, is now working third trick at Gaston Junction, being relieved at "K" by C. M. Cheneweth, a new man, from Elkins.

Operator D. J. Curry, "FA" Fairmont Pass station, is off for a few days.

DIV. COR. AND CERT. 630.

Metro Branch—

Our local chairman, Bro. M. F. Quill, with the assistance of Bro. G. W. Crump, Jr., made a trip over this division the first week of October, and landed 95 per cent of the nons—almost a clean sweep—and the old Baltimore Division is now in better condition than ever before.

I trust each member will strive to make this the "banner division" of the B. & O. S.-W. Be true to your orders; fulfill all your obligations and the victory is won. Remember the little motto, "United we stand, divided we fall." Six little words as true as the Maker above.

Now, for the love of your fellow brother and family, be a union man or no man at all.

I wish some brother on the main line and the Washington branch would take interest enough to collect the notes thereon and forward them to me in care of Bro. Quill by the tenth of each month, and I will endeavor to have them added to the write-ups from the Baltimore Division. This request has been made many times. Now, some one please lend a helping hand and push the good work along.

By the time this article is printed, our committee will be in Baltimore working on the new schedule, and we hope to land the plums this time.

I urgently request each man to endeavor to give the company the best of service. Do not sleep on duty, answer promptly, and try to avoid delays to trains as much as possible. Show the officials that the union man is the best man, and gives better service than any "scab" or non that can be manufactured.

Don't forget to remit early for that 1910 card. "She is a beaut."

No card, no favors.

"73" to all.

CERT. 1546.

C. & N. Division—

Prosperity seems to have returned, and business is pouring in on all the railroads, and we must bring our needs to the notice of the management, in order that we may receive a just proportion of this prosperity.

Wrecking crews are at work night and day re-tracking equipment that was put off when the panic struck us.

Things are brightening up along the organization line; renewed interest is being manifested in almost every quarter. Delinquents are coming to the front with the necessary, and applications from some who have long been classed with the nons are rolling in. Bro. Faust, our general local chairman, who recently made a trip over the line, handed it out to them just about right. A more enthusiastic, earnest worker you will go a long way to find. As a result of his "heart-to-heart" talks, all have put their thinking caps on, made a solemn resolution to get into the game in real earnest, and work as they never worked before to put our little division on a 100 per cent basis. "Do it now" is the slogan.

Notwithstanding the fact that we may be one of the strongest divisions in the Order, we must keep the 100 per cent aim constantly in view, for who knows what the future holds. We may be approaching the struggle of our existence, and the weak can not win. This is where the 100 per cent strong comes in.

Watch the new arrivals and ascertain their standing. If they have no cards, ascertain why not. If they hold membership in some other division, why not transfer to Division 33? By watching all these points, you will be filling your place in the great chain of advancement, and likewise helping your officers along in their work.

The vacation season is about over, and the boys are returning one by one. Many report a good time but complain that the money runs out too soon.

Bro. Gaines, of Black Lick, and Hackenbracht, of "BR" tower, are on leave. The latter expects to visit in New York.

Bro. Fletch, from the C. & E. I. System Division, is on third at Big Walnut.

Mr. Quinn, a new arrival, is at "BR" tower.

CERT. 1698.

Cleveland Division—

Our last meeting was quite well attended, business of much importance being transacted, and all the brothers had an interesting time.

Bro. McCoy has covered the division, calling on the nons. Quite a number have entered the fold, and several have promised to make good next pay.

Bro. A. C. Lampe, of Peninsula, after an extended honeymoon through the West, is back "on deck." He was relieved by Mr. Anderson, a new man on the road.

A. Knable, of Botzum, bid in Canton Scale, and Bro. Houk received Botzum on bid, but after working a few days he was taken sick with typhoid fever and removed to his home in Lorain. He is improving slightly.

Extra Telegrapher Carran filling in at Botzum temporarily.

Bro. Jess Rodgers and wife, of Tippecanoe, have gone to Kansas City for an extended visit with relatives.

Bro. Harry Leith, of Bridge 80, has been off on vacation for over a month.

Our division operator, Mr. Heaton, took in the world's champion baseball series at Pittsburg, while on his vacation. Fred Hess was acting D. O. during his absence.

Bro. Nick Kneffler is working extra at Dover. Nick kept up to date with the Order during the year he was out of the business.

Tom Davis, second trick at Bridge 80, was off a few days recently. He was relieved by Telegrapher Weaver, a new man on the division.

Bro. Mitchell, Canal Fulton, attending court at New Philadelphia, Ohio. Vacancy filled by relief agent. RMD.

West End Cumberland Division—

Brothers, ere you see this in print your general committee will be in session. If you know of any delinquents in your vicinity, kindly urge them to step to the front if they wish to be represented and do their part in bearing part of the heat and labor of the day.

While the membership on this division is in good shape, remember that every bolt put into the structure will help strengthen our cause, so all get to work and try and make our division a "hundred per cent." It is only a short step and there is no reason why we should not attain it.

The local chairman spent the greater portion of last week scouting over the division for nons, and incidentally paid the membership a visit as well, he returned with quite a bunch of trophies at his belt.

Bro. E. W. Shaw, second Corinth, spent a short vacation last month, with relatives, and took in the Morgantown fair; relieved by Bro. Wetzell.

H. B. Cobourne, second, Terra Alta office, has been relieved indefinitely by Bro. Tom I. Welsh.

Bro. Frank Downer, third at Rodemer, took in the championship games at Pittsburg, and Detroit, recently.

Bro. D. T. Rasche, third at Deer Park, is off on a week's tour with the Mountain City Band, of Oakland. As Bro. Rasche can blow anything, from the bass drum down, the outing is sure to be a success.

Div. Cor.

Pittsburg Division, Eastern District—

Our last meeting on Thursday evening, October 21st, in Pittsburg, was well attended by the river and pike brothers. The P. & W. boys were rather scarce, but we will excuse them this time, for they are generally very well represented.

Local Chairman Safford, was over the road a couple of weeks ago, rounding up the nons, and secured a few scalps, but there are some so hard-headed, that even the Indians would pass them by. There is one confirmed non at "MK", one at "SY" and two at "CN", which nothing less than an earthquake could budge, and even then, they

would probably prefer to be swallowed up, rather than become union men.

Bro. Gleisinger has returned from a trip through the West, and resumed duty at Ellrod tower, first trick.

Among the new men who recently came among us with up-to-date cards are: R. E. Woods and D. G. Button.

Bro. Iseman, first Bessemer, who was sick with the typhoid fever, for about a month, has again resumed duty. Mr. Toulon relieved him.

Bro. Leonard, Bessemer third, has secured Laughlin Junction, second trick. **BILL.**

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Chicago Division, Brazil District—

There has been much good done for this division the past month, by the brothers' individual efforts toward thorough organization and a close watch kept on new men that come among us. Let each of us get a new member and see how quick we will have the division solid.

Bros. Andrews, Bronson and Clending, who left "WD," Swanington, were relieved by Bros. Etzell, Guther and Jordon, the latter bidding in second.

V. C. Railsback, Goodland, on a vacation, relieved by second trick man, Mr. Ray, who was relieved on second by Extra Telegrapher Cooper.

P. L. Reynolds, "C" Brazil, on short vacation, relieved by Bro. F. L. Andrews, who was relieved at Coal Bluff by Extra Telegrapher B. C. Goodin, and he in turn on third at Coal Bluff by W. D. Allen.

Agent Linkham, of Diamond, on few days' vacation, relieved by Extra Agent Siner.

I wish to thank the boys for the items they sent me this month and hope they will continue the good work.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

Bro. Willis "YC" Yard Center, is on vacation, relieved by Bro. Masser, third trick.

Bro. Hall, from the Q. & C., is relieving Bro. Holmes, third at "HJ" Chicago Heights. Bro. Holmes bid in first at "NE" tower, which was re-opened August 30th. H. F. Goodin is on second and Bro. Huston, from the Big Four, on third.

J. E. Slaybaugh was the successful bidder for second "MO" Junction.

A student from the Dodge Institute, is to appear on the main line in the near future, as a helper.

Interlocking plants at different places have been undergoing repairs.

Conductor Fred Berry, on north end of Chicago division, of E. J. & E., who was killed at Cary recently, will be greatly missed by the boys around Rossville Junction and Rossville as he always had a pleasant word and a smile for every one who knew him.

Bro. Thompson, extra, was the successful bidder for third trick at "BX" tower.

Bro. Bahls, extra, who secured third "DH" tower on bid is at "YD" Danville yard third, until that place is filled.

Bro. Wiles, third at "YD," was the successful bidder for second at "DH" tower.

Bro. Lee, third "DH" tower has resigned, and Bro. Goudy, second, has resigned to accept position with his brother in the West.

Bro. Curran, third, Hoopston, was successful in getting third "NE" tower on bulletin.

Bro. See was the successful bidder for third at Hillsdale.

Mr. Alfante secured Gessie on bid.

Bro. C. R. Montgomery, second at Watscka, made a flying trip to Terre Haute, recently.

Bro. C. A. Payne, first at Watscka, while on a recent trip to Terre Haute, was relieved by Bro. Hyland. **Div. Coa.**

Illinois Division—

We have heard nothing lately regarding the new revised schedule, but understand the general and local chairmen are taking care of the situation.

I think it would be an excellent idea to start a local organizer over this division as soon as possible. The nice surplus we have in the treasury would no doubt easily take care of the expenses, and it certainly could not be better spent. We regret to state there are a good many of the ex-brothers now delinquent.

Quite a number of the younger men have paid up in the past few months, and we are holding our own nicely, but there are still a few delinquents who ought to help us get better lined up than we are now.

There are a number of interesting topics to be discussed and some business matters to be settled, and it might be well to have a meeting at some point most convenient to the majority of the brothers in the near future to consider them. We are glad to note there are no complaints or grievances to be settled at this time. Any brother having any suggestions to offer, should write them to the local chairman, so they may be brought up at the next meeting.

Bro. Escue, third, Dollville, who bid in first trick at Marion, was relieved by F. G. Dowdy.

E. W. Lacy, first Villa Grove, has been compelled to go West on account of his health. Hope to see this position bid in by some brother, as there is room for one or two up-to-date cards at that point.

Bro. J. H. Kirpatrick, second Dollville, has bid in third trick at Kirksville, vacated by Bro. D. C. Smith, who bid in third at Thebes.

Bro. C. A. Austin, agent Dollville, has returned from a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. Hooks, agent Olive Branch, is making a trip through Colorado and other Western States, for his health, being relieved by Bro. Thompson, from second trick at that place.

Bro. Calvert, third trick Findlay Junction, on sixty days' leave of absence, doing Colorado and California points, is being relieved by Telegrapher Riddle.

Bro. O. W. Johnson, third Kell, has bid in first trick Mt. Vernon.

Telegrapher George, first "TV" tower, off on a few days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Zetsche, formerly of the I. C.

Bro. B. E. Tetterton, third St. James, has bid in third trick, Ind. Relieved by J. A. Winkler, of Mattoon, Ill.

C. S. Skinner, from Florida, East Coast, has bid in second at Mode, and Telegrapher Wilson, of Cadwell, bid in third trick at this point.

CERT. 54.

Pere Marquette Ry.

Ludington Division—

It is generally admitted that we have one of the greatest railroad labor organizations in existence throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, and we wish to appeal to the nons to send in their applications at once. Many a good telegrapher in the past has sacrificed his position, home, and a great many other pleasures in order to accomplish this and it is through these sacrifices that we are today getting more salary for the labor performed and enjoying better working conditions and shorter hours.

As long as you remain outside of our ranks, you continue to share with us the benefits you have done nothing to secure.

Some of the men on this division say: "I expect to quit telegraphing and go into business for myself." Even if you should quit telegraphing, you are still indebted to the Order for what it has done for you in the past.

Before this is in print, probably every telegrapher on this system will have a copy of our new schedule, effective September 1, 1909. Now is the time we need new members, and they need our up-to-date cards. A solid membership gives our committee more power.

Brothers, what are you doing to bring about these conditions? Have you been active in the work of the organization, or have you stood by and watched the other brothers do all the hard work? Are you paying your dues promptly, or only paying them after you have been asked several times? These questions apply to each and ever brother on this system.

We have the promise of several new members this coming pay day, and are in hopes our division will soon be solid.

Three other nons have promised to come in as soon as they can get the necessary change. The brothers working tricks with them should get busy and remind them that these promises are considered sacred by us. We found no trouble to get the "necessary change when we made up our minds to do so."

A few days ago in talking to one of our old agents, I was asked: "What becomes of all the money you operators pay into the O. R. T?" After I had explained to him how the funds were divided up, some going to our local treasury, some for a convention fund, and to the grand division, and got my grand division report out

and showed him that we now have five hundred and ninety-four thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars and ten cents on deposit in eight different banks in St. Louis, Missouri, he began to get wise to what it meant to be organized "Well," said he, "I didn't understand it that way."

Brothers, see that the nons understand what it means to belong to the O. R. T., and show your own faith in the Order by deeds, as well as words.

One hundred and ten Western Union wire sounds like a buzz-saw these nights because the fool-headed "op" is allowing a student to practice there. Boys, cut this student's work teaching out. We are hired and paid to do the company's work and it is not a part of our duty to teach our office boys telegraphy. If the work at your station is too hard and the numerous duties cannot be done with the help furnished you by the company, the proper thing to do is to take the matter up and ask for sufficient help to carry on the company's business properly. If the necessary help cannot be obtained we should do all we can to keep the work up, giving the wires first attention and do the other work in the order of its importance.

Business is getting back to old times again, two crews being put on the hill engine at Reed City.

It is reported that the operators at Clare were each cut two dollars in their wages, effective September 1st.

Bro. Nelson, agent, Chase, took in the Reed City fair.

Bro. Gregware, Clare depot, our local chairman, has resigned to enter other business. We all wish "Joe" good luck. Mr. Hutchins is filling the vacancy.

J. E. Avery, second Baldwin tower, was married recently to one of the fair ladies of that little Windy City.

Bro. Zook is at Hersey again after a short vacation, having been relieved by Bro. Brown, third at Walhalla. Bro. Stevenson, second trick Walhalla has returned to Belford.

Mr. Skiff is relieving the day operator, at Coleman for ten days.

Bo. Op.

Erie Ry.

Susquehanna Division—

Brothers, I want to call your attention to the "Union Label" which means so much to us. There is too much good O. R. T. money spent for "non-union" goods. Demand the label or don't buy the goods. It may sometimes put you to a little extra trouble, but in the end you will be doubly paid for it.

When your merchants have a demand for "Union Label" goods, they will lay in a supply of them.

A union man should never go into a store and buy a suit of clothes without demanding the "label" because he is paying "union" money for it.

Brothers, I sincerely trust that every O. R. T. man who reads this will make a resolution right away not to purchase a single article unless it is "union" made—unless it is not possible to get it with the "label" on it.

This does not mean that we should pay a higher price for an article just because it has the "label" on it for "union" goods in most cases are cheaper than non-union, and then you have the satisfaction of knowing that the articles were made under sanitary conditions; that living wages were paid for the work, and that you are living up to your obligations as a "union" man.

It is simply carelessness with the most of us, in accepting "non-union" goods for our union money, and not demanding the "label," but by so doing we are violating one of the main obligations of a union man just the same.

Don't think that carrying an up-to-date card and paying your dues promptly is all that is necessary to make you a good union man. That is only a small part of it.

I visited five clothing stores recently before I found a pair of union-made trousers, with the label in them that suited me and they were large enough for "Taft," but the merchant gladly cut them down to fit me, without any extra charge, and said he would lay in a good stock of "Union trousers" right away.

Don't sit down to your breakfast, with an up-to-date card in a "non-union" made coat pocket and eat "Post's chop feed," and then on your way to work buy a paper of "scab" tobacco.

From actual experience you will soon find that you get much better value for your money by demanding "the label" in all cases.

Explain to the ladies of your home the meaning of the label and request them to demand it. It is the duty of every O. R. T. man to show them the importance of demanding union made goods in return for their union money.

The time may soon come when you will be asked at a meeting or some other gathering of union men whether the clothes, shoes or hat, you are wearing, have the label on them. Therefore, resolve at once that you will not part with your union money until you get the label on what you purchase.

In the meantime resolve also that you will do all in your power to increase the membership, if there is a "non" in your locality, get after him and in a gentlemanly way show him why he should carry an up-to-date card.

Pay up your dues, too. Don't let them run behind. By paying up promptly you save your local chairman a lot of work and he has enough to do without having to be continually drumming members for their dues.

Bro. J. E. Coddington bid in third trick at Painted Post, and Bro. T. Hemstrought second trick at "BD."

The agency at Wellsburg was bid in by Extra Agent E. F. Ferguson, from the Tioga division.

Bro. Ira Brooks, of "XY," off few days on a hunting trip was relieved by Bro. J. L. Wilson.

T. J. McCoy, on the extra list here for a while, is now with the B. & A.

Erie caboose 4259 which was presented to Commander Peary by President Thomas, of the Erie, in 1898, and used by Peary in his dash for the Pole in 1898, passed over this division recently on its way to Buffalo. It attracted much attention at Susquehanna and Hornell and it was necessary to have it guarded both day and night to prevent souvenir seekers from cutting it in pieces.

Commander Peary used the caboose as an office and living room for eight months, during the long Arctic winter of 1898 while his ship was frozen fast in the ice of Ailman Bay. In August of 1899 it was landed at Etah, North Greenland, where an extension was built to it. Here Commander Peary and two companions spent the winter of 1899 and 1900, leaving it in the spring for his daring and successful journey around the northern end of Greenland and it was again transferred to the deck of the ship.

It was brought back to New York in 1902, after four years service in the North and given back to the Erie, where it remained sometime and was then taken to Shaholo Glenn and used as a jail. It is now being exhibited at different points along the line as a relic, showing that the old "reliable Erie" was represented the farthest north, of any road in the world.

Recently when there was some wire trouble, caused by a fire, a "non" who wanted to advertise himself, called the attention of the dispatcher to the fact that there was a good O. R. T. man on each side of him (the non). That's the limit, but we must consider the source. No O. R. T. man would be guilty of doing what this insinuates. We are thankful that such men are not and cannot be members of the O. R. T.

The next meeting in Corning, will probably be held at Bro. Jerry Dee's residence. This is a little out of the regular proceeding, but Bro. Dee insists on it and Bro. Sherman also insists that it be held at his house. That leaves us in a dilemma, so we have decided to let Bro. Geer settle the question.

The electric line between Waverly and Elmira is now completed and running on schedule time with heavy travel.

• Agent Masterson, of Barton, who was off a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Bro. Schultz of "XY" tower. Later Extra Agent Gleason relieved Bro. Schultz, and Extra Telegrapher Cronk, of Kirkwood relieved Bro. Schultz.

Bro. A. Brooks, of "BS" tower, while on a visit to his brother in Detroit, Mich., was relieved by Bro. J. L. Wilson.

Uncle "Ed" the razor man, has been making a trip over the division recently.

Bro. Derrig, of Wellsburg, is right on the job each month, furnishing us news items of the division. He is a loyal member and does all he can to help the good cause along. Thank you, brother, for your kindness. Drv. Coa.

Mahoning Division—

The joint meeting of the Meadville and Mahoning divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, October 16th, was well attended by members from both divisions.

Don't forget that these meetings occur on the third Saturday night of each month, at Warren, in the C. T. U. Hall, corner East Market street and Park avenue.

The force at Leavittsburg has been increased one man. This puts W. H. Ludt and W. S. Lowrie on during the day. Ludt looks after the train wires and Lowrie the message wires. W. J. Holbrook moves from third to second and W. D. Mayer, first at Warren, goes to third at Leavittsburg.

Sherman Hart, second Warren, moves up to first trick, and Ed Hagan of Niles, relieves Hart.

A. L. Taylor has resumed work on third trick at Warren.

M. G. Donaldson has returned to Mahoning after his trip through the West.

F. E. Brooks done several days relief work on first at Brier Hill tower and second De Forest tower.

Ray Cassidy, third at Phalanx, was married at Cleveland, recently.

CORRESPONDENT.

Wyoming Division—

Agent J. J. Neal has resigned and Bert Shaffer, from the D. L. & W. has been appointed agent at Avoca. We hope to see him wearing an O. R. T. emblem in the near future.

The telegraph instruments have been taken out of Dunmore depot, and "MO" is now located opposite the round house, in the yard master's office.

Bro. B. Dank is now working second trick at "KO" after spending a few days with his parents, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Taylor is now with the D. L. & W. at Clark's Summit.

Bro. Smith is now working second at "GI" Tresslars tower closed. Brother Farley is working first trick at "GI."

James McGinness, second "MO" is laying off, sick, I. E. Dodan relieving.

Relief Agent Bishop made an inspection of the towers on September 20, which are being painted and renewed for winter service.

Brother Geo. Danks, formerly agent at Avoca, has embarked in the mercantile business there with his father-in-law. We wish him success.

Rumors are making the rounds that the West Coal will be sent via "XN." Let us hope so for the benefit of others.

Bro. Knoetgen, formerly of "GI" is working on the O. & W.

Please get busy and send Bro. Correll a few items each month for THE TELEGRAPHIC. Bros. Vicker and Courtright please let us have a little news each month from your territory.

Bro. B. Dank will soon embark in the chemical business at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bro. Smith, agent at Elmhurst, is on his honeymoon and we wish Bro. Smith and the Mrs. a long, happy and prosperous life. Relief Agent S. D. Bishop is working at "HS."

Bros. Maver, "HS," and Crane, "WA," let us have some pictures for the TELEGRAPHIC.

CORRESPONDENT.

Alleghany Division—

Brothers, our general committee is contemplating meeting with the general management some time in the near future to negotiate for an agreement to supersede the one now in effect.

Our division is in a splendid condition, but there is a chance for improvement. Every member who is not paid up for current term should remit at once to Bro. C. L. Budge, Deposit, N. Y. Don't allow yourself to become suspended and be classed as one of the back-sliders. Every brother should constitute himself a committee of one to line up every available non who is eligible for membership.

The third trick at "X" tower advertised and bid in by Mr. Park.

The agency at Audrain is up for bids.

Bro. Kronmiller, first trick at "X" tower, off on account of sickness, was relieved by Mr. Lycett.

Bro. Biggan, off on short business trip was relieved by Mr. Cooney. Bro. Hall, ex-general chairman, while on short business trip, was relieved by Mr. Farquharson.

Bro. Cornell, second trick at "HR" tower, on a vacation, up the Hudson, relieved by Mr. Stone.

CERT. 262.

Meadville Division—

The brothers on the Meadville division were shocked to hear of the death of Bro. Norman C. Watson, third trick operator at Pymatuning. While on his way to work at 9 o'clock, p. m., October 26th, he was walking down the Pennsylvania tracks, and as he was about to leave the tracks in front of Pymatuning tower, he was struck by a Pennsylvania train and instantly killed.

He leaves a father and mother and one brother and two sisters, all living near Meadville, to mourn his loss. They have the heartfelt sympathy of all members of the O. R. T. in their bereavement.

W. J. Burch, second trick Jamestown depot, has accepted the position of manager of the city office for the Postal Telegraph Company, at that place, his former position being bid in by J. N. Hayes, first trick at Waterboro; R. L. Rexford takes first at Waterboro and A. W. Stem second temporarily until advertised.

The night office at Lakewood has been re-opened with D. O'Brien on second and Miss Sadie Burns on third.

F. M. Helmbreck has been transferred from second, Greenville, to third at Shenango bumping H. G. Butler who took third "MK" tower vacated by Miss Laura Lauderbaugh, resigned; second

Shenango, has been bid in by M. M. Mitchell and second Greenville by Miss Siverling.

Miss Georgia Hannah, third, has become Mrs. Earl Fell, congratulations.

Bro. W. D. Noble, "FM" tower, who broke his collar bone on September 8th, is gaining strength slowly. First "FM" tower is being filled by Bro. R. G. Lewis, second by Bro. H. G. Battles and third trick by J. W. Vine.

A new depot is to be built at Freedom.

W. H. Bolster, agent Ravenna, resigned, relieved by Bro. E. S. Spencer. Bro. C. B. Mushrush, advancing to first trick, Bro. C. T. Milnes, second and Bro. C. D. Cassidy to third.

Brothers, please send your news items to the local chairman before the 10th of each month, so we can have a good monthly write-up.

CERT. 88.

New York Division—

W. T. B. is very short of men on account of so many leaving the service and going into other branches of business.

Since the E. & J. work trains are tying up at "MQ" the boys at that point are quite busy.

Several nons have given their promise to come in the first of the year.

Bro. J. J. Reilly, first "JD" Highland Mills Junction, is off sick, relieved by Bro. Cooper. Bro. Sutherland, clerk at "SY" is also on the sick list.

Bro. Utter bid in second and Bro. Rea third at "BS."

Bro. Fitch, agent at Woodbury, who has been sick for the past three months, is now visiting his sister on Long Island.

Bro. J. L. Otis, first at "MQ" recently went on a hunting trip, and on his return Bro. Osborn on second took a short vacation. Bro. Utter relieved them.

"JD" tower is now equipped with electric light, which is a great improvement over the lamps.

Third Trick Dispatcher Padien attended the Hudson-Fulton celebration at Newburgh. Extra Dispatcher Noonan relieving him.

Several changes are being made at "BC" tower east end of Port Jervis yard.

Our passes this quarter, are not good on trains 9 and 14.

Work on the Junction of the E. & J. and the old line at "GM" tower is progressing rapidly. This is going to make a stiff job and ought to pay more than \$50.

It would be a good idea if some of the boys would give us a little help and we could give a good write-up.

CERT. 1360.

Business is increasing very fast, a great deal of grain and coal going over this line. We are all glad to see this.

Work on the cut in Berger tunnel is progressing very rapidly, and it will probably be finished by February, when there will be four

tracks through the tunnel instead of two. When the work of putting new rails, ties and ballast on the main line is finished, the Erie will be one of the best roads to travel on in the country.

Keep after the nons, brothers, don't get discouraged, if you don't land them the first time. Understand the committee is trying to get a date with the general manager, Mr. Stuart. If successful, this will mean more money. Things are coming our way at last.

The Erie got its share of passengers during the Hudson-Fulton celebration. During the two days the boats were at Newburgh there were between four and five thousand people carried into Newburgh.

Mr. Malon, third trick "NJ," Newburgh Junction, has entered the employ of the West Shore R. R., in Weehawken yards. Mr. McGrady relieving.

Mr. Miller, third trick at "SJ," Sterlington Junction, spent his vacation with relatives near Chicago.

Bro. Holbohn, Jersey City, has entered the employ of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

CERT. 265.

N. J. & N. Y. R. R. Branch—

An open meeting was held at Bro. Romaine's home on October 16th. Quite a number of nons were present to hear what Bro. Coleman had to say about the good the Order had already done, and would still do.

Some of the oldest members who should have been present, to give the nons encouragement, failed to attend.

Bro. Romaine deserves unstinted praise for the way in which he treated his fellow-workers, the refreshments which he served, after the meeting, being very acceptable. We expect to meet at his home again in November, and thereafter every month in some hall convenient for the brothers along the road. An initiation of all the brothers taken in up to the first of December, will be one of the interesting features at the December meeting, if possible. Therefore brothers, don't forget this meeting. Do your best to get one new member by that time and we will come near making the N. J. & N. Y. solid.

Div. Com.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Savannah Division—

There should have been a larger attendance at our last meeting, at Guyton, as it was a very important one and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. In addition to the other good things missed, by those who failed to attend was a most bounteous dinner, given by Mrs. T. F. Hemminger, wife of our late general chairman, who always has the work at heart. The delicious feast they missed is noted in the following bill of fare: Boiled ham, baked chicken, rice, sliced tomatoes, olives, cucumber pickles, scalloped eggs, potato croquets, biscuits, light bread, lemon gelatine with whipped cream, chocolate and

lemon cheese cake, cherry punch and margreets, iced tea, grapes, bananas and apples. We will always remember Mrs. Hemminger for her kindness in this respect.

There are only a few nons on this division now, and practically every one of them has one of the eight hour jobs. It seems to us that they are nerry to say the least, to have been enjoying the benefits of the schedule, and these eight-hour jobs, for several years, and still remain in the non list, thereby not only injuring themselves by such a policy, but by such action, virtually breaking the schedule. One particular non at Tennille, formerly gave us for his excuse in not joining, that he didn't like the local chairman, after the local chairman resigned, and he was again approached on the subject, he then replied that he didn't have the money, and he still continues to reap that which he has not sown.

The local chairman is in receipt of letter from a non on this division, who especially requests that his name be not mentioned in THE TELEGRAPHER as "Mr.," when he alone is responsible therefor and could easily change such conditions by becoming a member of the Order.

The third trick at Meldrim, has been resumed for the winter.

The following are among the recent changes:

R. L. Winburn, from Ocomulgee Bridge, to second trick, Savannah "GO" office.

S. L. Thompson, from M. & A. Junction second, to Ocomulgee Bridge, third trick.

A. J. H. Williams extra to M. & A. Junction, third trick.

Bro. N. C. Arnett, third M. & A. Junction, to second trick at same place.

Bro. W. H. Williams, third at Ocomulgee Bridge, to second trick at same place.

F. W. Shumpert, second trick Millen, to Midville, as operator and clerk vice Bro. Bradderck, who left there on account of the sickly location.

E. H. Bevill, extra, to Pooler agency, temporarily, until position can be bulletined and bid in by some older man.

J. L. Briggs, Meldrim agency, temporarily until bulletined, relieving Bro. D. W. Bolland.

Bro. B. J. Moore to Tybee depot agency, vice Bro. N. A. Williams, who returns to Bartow agency.

Sister B. Holland, Dover, while on an extended visit to relatives in N. C., was relieved by Bro. E. H. Holland, from Gordon third trick, who is now back on third trick at Dover, for the winter season.

Sister Home, of Statesboro, who has been down with rheumatism for some time, was relieved by Bro. Griffin, of Glennville, who later on left for a more lucrative position with the G. S. & E., and was relieved by Mr. Hunter of Statesboro.

CERT. 3.

Chattanooga Division—

We all know that no Order man would be guilty of using the improper language frequently heard on our W. U. wire, and we also know who

the culprit is. It is about time to be thinking about that new card. Let's all think in time.

Bro. Witcher, of Raymond, was off recently on account of the death of his wife's mother.

Bro. Conyers, of Newnan, while attending court recently was relieved by Bro. Shackelford.

Bro. Bailey, of Lavender, is relieving Bro. Bolton at Yard office Chattanooga, the latter substituting for his brother at Chickamauga, while visiting home folks.

Bro. Dunaway, of Chickamauga, is being relieved by Mr. Walker, from the W. and A.

Bro. Bledsoe, of Lindale, while visiting home folks at Carrollton, was relieved by Bro. Abrams.

CERT. 265.

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

President Taft passed over our line September 23.

Mr. Greenberg, second and Bro. T. P. Leedom, third trick at Tennessee Pass, has resigned.

Bro. T. S. Wilkins is with the C. R. I. & P., at Topeka.

E. F. Albert, from the Pennsylvania Ry., and C. E. Cooke, are located at Buena Vista.

There is a new man at the construction camp.

Extra Dispatcher Larmie, is now working a trick out of Glenwood on account being short a man there.

We would like to have a good write-up each month, but very few of the boys send me any items.

"Q" CERT. 457.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Sacramento Division—

We still have a very few non-members, and will not rest until we have the desired 100 per cent. Your local chairman will appreciate a little more assistance from the membership, as it will bring very good results. Brothers, get a list of the non-members from your chairman, and do everything honorable to get them to join. All but two of the fifteen on this division have promised to sign up "soon."

Traffic on the Sacramento Division is probably heavier just at present than ever before, the idle men in all departments working, and business promises to remain good indefinitely.

As this is vacation time, one would look for many station changes, but on account of the limited number of extra men on the division, quite a number of applicants for leave will probably have to wait until later in the fall to get away.

Bulletin No. 51 shows the following vacancies, which will be open for bids for 30 days:

Third telegrapher, Roseville; second telegrapher, New Castle; first telegrapher, Blue Canyon; second telegrapher, Yuba Pass; third telegrapher, Boca; third telegrapher, Verdi; second telegrapher, Marysville; third telegrapher, Woodland; agent, Yolo; agent, Williams; agent, Colusa Junction; clerk and telegrapher, Folsom.

The yard office at Roseville has been recently made continuous service, with an opening for

two telegraphers. These positions will no doubt be shown on Bulletin No. 52. Bro. Miner has moved from "JN" office to "YD" and taken second trick, Telegrapher Fenton, a new man on the division, working third.

Bro. Brewer, third at Roseville, has taken second at that place; relieved by Bro. C. C. Stroupe.

Bro. J. Fingland, agent Woodland, on vacation, taking in the Seattle Fair. Bro. C. S. Greene, first at Reno, is relieving him.

Bro. Roth has returned from his Eastern trip, and is again at work at Tehama. Sister Sellick has also resumed work there.

Bro. Jepson, of Verdi, has been on the sick list, being relieved by Bro. A. T. Johnston.

Bro. J. F. Niedeffer relieved one of the dispatchers in Sacramento office for a few days.

Bro. Ellis Bryan is on a visit to his old home-stand in Tennessee, and will probably take in Los Angeles and the Seattle Fair. Bro. Paul Storey is handling second at Tunnel 13 while Bro. Bryan is away.

Bro. F. F. Konrad, first trick at Tunnel 13, was relieved by Bro. H. E. Stewart while on his wedding trip.

Bro. F. M. Roy, who has been in the Sacramento Hospital for six months, is improving rapidly, and is now able to be out. We hope to see him in his old position at Reno soon.

Bro. H. D. Stabler, of Floriston, is visiting his people in Ohio.

Sister M. F. Joy has returned from an extended vacation, and resumed duty as agent at Durham. Mr. Lewis, who relieved her, has gone into other business.

Bro. G. S. Cryder is working third at Chico while Bro. Lacey is away.

Sister Middlemiss, who has been in poor health for some time, has returned to work at Applegate.

Bro. F. L. Harmon, of Midas, called to Sacramento recently, on account of the illness of his wife. He was relieved by Mr. Shumaker, a new man on the division.

Bro. P. B. Bell, extra at "BD," San Francisco, is now working third trick at New Castle.

Bro. C. A. Nelson has accepted position as dispatcher for the Northern Electric at Chico.

Bro. M. C. Gorton, agent at Wheatland, is spending part of his vacation with his brother, Bro. W. H. Gorton, at Gold Run.

Bros. C. K. Reed, F. M. Thompson and R. W. Remmey, of Sacramento, have been transferred to this division.

Mr. Henry has taken the agency at Colusa Junction. Bro. Locey is laying off for a few days.

W. H. Todd, an old-time employe of Sacramento Division, has re-entered the service, and is relieving Bro. Henrichsen, agent at Live Oak. Bill is all right, and will be with us soon.

Div. Com.

Shasta Division—

Bro. Gough, after relieving at Red Bluff, went to San Francisco, and Bro. G. A. Flynn relieved Sister M. E. Joy, first trick. Bro. and Sister Bundy are back to the second and third tricks at Red Bluff.

F. Wright, a new man from Los Angeles, had second trick at Redding a few days, until Bro. C. B. Mills was relieved.

Bro. L. B. Brown is on a hunting excursion near McCloud, being relieved by Bro. Neimeyer, who was in turn relieved by Bro. J. W. Craig. Bro. Neimeyer went to his bulletin position as agent at Pitt.

Bro. L. W. Meyers, who was relieving Bro. Rieser, agent at Montague, has taken his vacation, during which he will visit many points of interest in the East, including Washington, D. C., New York and others. Bro. Schutt assisted Bro. Meyers at Montague. Mr. Brown, a new man on the division, is working second.

Bro. and Mrs. Pearson are back, after enjoying a very pleasant vacation. Bro. F. E. Walters, our local chairman, has his old hours, 12 noon to 10 p. m. Div. Com.

T. & N. O. District—

Bro. Lester, our local chairman, attended the meeting of the general committee at Houston, on September 10th. Mr. Puterbaugh relieved him on second trick at Beaumont. Bro. Lester is trying his best to line up the nons, and we should all help him out by writing or calling them up and giving them a little talk now and then. If you would just "coax" 'em a little now and then, it would not be very long till we had 'em going.

Mr. Rogers, first at Beaumont, worked several days as extra dispatcher at Jacksonville. Bro. G. C. Weddell, who is now doing third trick at "HD," Houston, relieved him. This third trick is a new position, just opened up on September 20.

All tricks in "HD," Houston, Beaumont and Echo are nine hours instead of eight.

Bro. F. B. Paris, of regular second trick at Echo, is at "HN," Houston, during the absence of Bro. W. O. Sherwood.

Bro. Vaughn, second trick, Liberty, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. Edwards is relieving Bro. Wm. Miles, agent Jacksonville, who is on a ninety-day leave.

Bro. Summerhill bid in Nome agency on last bulletin.

Bro. Mahl, agent at Frankston, absent for thirty to sixty days, is being relieved by Mr. Jones.

Bro. R. Crosby, operator and cashier at Kaufman, who was off several days account sickness, has returned.

CERT. 2154.

G. H. & S. A. El Paso Division—

Have been "on the pike" for some time and not hearing a word from our nearly solid division, will ask pardon from our regular correspondent for "butting in," and he will no doubt get in the game in the near future and give us a good, healthy write-up.

Nearly everybody is armed with an up-to-date. Now, let's round up what few nuns are left.

The latest assignments are: S. A. Thompson, our local chairman, to Longfellow, nights; J. D. Hackett, Finlay days; J. O. Frilick, Sierra Blanca first trick. This leaves the following vacancies: Lobo, day telegrapher and pump; Chocar, nights and pump; Ft. Hancock, agency and first trick.

W. E. Morgan, a new man, is doing the extra stunt.

The Gravel Pit is closed for the season, and the shovel moved to the Houston Division.

C. L. Fisher has accepted a position with C., M. & St. P., and was relieved on first trick at "JN" by Bro. White.

Mr. Lawrence is doing the heavy in "RK," being relieved at "RN" first by Bro. M. J. Bee, just recently from the I. C.

Bro. Straw, second at "RN," on a trip to the city; relieved by B. E. Bee, brother of M. J., also a new man from the I. C.

Bro. Polk is having considerable trouble keeping the coyotes away from his chicken ranch, being on duty when the "slight o' hand" performance is going on.

Bro. Clarke is doing the relief agent stunt.

CERT. 2837.

Colorado & Southern Division—

D. B. Porter has been appointed assistant agent and operator at Wheatland, Wyo.

San Joaquin District—

CARD OF THANKS.

Through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER I desire to thank the kind brothers who offered their assistance and sympathy in my late bereavement. Also, their thoughtfulness in causing to appear at the funeral at San Francisco a most beautiful floral offering, will always be a recollection that will make me proud of being "one of the boys."

CLYDE MALLACHOWITZ.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Pacific Division, First District—

The following extracts are from a letter from Bro. Baker, who never fails to help out on the write-up each month:

Have today received a copy of Bro. Holmes' delinquent list for the term ending December 31st. Some are members who have left the road, others were delinquent for previous card.

The latest move of great benefit to the Order is the Federation of Railway Employees, which we hope to have on the N. P. system. Bro. Perham is greatly interested in this. It means an amalgamation of all the various orders into one grand federation as a branch of the A. F. L., and should result in a vast amount of good to all.

By standing together and presenting a solid front to the employing class, each union will better its position by just that much in fighting for concessions.

Kent—Bro. W. F. Fangle, from Palmer Junction, on first; Bro. C. H. Girardot on second again.

"WR," Tacoma—Mr. Heiser promoted from "WR" to a trick in "Q." Bro. Defore working fourth trick, as night manager. Mr. Stiles working Heiser's trick, and Bro. Sales, from Cle Elum, bid in the third trick. Business is very heavy, and there is some talk of putting on a fifth man.

Buckley Line—Bro. Fred. R. Bradbury took a layoff; relieved by S. H. Brown. Have not learned whether he had carried a card or not.

Ellensburg—Work is well under way here for a new brick depot, a much-needed improvement, as the old one has served ever since the road was first put through.

Thorp—Bro. G. E. Carvel to Vancouver Junction, on bulletin; vacancy filled by Bro. K. M. Hudson, from Kent.

Bristol—M. P. Beveridge, who relieved J. A. Butchcoe, has gone to the S. P. & S. Believe we are well rid of him, as he has a record on the Santa Fe during the strike. Bro. G. M. Milton bid in the agency at Yelm; vacancy filled by Bro. O. H. Littlepage, of the Grand Division.

Cle Elum—Bro. L. W. Powell is back from his vacation on first trick. Brunner and Reilly back on second and third.

Upham—First, H. V. LaDow; second, J. L. McDaniels; C. J. Woofter, an old C. T. U. A. and O. R. T. war-hoss, out for two years, on third. Bro. E. Best resigned, and is back home in "Ole Kaintuck."

Martin—Bro. C. A. Defore back to "WR," Tacoma; relieved by Bro. M. E. Stack, who later went to Tenino, being relieved at Martin by C. R. Albers.

Stampede—Bro. W. Inthout, from first at Upham, changed jobs with H. V. LaDow, on third at Stampede.

Borup—M. C. Bayer, on second, on short vacation; relieved by former Dispatcher M. B. Roach.

Weston—J. Bassett relieved by Bro. A. W. Handerson, extra.

Lester—Bro. E. G. Mathews took a thirty-day vacation. This moved W. W. Whitckare up to second, and F. S. Barlow, third.

Maywood—Bid in by Mr. Howe, from Upham.

Eagle Gorge—Bulletin out for an operator to assist the agent, Bro. H. E. McDaniels, who has been doing the telegraph work for over a year.

Lemolo—Bro. McKiddy, who had his foot burned quite badly with melting chemicals from a burning fuse, is now getting along nicely.

Palmer Junction—Bro. A. Schweinforth to Aberdeen. Bro. W. H. Jones and Sister A. M. Jones working first and second; Bro. A. McCarty on third.

Kanaskat—D. M. Davis, from Cle Elum, to first, left vacant by Sister A. M. Jones. G. C. Amspoker gone East on vacation; relieved by C. H. Hawkins.

Ravenadale—Bros. Kimball and Kelly left the service. Bro. F. Wall on second, and Bro. C. Gregory on third.

Wynaco—Bro. Kingsmill Commander, who took a two weeks' vacation, and visited Seattle, was relieved by George Edward Dean, from the R. M. Division, who later went to South Bend.

G. C.

Relay Division—

Several applications have been received since last report, but we still have plenty of blanks on hand, and the chairman is prepared to kill the fatted calf when the prodigals return.

The nons will undoubtedly realize the mistake they have made by failing to help us increase the membership, when they take a look at the next schedule, which, on account of their lassitude, will, no doubt, be made without a representative from the Relay Division.

The Relay men who were loyal to the company, and disloyal to themselves, during the late N. P. strike, have been relieved as fast as the N. P. could get rid of them. This is the kind of gratitude they can always expect.

Percy Briggs, of Tacoma, is on a thirty-day leave, fishing along the Stillwater River, in Montana. Mr. Hawkins has resigned to engage in the restaurant business in Everett.

M. C. Egan, Spokane, is on an extended leave of absence; relieved by S. C. Flannigan.

Div. Cor.

Dakota and Fargo Divisions—

A number of the boys went to Bismarck to register on the land drawing of the Cheyenne and Standing Rock reservation. Here is hoping they will all get a claim. What a bunch of "ham-farmers" there will be in that country.

Bro. Thompson, at Medina, has resigned, and that station is now up for bid.

Bro. Ebert has been relieved, temporarily, at Bismarck, by Mr. Byer, from Burleigh.

Bro. Merrick, from Dawson, first, has been transferred to Bismarck, temporarily, during the registration rush.

Bro. Leach, at McKenzie, was off for a few days on a hunting trip.

Bro. McIntire, transferred from Steele, third, to Crystal Springs, first; relieved at Steele by Mr. Byer.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Dakota Division—

Brothers, I would appreciate it, when a new man comes to your station, or an office opened, if you would drop me a line, so we can have a full line-up of the new men, and keep up our end in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Boys, let us give our local message wire, No. 27, a little better attention. Failure to answer promptly ties up the whole wire, and causes needless delays in many ways.

Bro. Roach, Medina, third, transferred to Steele, third; relieved by P. H. Perry, a new

man. Bro. Peterson, second at Steele, and Mr. Byer is at Burleigh on third.

Bro. Robinson, Sterling, relieved for a few days by Mr. Glendening, the newly appointed relief agent for Dakota Division.

Mr. McEntire is working first at Driscoll; Mr. Hendrix having the agency exclusively.

Berner has been opened, but have been unable to learn the occupant.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Idaho Division—

It has been a long time since the Idaho Division has been heard from, and we want to show them we are not as dead as we look. We especially wish some one down on the Lewiston and Palouse Branch would wake up and send in a few items.

Cheer up, boys, don't get cold feet just because we are working on telephones. Conditions are lots better than at other places where they have phones. We have suffered no decrease in salary, and none but operators are hired. Get after the nons and wake them up. Don't let them think they are laying in front of a juggernaut. There's always room some place for all of us to get into clear.

J. I. Snyder, recently from Great Northern, is now on second, at Plains, on account of Bro. Leo Lentsch being transferred to second at Sand Point, and Bro. Garber from second, at Plains, to third. Mr. Weiser, second at Sand Point, transferred to first at Kootenai.

C. R. Donelson, third at Noxon, relieved by Ed. Noble, who is just out of the Missoula Hospital. He met with an accident, at Tuscior, last July, which will cripple him for some time.

Bro. Fred. Mueller, second at Tuscior, made a hurried trip recently to Moline, Ill., accompanied by his wife, on account of a death in the family.

A. O. White appointed permanent agent at Heron, relieving R. A. Chapel, who has taken third trick. Bro. Finkbone, owl trick at Heron, is on six weeks' vacation visiting home folks near Columbus, Ohio.

Bro. Rice, formerly first at Trout Creek, accepted a position as relief agent on the S. P., and is now at Mercede, Cal.

F. L. Updyke, third at Cabinet, while visiting the fair at Spokane, was relieved by A. L. Purson.

Bro. W. L. Bassett, formerly third trick at Trent, is now with the G. N. at Hillyard, Wash.

R. R. Clancy is now on third, regular, at Trout Creek.

Please send in your items addressed to Division Correspondent, Box 230, Plains, Mont., by the tenth of the month.

CERT. 1635.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. Meyers is back to work at Glyndon, after a short vacation.

Bro. Steerholm, second trick, Glyndon, on sick list.

L. P. Miner Hawley, on vacation, is being relieved by Bro. Robinson, a new man.

Mr. Ringstad, Grand Forks, transferred to agency, Milner, N. D., relieving Mr. Wallar, who went to Vining.

T. A. Helgeson, agent, Audubon, resigned; relieved by Bro. Rownsell, whom the boys are all glad to see back with us.

Bro. Sorrells is at the new office opened up, one mile west of Lake Park, on account of work trains.

Bro. Evans, Frazee, transferred to New York Mills agency; relieved by Bro. Ogrosky.

Bro. Holt, another new man, is working third trick at Wadena.

Your local chairman is very busy, and we would like to have a write-up in every month's TELEGRAPHER, if possible. Any brother who will act as Division Correspondent, kindly drop me a letter by United States mail, Box 793, Staples, Minn.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Montana Division—

"No card, no favors."

Did you ever stop to think what the telegrapher could demand if there were no nons? Just give the question a serious thought.

The non at Livingston says "dassent join or will get fired." No one was ever discharged from that office for being a member of the O. R. T. that we know of.

Bro. L. A. Nott transferred to Livingston message office, relieved at Hoppers by E. L. Burroughs, a new man from Detroit, Mich. Later, Bro. Nott resigned on account of poor health and went to Nevada.

Bro. Altice, at Winston, on vacation, relieved by a new man on the line named Stritch.

Mr. Huntley has been transferred from Springdale to Cardwell. He was relieved by Bro. Guy McNabney from the Illinois Central, while Mr. Brown, a new man, relieved Bro. Shuping at that point.

Bro. H. B. Chambers, of Greycliff, drew third at Manhattan on bulletin.

Bro. J. P. Cranwill was relieved at Muir by Bro. A. B. Williams, of Wade, N. C., while on a hunting trip in the Bridger Mountains.

On the return of Bro. R. E. Lovejoy at Muir, Bro. Williams relieved E. T. Cowan at Chestnut, who went to Livingston, drew his pay and disappeared, it is claimed, owing debts at Chestnut amounting to about \$35.00. The agent discovered several tickets missing from the ticket case, also.

J. A. Trice relieved Bro. Leach at Mission, who went to Merrill. He and his brother, also at Merrill, will get the first and second tricks at Quebec as soon as that office is opened.

On the return of Bro. J. W. Labertew to Chestnut, Bro. A. B. Williams went to Lombard, relieving Mr. Collins.

Bro. M. A. Nelson, at Park City, resigned, relieved by second trick man.

Bro. J. H. Hemmerly, transferred from G. N. Junction to Gardner. Bro. Thompson was checked in at G. N. Junction as agent, but later bumped by "Hard-up" Winters, from Laurel yard office.

Bro. Thompson took third while Bro. Ramsey, a new man, took second.

P. C. Bryan, at "S," Billings, says the Order is no good. A man who will double up and work 16 hours in two or more offices is not and never will be a good union man.

Bro. Robinson, who drew one of the tricks at Clow, was relieved at Belgrade by Mr. Carey, a new man. Bro. Pravitz relieved Wilson, of the second trick.

D. B. Wintersteen received second at Muir and Mr. Fitzgerald, third at Bozeman, the first trick at that point.

M. M. McMuilen has been transferred from Muir to Townsend.

Local Chairman Carpenter will be away on leave after December 1st, and items for the journal should be mailed to Bro. E. P. Smith, R. F. D. No. 1, Billings, Mont., not later than the 10th of each month.

A few of the boys have mentioned a desire for a meeting to be held at some point where a large attendance could be expected. I would be pleased to hear from those who are in favor of it, and would appreciate any suggestions they could make.

Lynch, new man from the east end, has the new trick at Logan, 3 a. m. to 12 noon. Stewart, laying off, relieved by Jamison, a non. Understand Smith will take the position of agent at Trident, recently created upon Stewart's return.

S. Barry has moved his family here from Tennessee, and been transferred from Billings depot at relay office there. Boyd has resigned and taken a better position at Sheridan, Wyo.; relieved at "BG," by G. E. Pollard (a non) from the Q.

L. A. Gates, Hoppers, went firing—shoveled coal into a helper engine one trip up the mountain, and is now back at Hoppers, working second telegraph trick.

R. E. Lovejoy, third at Muir, off thirty days to the coast; relieved by M. B. McMullen, of Fargo, N. D.

J. W. Labertew, agent, Chestnut, on vacation; relieved by E. T. Cowan, G. N. Ry.

A vacancy at Belgrade is on bulletin; understand A. T. Hampson will be transferred to another division.

C. A. Reichardt (non) transferred to Billings depot; relieved at Hoppers by L. A. Nott, from Livingston.

W. F. Lively, of Logan, and W. A. Stewart, Rocky Mountain Division, have gone to Colorado to engage in mining.

A. T. Oberg, Whitehall, off three months, trying his hand at another business.

Mrs. Lucky (non) third at Park City, off sixty days. Reported she will live on her claim near there.

Morse, an up-to-date man from the H. V. Ry., was sent to Billings depot, but declined; later placed at Great Northern Junction.

A. J. Dahl, Laurel, to third trick, Logan, on bulletin.

Miss Smith, on reporting for work, drew third trick at Dehart.

O. P. Chapman has been transferred from Springfield to Billings.

W. B. Robinson, at Toston, reported resigned.

Unable to learn of changes on the east end. Only one brother sent me items this month.

—
CARPENTER.

Rocky Mountain Division—

Bro. Breed, second, Birdseye, together with Mr. Otten, night pumper at Austin, gave a dance at Austin Auditorium, September 4th. That everybody enjoyed themselves goes without saying; large attendance, including several brothers from Helena and neighboring towns. We ask Bro. Breed to kindly keep these "good times" on schedule as often as every new moon at least, and being manager, we can be reasonably sure that he will "start 'em."

Bro. L. J. Dilley, first at M. C. Crossing, West Helena, was among the merry-makers at the ball.

Operators S. E. and W. P. Wilson, first and third tricks at Birdseye, have recently purchased a new rubber-tired velocipede, and now they make flying trips to Helena in much less time than formerly, having then to wait indefinitely for train connections.

Superintendent Rapelje has been compelled to retire from the service temporarily, and seek medical aid, as a consequence of the injuries he received in the accident at White Pine last fall. We understand he is now under the care of Mayo Bros., the noted surgeons at Rochester, Minn. During his absence M. M. Fowler, a former trainmaster from St. Paul Division, will act as Superintendent of the Rocky Mountain Division, at Missoula.

Skyline office was opened, days, on account of work trains laying a new siding, preparatory to establishing regular station there. Three telegraphers will probably constitute the station force. When carpenters complete the office, it will, no doubt, be a "beauty." Bro. Carr is officiating in temporary office.

Bro. and Sister Cooper, first and second at Weed, are taking their annual vacation in Illinois, leaving most of their "sunshine and good cheer" with relatives and friends, in the vicinity of East St. Louis, during their absence.

Bro. Thompson, regular third at Weed, is working first during Bro. Cooper's absence, and Mr. and Mrs. Banks have been delegated to third and second tricks, respectively. "FRITZ."

Yellowstone Division—

Bro. Smoot, our local chairman, has requested me to act as division correspondent. This is my first experience, but with the assistance of each brother and sister on the division, we can be properly represented in the journal each month.

To do this, however, it will be necessary for some brother or sister at each station on the divi-

sion to send me notes of any changes, or interesting news of any kind, to reach me not later than the tenth of each month. If you have no news or changes just state "no news or no changes at this station this month."

This will require very little effort on your part, and it will be a grand help.

I am sure you will notice a vast difference in the news items from our division each month if you will do this.

Owing to the heavy business, Curlew telegraph office is now open, hours 6 p. m. to 3 a. m.

Applications are being received for agencies at Yates and Custer, which will no doubt be filled by the time this appears in print.

The following are a few changes I have been able to hear of on this division:

Bro. Kemper, first at Glenullen, transferred to Mandan; relieved by Bro. Bandt, second at Glenullen. The latter was relieved by Bro. Ray Whitledge, third trick at Sims.

Mr. Larson, third at Medora, who resigned and went to his home in Oshkosh, Wis., was relieved by Bro. Clark, from the C., M. & P. S. at Mar-marth, N. D.

L. B. Parker is working second trick at Medora while Bro. Gammon is on a 30-day leave of absence at his home in Standish, Mich.

Mr. Atkins, third at Hodges, resigned; relieved by Telegrapher Davis, of Sims.

I hope to have some notes from the Third and Fourth Districts for next month's write-up and also to hear from you soon in regard to arranging a meeting and giving your decision whether you favor it or not.

Brothers, there is no reason why we can not have an interesting write-up every month, if you will only spare at least ten minutes once a month and send Bro. M. A. Smoot, local chairman. Glendive, Mont., a little news not later than the 10th of the month, even if it is only one change at some office. If you have a non at your station, get after him or her until they fill out the blanks. Let us all try and see if we can not make the Yellowstone Division solid.

It would be a good idea if we could have a meeting once a month at some point where it would be most convenient to us all, say Glendive. Let us get together and know just where we stand, and what is going on. Let us hear from you on this subject. It would be a great help to us all. Do not neglect your semi-annual dues and assessments.

Yours, for a solid and up-to-date division.

CERT. 822.

Pasco Division—

"Charley" J. Rylander has been transferred from second trick, Bismarck, N. D., to third at Eltopia, Wash. Mr. Rylander is an old agent-telegrapher from the "Omaha," and was a member of Division 76 when he left the service. He hopes that the climate in Washington will prove beneficial to his wife, who has been a sufferer from pneumonia. Div. Co.

Southern Ry.

Knoxville Division—

The social session of this division was held at Charleston, Tenn., on Wednesday, September 22d. A reception was given at the School House from 7 to 11:15 p. m., when a number of the boys very reluctantly had to wend their way to the depot to catch the train for home.

The affair was arranged by Local Chairman W. H. Cord, of Charleston, Tenn., and the large attendance of members of the Organization showed how his efforts were appreciated. "We had the time of our lives," was the universal verdict.

As the visitors stepped from the train at Charleston, Bro. Cord presented each one with a handsome badge gotten up for the occasion.

Each member had pinned on his coat a badge with the following lettering: "Member O. R. T., Division 59, Charleston, Tenn., September 22, 1909."

The lady visitors were also given, as badges, a celluloid button, with the wreath and sounder, and two bows of ribbon, green and red. These, of course, will be treasured by the boys and girls like a happy dream, and in days gone by they will look upon September 22d, 1909, with fond recollections. If the boys did not make arrangements with the girls to return to the next reception, it was their own fault.

In all, about sixty telegraphers were in attendance, and 250 invited guests. The stage was decorated with about fifty yards of red, white and blue bunting, and just in front of the people hung to the side of the wall was the sign: "Welcome, O. R. T.," gotten up by the ladies.

The attendance was increased by the kindness of Superintendent Simpson, the chief dispatcher and trainmaster, who not only gave the men leave to attend, but stopped the fast train at Charleston for their accommodation.

Bro. Cord acted as master of ceremonies, and introduced the speakers.

An address of welcome was delivered by Professor Adcock, of the Charleston School, and the following gentlemen then delivered addresses: J. J. Dermody, fourth vice-president, O. R. T.; J. F. Hoskins, engineer and State representative for the Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers; W. S. Powell, second vice-president International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees; O. B. Keister, master of trains of the Knoxville Division.

Several musical numbers were rendered and enjoyed during the evening, including a chorus of twenty-five young ladies.

After the speaking, refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake, etc., the former having been ordered from Peter Kern & Co., Knoxville, Tenn., and the cakes were baked by the wife of Bro. Cord. One of the cakes, with a solid gold button baked in it, was sold off to the brothers at 25 cents a slice, each one expecting to land the prize. The lucky piece was held by O. B. Keister, trainmaster. We under-

stand the young lady with whom he was enjoying the cake kept the button, and he did not have the nerve to ask her for it.

There was a cake left over, when some one suggested that it be voted to the prettiest girl, and considerable fun and excitement resulted, and a nice sum was realized. Each brother had the best looking damsel, of course, and the voting was fast and furious. Bro. Bradford, of Athens, Tenn., finally having the cake knocked down to his girl for \$30.00. This money came in very handy in helping to defray the expense of the occasion, which amounted to nearly \$50.00.

The trainmaster gave Bro. Bradford quite a run for the cake, and it must have been "a mascot," for Bro. Bradford has already bid in the third trick at Charleston, and, no doubt, the girl and the cake was the cause of it all.

We must not forget the kindness and courtesies shown us on this occasion by our Chief Dispatcher, Mr. T. A. Boyd, in letting the men off to attend the reception, and we should show our appreciation by a strict attention to business.

Faithfulness to our employers will help increase the revenue and improve the service, the very thing our Organization stands for. Such service will help to bring about better conditions for the telegraphers.

Every one who attended the reception felt better for having done so, as such meetings bring out the best there is in us, and it brought us closer than ever to the men and women who know very little of the duties of the telegrapher.

We were most cordially received by the people of Charleston, and we only trust that more of these receptions will be held on the division. The public heard the speaking, and are in sympathy with us. They say they never understood our aims before, and all that is necessary is for each and every one of us to be manly, honest to our fellowman, to ourselves, giving the company the best service possible, and we will retain the good will we have gained.

This affair has been a great thing for the division, and the public as well, as some of the telegraphers who attended have very different views regarding the railroad telegrapher and his Organization than ever before. These receptions might be held every few months, all over the system, to educate the public and others who know nothing regarding our aims and ambitions. It was the best thing ever happened for the Knoxville Division, or for the system at large, the credit should be given where it belongs, to our worthy local chairman.

Now, boys, don't forget the hard work that it took to get up this reception. As a rule, we are so unmindful of what has to be done, and the hard work and sacrifices that necessarily have to be made when getting up a thing like this.

We must not forget a word of praise for Bros. Cobble and Vaughan, who helped to entertain the people, by donning the white coat and apron and getting busy with the waiter. They both

seemed as much in their element serving cream to the girls as in a telegraph office.

Those in attendance were: H. G. Alexander, General Chairman, Division 59; O. R. Doyle, G. S. & T., Division 59; W. S. Powell, second vice-president, International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees; O. B. Keister, trainmaster, Knox. division; Jake Vaughan and wife, Knoxville, Tenn.; Sister Smith, Yalu, Tenn.; J. A. Cobble, W. H. Cord, J. T. Weeks, C. F. Rymer, B. H. Welch, Charleston, Tenn.; C. H. Hickory and Miss Hudson, Chattanooga, Tenn.; W. T. Roush, Chattanooga, Tenn.; D. O. Fullen, Athens, Tenn.; G. R. Harmon, Mohawk; B. N. Edwards, Piney Flats; H. G. Barkley, Hodges; R. L. Driskell, Rogersville Jct.; R. C. May, Telford; W. T. Self, Jonesboro; H. L. Allen, Atlanta; W. H. Painter, Silver Creek, Ga.; J. A. Addeberg, Riceville; S. W. Campbell, Riceville; J. L. Byrum, operator, superintendent's office, Knoxville; O. E. Dyer, superintendent's office, Knoxville, Tenn.; J. L. Burns, Niota; W. A. Lewis, Tyner; W. G. Wallace, J. O. Bradford, Athens; O. B. May, C. B. Gray, C. S. Foshee, W. N. McFarland, T. J. Stafford, J. D. Smallin, M. W. Frix, Sister Stokley, J. J. Dermody, L. C. Berlin.

ASSISTANT COR.

Knoxville Division, Between Morristown and Asheville—

The banquet held at Charleston, Tenn., on September 22d, was well attended, and all who were there had the time of their lives. This shows that we can have just as big times and as good meetings as any of the other divisions, if we will only try.

Now let's go to work and make old Division 59 the banner division of the South. Get busy, fill your pockets full of the proper papers, and go after every non you see or can hear of. Work on them until they get a card. Of course, they will put you off with the same old familiar excuse: "That they are going to join next month, or just as soon as they get a regular job." But keep on talking O. R. T. to them till they give in. Don't let them get away from you until you have explained to them what the Order has done for us in the past, and what it will do in the future, when we get the co-operation of every telegrapher on the system. Let's see if we can not have every non on this division into the fold by January 1st.

Mr. Yates is on second trick at White Pine.

Miss Ross, first at Yalu, was off on a month's vacation; relieved by Sister Stokley, of New Port.

The extras are getting about all the work they can now.

Extra A. S. Brown has been working third trick at Paint Rock recently. Bro. O. C. Hawkins, extra, of Craggy, has been working second trick at Wolf Creek for a few days, and Extra J. C. Rector, of Marshall, one trick at Roe Junction for a week.

"A HAM" BEEN WEST.

I've landed from a visit,
Through the wild and woolly West,
Where you've heard that "coin" was plentiful,
And the "Hams" could all go dressed.

Don't think I am a "Boomer,"
When I tell you where I've been,
For, I got a leave of absence
To take the country in.

I started from Old Marshall,
It's a sweet Old Town, you know,
And, I'm sure you'll find no better,
Don't matter where you go.

I've viewed the Rocky Mountains,
And, I've rode the Santa Fe,
But, the only place of beauty
Is Old Marshall, N. C.

I've crossed the Utah desert,
In Salt Lake, took a swim,
I've walked the streets of Portland,
By the side of "Happy Jim."

I've seen the sights in Tacoma,
I'll swing it's quite a town,
I've rode the big old steamship
Across the Puget Sound.

I've one more place to mention,
And that's the Seattle Fair;
You bet "She" is a daisy,
You could spend a million there.

I'm sure you'd learn a lesson
To take a trip like mine,
But before you start to travel,
You had better get in line.

For, without lots of money,
You sure will find it hard,
To get accommodated
Unless you've got a card.

You may think I am just a kidding,
But just hit the Western slope,
And you'll find there's "nothing doing"
Unless you've got the "dope."

You will find a "Wreath and Sounder"
In every patch of woods,
And you'd better have in your pocket
The thing we call "The Goods."

"BILL BAILEY, Cert. 1609.

Knoxville Division, East End—

We are certainly glad to see the boys getting their working clothes on, and making the interest of our Order the center of their labors. There is something for all of us to do. We have a broad field for labor, and each brother should strive to do his part.

There is one consoling thought, however, the field is not as broad and rugged as it has been in the past, but there is always work to do, and now is the time to act. Do not say "I can't," but "I will," and if you fail in the effort, then honor is yours just the same.

"An honest effort, yet in vain,
Is worth 'I can't,' repeated over and over again."

Our local chairman, Bro. Cord, is out after the nons, and is meeting with good success. Get aboard the ship of "Justice," worthy non. An up-to-date will pass you to the port of success.

Bro. R. T. Anderson, agent-operator, Whitesburg, was relieved by Bro. Mitchell, while on his wedding tour to Kensee, Ky.; Newton, N. C., and other points.

Bro. Craig is now passing the electric sound waves across the Western plains.

W. E. Jones, second trick, New Line, was relieved by Bro. W. M. Cutshaw, while on short vacation.

J. H. Reams has resumed duty at Keister.

Div. Cor.

Atlanta Division (North End)—

We are still hammering along on the nons. Get after them, brothers and sisters, and come to the meeting every fourth Sunday, 11 a. m., at the Rome Central Labor Union Hall, Rome, Ga. We have a nice hall there, and our chief dispatcher will furnish you transportation if you will write for it. We expect to have Bro. Frix, from the Birmingham Division, with us at one of our meetings pretty soon.

The good old summer time is about gone, fall is almost here, and we want to be prepared for the winter, so let every one of us get after that non. If we will all pull together, it is sure to bring success.

Bro. Allen, our worthy local chairman, was over here recently as organizer and did some good work.

Chief Dispatcher B. F. Langford was off on vacation recently, W. J. Bell acting as chief.

R. O. Daly, third at Dallas, off few days sick; J. E. Underwood, first at Dallas, off on short vacation; Bro. J. L. Thomas, second at Plainville, went to Dallas recently on business; Bro. C. H. Parks, from Waring third, to Knoxville Division; these were all relieved in the order named by Bro. J. L. Parks.

T. J. Rawlins, second Dalton, off several weeks; relieved by W. M. McDonald, third trick. McDonald was relieved by Bro. J. E. Pennington, from south end, who worked a few nights and was relieved by W. C. Cain, Cain worked a few nights and was relieved by A. C. Credle.

Bro. W. E. Dellinger, agent North Rome, Ga., bid on Cohutta agency. Bro. P. O. Parker, agent Cohutta, bid on second at Armour, and Bro. H. A. Henderson, third at Cohutta, bid on second trick at Roseland.

Bro. R. L. Bray, third at Rockmart, bid on second at Armour and got it.

Bro. T. B. Walker is taking life easy around Dalton.

Jobs are being bulletined to perfection now, thanks to our worthy chief dispatcher.

C. H. Callahan went from Armour to third at Brice, relieving A. C. Credle.

Telegrapher Sluder, from Knoxville Division, third at Longs, relieving Bro. Beasley.

Bro. A. F. White got first at McPherson, Batch holding second, and Boone Craig watching third. Batch off sick recently, relieved by W. C. Cain.

Bro. J. C. Gardner, our faithful local chairman, who was off on vacation recently at his home in Calhoun, Ga., and held down the Equitable Building telegraph office, Atlanta, "QN," for awhile is now on third at Roseland.

Bro. J. H. Massingill, third at Plainville, relieved by A. C. Credle, but Credle soon got his walking papers. Bro. Massingill sends best regards to all the brothers. He will probably hit the A. C. L.

A so-called first-class telegrapher over here recently pulled the board for a train while the dispatcher was sending him an order for it.

W. H. Davis, third at Brice, called home on account of his mother being sick, was relieved by W. C. Cain, who, after working three nights, was sent to Dalton; relieved by A. C. Credle, who, after a few nights, was rolled by C. H. Callahan, from Armour.

Bro. A. F. White, first McPherson, off a few days recently, was relieved by A. C. Credle.

R. O. Daly, third Dallas, called to office, being relieved by C. H. Callahan's son.

Bro. B. Lambert, second at Hiram will shortly have a six months' leave of absence and take a course in some medical college.

Pat O'Brien, third at Rome, who has been off some time sick, relieved by "KI."

Bro. W. E. Dellinger, agent North Rome, on a trip to Kansas, relieved by D. M. Butler, second at Shannon, who was relieved by Mr. Stephen.

Bro. O. G. Davis, third Oostanaula, relieved by W. H. Davis a few days.

Bro. W. H. Painter, third Siler Creek, relieved by W. F. Thomas while on a trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., and attending the Knoxville division meeting at Charleston, Tenn., September 28th.

W. N. Thomas, third at Phelps, spent a few days in Atlanta recently; relieved by W. F. Thomas.

Second trick at McPherson and third at Rockmart are open.

Longs block office was closed recently on account of Telegrapher Sluder being sick. He was later relieved by Mr. Smathers.

Plainville third trick closed recently on account of not being able to raise an operator.

Bro. H. A. Henderson transferred from third at Cohutta to second at Roseland; relieved by W. C. Cain.

Bro. E. C. Needham, second at Waring, took in the circus at Dalton; relieved by Mr. Bland.

SOME SIGNS OF FALL.

The muscadine has ripened
 On its vine beside the stream,
 And the possum now is feasting,
 You can see his "ivories" gleam.
 And soon old "Don" will answer
 To the hunting horn's clear call,
 And the possum hunt is on us,
 And then we know it's fall.

When you see the circus poster
 Scattered broadcast o'er the land,
 With Barnum & Bailey, the greatest on earth,
 And John Robinson's band.
 When you see the roaring lions,
 The funny clowns and all,
 Most anyone can tell you,
 That that's a sign of fall.

When you're passing by a restaurant
 And catch a savory smell,
 That somehow seems familiar,
 But somehow you can't tell
 Just what it is that's calling you,
 But you listen to the call,
 And you find your friend, the oyster,
 And then you think it's fall.

When the freights are passing by you
 And you see a boomer "op,"
 You ask him to lay over,
 But he hasn't time to stop
 For he is headed for the South,
 To hear the "niggers" bawl;
 The "hams" our way are coming,
 And now we know it's fall.

Asst. Div. Cor.

Charlotte Division, North End—

R. C. Patterson, third Charlotte "MR" office, has accepted a position with the Western Union in New York City.

Bro. Darst was relieved recently by H. E. Galloway and J. O. Dickerson.

Bro. H. G. Alexander, our new general chairman, was in Charlotte, recently, the guest of Bro. A. C. Poole.

Norman Whisnant, extra trick dispatcher, is relieving the regular dispatchers for their annual vacation. Bro. A. C. Poole is acting as chief clerk.

Bros. Earnest B. Hunter and H. A. Quickel of the Charlotte force, are going to school at A. and M. College, East Raleigh, N. C.

The new man at "KO," Dickson, has a student already. This is a pretty bad start.

The telegrapher at Juneau still insists on keeping the student to put up the switch lights.

Henry Savage has returned again.

Bro. J. R. Graham made a flying visit to Virginia a few days ago, being relieved by T. S. Lefler.

J. A. Davis, third trick at Spartanburg, who recently fell off a yard engine and broke his arm,

was relieved by Geo. F. Goodwin, third at Mount Zion. The latter was relieved later on by J. L. Seal.

Bros. W. M. Freeze and R. M. Allen went to Mooresville, N. C., got behind a wreck and missed the meeting last month.

S. A. Crisp, second trick at Grover, has left the service.

Bro. Fred Carver has been assigned to first trick Spartanburg.

Bro. W. L. Hogan visited his home folks recently.

We should elect some good man as division correspondent on some light third trick job, who can keep up with what is going on over the line. A good man from north of Charlotte should also be elected as correspondent. R. M. ALLEN.

Winston-Salem Division—

We are still hammering away on the few nons here. We can soon get this division solid if the members will only take a little more interest in the work, and help out the local chairman by speaking to their neighbor non and try to show him it is his duty to come within the fold under the shelter of our excellent organization.

This line is solid from Charlotte to Winston-Salem with but one exception, and hope to have the north end in nice shape before many more moons.

W. J. Parks, agent at Davidson, J. E. Mahaffey, agent at Woodleaf, and C. E. Mickey, agent at Advance, good, substantial men, have joined recently, and add much strength to our Order.

Bro. E. A. Huffman, the esteemed local chairman of the Asheville Division, who called a few days ago, reports everything in good condition on his division, and if the boys will give him their earnest support, they will soon have one of the best organized divisions on the entire system.

Bro. R. H. Baker, Mooresville, who has been taking his vacation, was relieved by Mr. Robinson.

Bro. T. F. Butner, Mt. Airy, is now working in dispatcher's office at Winston-Salem, being relieved by Mr. Cox, from Greensboro.

Bro. C. E. Mickey, agent Advance, while on vacation, was relieved by Miss Crews.

Now, let every member settle on some particular non and land him.

I am ever at your service.

W. R. L.

Coster Division—

Our new chief dispatcher has been advertising the vacancies in a more satisfactory manner than any of his predecessors and we hope he will keep up the good work. The brothers should keep Bro. C. B. G. advised of all prospective vacancies, so that he may know they are bulletined according to our contract, otherwise they may occur and be filled before those desiring to bid for vacancies know anything about them.

Our new extra dispatcher is all right, too. See that you treat him clean, boys, and you will find that he will treat you right in return.

Quite a number of changes have been made on this division recently, and we hope those who were transferred, etc., are well satisfied therewith.

Business seems to be picking up, and it's high time we were getting a little busy on our own account.

If we expect the officials to know we are alive we should make some kind of a noise.

Such a thing as a write-up in our journal has been a rare occurrence of late. This should be remedied.

Don't you think it's about time to put it up "stiff and strong" to these "has beens" and nons over here?

Some of these "stockholders" (?) now telegraphing on this division should be made to see what they are doing to injure themselves and us.

If you should "drive up" and ask some of the occupants of several offices along this line, "Have you one?" the same old reply would be received: "Not now, but I expect to have one soon."

Then ask: "What are you waiting for?" "Regular time" would be the answer, without stopping to take a breath. This would be amusing if it wasn't so serious, for we know there's only about three extras on this division any more.

Now, the Order means just the same to these "has beens" and nons as it does to us.

If they miss a meal hour or work a few minutes after their time of relief they never fail to look at the schedule and see if they are not entitled to overtime, then in goes the slip.

They are deaf as a mute when money is needed to defray the expenses of the committee to get this. They say, "I'm no member, I don't owe the Order anything," but when the committee returns with a raise they hear the slightest whisper about it. Funny, isn't it? Only one side for them to look at, and that is "ME."

"If I was the *only* non I know of, why, I would join," is another of their stock-in-trade replies.

If they would only think of the little saying: "Every little bit added to what you got makes a little bit more," and then realize what it means, there might be some hope. Then, we have a few who haven't got their cards renewed who ought to be managers of some big football team, where they could kick all the time.

And then, there are some who just neglected it. All got jobs, too. Boys, get right and stay right.

One more bad thing (or perhaps it's a disease)—trying to fit others to take our places. That's worse than the regular or irregular "ham factory" professor (?) who issues diplomas to gullible boys and girls.

Ask the operators guilty of such folly why they are doing this and they will say because the superintendent said so. Now, my misguided friend, if you will show me anywhere in rule books, tariffs, time tables or schedules where we are required to teach telegraphy, you will then be entitled to an apology, and I will freely make one

In the meantime, however, put the finishing touches on your "stove-pipe dude" student, and you will soon have him ready to take your place and decrease the wages of others.

Boys, get busy.

"I'VE GOT MINE."

CERT. 1981.

ORGANIZE.

Oh, operators of the Southern,
Unite and organize,
For honor, home and liberty,
Your sweethearts and your wives.

We know in Union there is strength,
And victory is ours,
For better pay and fairer play,
Respect and shorter hours.

We appeal to you, brothers,
In a just and holy cause,
This land is ours, its fruits and flowers,
Its governments and laws.

The working men have made it all,
With muscle, blood and bone;
Now all we ask is justice,
With a right to own a home.

Our weapons are intelligence,
With fearless voice and pen,
And God will surely lead us,
If we only act as men.

Oh, rise and take what is your own,
Be faithful just and true,
And show the money kings,
What working men can do.

The fight is to the finish,
We know our cause is right,
Our motto: Love and Liberty,
In union there is might.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Robert Eugene Harper and daughter wish to express to their friends of the O. R. T. their most sincere appreciation for the beautiful expression of sympathy and the comfort it gave them in their great sorrow.

Queen & Crescent Ry. (North).

Chattanooga Division—

Some of the brothers we know, who have been working ten or more hours for days at a time, despite the nine-hour law in day and night offices, should discontinue this practice at once, as it is a violation of the law, and should the proper person take hold of it, there would be trouble for those concerned.

There has also been a great deal of doubling done of late. We should be very careful about this, as the law very plainly states how long operators shall remain on duty. The word "emer-

gency" does not cover all kinds of excuses for doubling, and we know of one man who worked forty hours out of forty-eight.

There is a "ham" factory at Kings Mountain, owned and operated by T. F. Dunaway, whose intended output contains a product already tainted that will not be used, no matter how hard the "Prof." tries to cure him. The brothers should have nothing to do with this traitor, or his products. He has been warned to cease operations, but up to the present has failed to do so. We all know the oath he took once upon a time.

Let's all try to attend the "First Grand Ball," to be given by Division 62, at Oakdale, on November 4th, and sell as many tickets for it as possible.

Bro. H. L. Dumas, second trick, McKinney, off for several days on account of the sickness of his wife; relieved by S. C. Winfrey, extra, from N. O. & N. E.

Bro. Gastineau, Cumberland Falls, seriously injured by falling from a semaphore, was found unconscious by a passenger train crew.

Bro. O. L. Minks, resigned second, "SJ" tower, says he is going to join the Army Signal Corps.

Bro. W. O. Bastin, agent at Science Hill, on vacation, relieved by Bro. V. N. Bastin, second, Kings Mountain. Bro. Bastin was relieved by Mr. Hadley, who was shot by some unknown person, while at work, but not seriously injured.

Bro. A. O. King, agent, Eubanks, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Ed. Rigney, third there.

Night office, Cumberland Falls, closed, and night office, Stearns, opened, on account of coal- ing stations at Cumberland Falls and Glen Mary being discontinued. Night office, Pine Knot, also closed. Bro. Mathias transferred from Pine Knot to Stearns, until that position bulletined and filled.

Bro. W. B. Compton, first, Moreland, off several days, relieved by A. L. Crain, from L. & N.

Bro. B. P. Shewmaker, agent, Moreland, off on business, relieved by Bro. Compton.

Div. Cor.

Great Northern Ry.

Sioux City Division—

Station helpers have been put on at Maynard, Clara City, Lennox, Struble and Merrill. Now, boys, you see some of the finger prints of the nine-hour law. We can not expect to get all the good things in a chunk, but if you will put your shoulders to the wheel and just shove a little more it will surprise you all to see the results. We hope that all the agents thus benefited are right there with little cards. The O. R. T. and the nine-hour law must be given credit for all this. I have worked eighteen and twenty hours a day, and then been written up, because I happened to fall asleep writing up freight receipts, causing the dispatcher to call a few times to raise me. If the railroads were to put us back on the old working schedule we had fifteen years ago for

three months, I am safe in saying there would not be a wire or station man out of the O. R. T. But I would rather pay my money, and know it was getting some good things for the non who can not see any good in organization, than have the old order of things in vogue again.

Bro. Malumum, days, Sioux City yards, off on vacation in Wisconsin, has been relieved by most every wire man that could be hired. At present Relief Agent Carl is holding down the shack.

Bro. H. G. Decker, first at Garretson, resigned to take a better position on the Superior Division. Mr. Markstrom, from Sioux Falls, is filling the vacancy, and a new man is at Sioux Falls.

Ralph Munson is working nights at Marshall.

Agent Fairchilds, of Clara City, has been relieved by Relief Agent Gleason, while Mrs. Fairchilds is at the hospital for an operation.

Mrs. H. G. Judd, wife of Bro. Judd, at Cottonwood, has just undergone a successful operation at the hospital.

Mr. Nichols, Lester, nights, landed agency at Booge, S. D.

Mr. Schlatter has left the G. N., and been relieved as agent, at Hinton, by a new man from the South Dakota Central.

Spokane Division—

Bro. Gribble has left Bonners Ferry for the S. P. in California. Bro. Hadenfelt has returned to "BY," from Hillyard. The latter is now straight non. Why?

Agent McGurk, of Naples, has resigned and returned to his home at Shortsville, N. Y. Bro. Honsinger relieved McGurk as agent, permanently. Telegrapher Slingerland lately joined us, so Naples is now solid.

Bro. H. W. Lane, formerly with N. P., relieved Bro. Barrett at Newport. The latter went to Odessa.

Bro. Hansen is back at Colbert. We hope he and Bro. Frick will be able to get Telegrapher Smith into line. "SF" will then be solid.

Harrington has undergone a revolution. Bros. Slocumb, Waftanowski and Ford are now there.

Bro. Brown, formerly agent at Wilson Creek, has been transferred to Odessa.

T. J. Logan, at Wilson Creek, has enlisted. "Tom" is one of our favorites.

Geo. Godfrey was lately checked in as agent at Adrian; Bro. Easterly taking up a trick as operator there.

Bro. Purcell, one of the few blossoms in the desert, is working second at Trinidad.

Bro. Knowlton, at Columbia River, is laying off; relieved by Telegrapher Larson. C. T. Meigs lately went to work there, also. Both are former members, and will soon be up-to-date again.

The few on this division who have not paid up yet, should not delay any longer.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Butte Division —

E. B. Smith, Rimrock, is enjoying a vacation; relieved by Mr. A. F. Bassett.

Mr. Jones, formerly of the "PD" relay office, is now handling the temporary office at Tunnel No. 1.

Bro. W. V. Laing, formerly with the C. M. & P. S., is now working first trick at Judith Gap, relieving Mr. Krasinsky, who goes to St. Paul.

Bro. A. J. White, on third at the Gap, relieving Bro. Pat Hannan, who has returned to New York State.

Agent Crandall relieved Bro. Farmer at Armington, who has gone South.

Agent Cary is having his trouble in keeping foners at belt.

Young Epperson is now holding second foner's job at Gerber.

Our congenial trainmaster, Mr. Votaw, was pressed into service as operator at Belt for a few days last week. He is more at home with the key than the fone.

Misses Norma and Lillian Stewart, at Wolf Creek, are dissatisfied with the recent reduction, owing to Wolf Creek being made a fone job, and are contemplating bumping some of the telegraph operators at the terminal jobs. We would certainly like to see these young ladies get their seniority rights, and then get an up-to-date card; the little instrument that made bumping possible on the Great Northern.

Agent B. C. Keeley, Corbin, being transferred to Boulder, as ex-dispatcher, H. J. Keeley gets the agency at Corbin.

Late Lemay has decided to try his luck raising spuds in the Flathead country.

Bro. E. S. Phillips was transferred from Basin to Woodville, on account of the reduction in salary at Basin.

W. R. Bell, who resigned as agent at Woodville, was relieved by J. H. Bright.

I want to thank Bros. White, Lein, Smith and Sister Robinson, for their kind assistance in furnishing items.

Telegraph operators and station agents are giving the Butte Division the look of scorn, on account of the telephones. However, the foners are proving a dismal failure, and we are looking forward to the time when we will again hear the click of the telegraph instruments and witness the return of competent men.

Bro. B. C. McGowan, relieved at Broadview, by Bro. M. A. Nelson, from the N. P. Bro. McGowan goes to the ranch.

E. B. Smith resumes duty as agent at Rimrock, relieving A. F. Bassett, who also thinks there is more money and pleasure in dry land farming.

Agent Jagger, at Hedges, is off for a few days; relieved by Bro. H. Wilkins, of Stanford, who was in turn relieved by Bro. W. K. Foote. Later, Jagger returned to work and Wilkins relieved Martin, at Windham, for a short time, Foote going to Cascade.

Bro. A. J. White, third, Judith Gap, relieved by Mr. Wallace. J. A. Hoyser, second, Judith Gap, off on account sickness; relieved by Mr. Morrison. On account of "Pay Day Celebration" among the telegraphers at Judith Gap, Agent Boulter and Bro. Laing doubled up and worked all three tricks. Understand Boulter intends voting the Prohibition ticket at the next election. Later on Bro. Laing resigned, Hoyser returned to work and some foners filled in on account of being unable to get competent telegraph men.

Bro. A. O. Turcotte, agent, Buffalo, intends leaving the service as soon as relieved.

Earl Ledger, clerk at Stockett, promoted to second foner at Gerber.

Bro. Lee Shobert, formerly at Cascade, now at Everett, Wash., says that that division is well organized.

Misses Lillian and Norma Stewart, Wolf Creek, on vacation, visiting Great Falls and Butte, expect to return to work at the Great Falls freight house.

Late Lemay, agent, Boulder, has resumed duty, after a vacation, relieving B. C. Keeley, who is now visiting relatives in the East.

Agent J. M. Atwood, at Vaughn, is reported on the sick list.

Bro. M. M. Englander, who died at Belt recently, was one of the oldest agents on the Butte Division.

Brothers, please send in a few items for our monthly write-up in *THE TELEGRAPHER*, about the fifteenth of each month, and let me know what is going on. It is impossible for one man to cover a division as badly scattered as this one.

E. C. S.

Cascade Division—

A new depot is being built at Richmond Beach, with two waiting rooms and an office and a large baggage room, the old depot being reserved for freight. This gives us an office to ourselves and we can now "peek" through the ticket window and look wise and otherwise.

Some of the boys are "going in the hay" pretty often, causing the dispatcher lots of trouble. Cut this out, it's a bad plan.

Bro. Eden and Bro. Phelps, of Mosher, doubled up recently, on account of Bro. Anderson going to Edmonds, to relieve Bro. Smith for a few days' vacation.

C. E. Jackson, agent Meadowdale, the last two years, is now working third at Edmonds.

Bro. Van Valin, trail "BC" for the last two years, is now on second at Mosher.

Bro. W. V. Avery, Wellington, is now at Farron, "BC" with the C. P. R. and is very much pleased with the change.

Bro. James E. Avery, Cascade tunnel, is now at Wade, "BC" on the C. P. R., making good money.

CORRESPONDENT.

B. & O. S. W. Ry.*Ohio Division—*

Most of the boys have had their vacations, and returned to work, with a determination to "do" things. Those who have not already done so will find that this is a good time to get a card and help us to secure a new contract for the new year.

Bro. C. D. Morrison, Mt. Sterling, visited his folks at Coolville, attended the fair at Coolville and transacted some business with the probate judge at Athens, while on his ten days' vacation.

Bro. Jas. Malone, second Athens, also visited his parents at Coolville, and attended the fair while on his vacation. He was relieved by Mr. Schoenberger.

Bro. A. J. Saunier, agent at Pleasant Plain, was relieved while off on vacation by Mr. Murphy, who claimed he was a member of Division No. 2, but St. Louis says this is not so.

Bro. T. E. Fitch, agent at Hills, off ten days on account of sickness in his family at Coolville, Ohio, was relieved by such a "Hammy Man" that the chief dispatcher requested Bro. Fitch to return to duty after two or three days' absence, or his resignation would be expected. The agent at Loveland and Division Agent Wharff straightened matters up, until Bro. Fitch resumed work.

Bro. O. G. Harper, while off on his vacation with his family, visited relatives in Fayette, Highland and Ross counties. He was relieved by Mr. Holland.

K. D. Figelstahler, of Chillicothe, bid in third at Greenfield. CENT. 261.

Indiana Division—

There appears to be a natural propensity among telegraphers to use slang. We can not understand why this is, as the telegraph fraternity is supposed to be a coterie of enlightened and intelligent beings, would it not sound more euphonious to say, "I was reclining in the arms of morpheus, perfectly oblivious to the rhythmic sound of the instrument," than "being in the hay?" In this land of colleges, high schools, free libraries and the eleemosynary granaries of human knowledge, open like the "Ediles" of Rome to the dwellers in the vales and on the rocks, can we not improve our intellects and refrain from using slang?

Ye scribe was absent for several weeks on account of sickness, hence no news from this district the past two months.

Bro. A. Sutton, second Storrs, spent his vacation at Colorado Springs, Colo., in September.

Bro. James Gordon, Dabney, on vacation in September; relieved by J. W. McCowen, of Watson.

E. W. Chance, Cold Springs and Culloms, is now running on a Pullman dining car, between Cincinnati and Chicago, on the Big Four. He has a fine farm near Cold Springs, where he and his family make frequent visits.

Lee Loftus, of Cold Springs, is at Oakdale.

Bro. Harry Brant, of Carthage, Ohio, has been on the sick list several weeks.

Abner Dobbins, second trick at North Vernon, is also on the sick list.

Bro. A. E. Seimantel is keeping "weary vigil" at Cook's tower.

Bro. R. C. Withers, of Williams, Ind., worked first trick at Milan, while Bro. Johnson was on a ten days' vacation.

A. B. Chapman, doing the "owl act" at "AC," is now a full-fledged O. R. T. man.

Bros. Weidemann and Flanagan, first at Storrs and Culloms, respectively, have swapped jobs to give Weidemann's arm a rest.

Bro. Blackmore is contemplating a term in a business college in Cincinnati.

Sister C. A. Montgomery has returned to Lawrenceburg, after a much-needed rest with her folks at Seymour.

Bro. John Young, first at Cochran, while doing the county fairs, was relieved by Bro. Flanagan.

Bro. Johnson, third at Cochran, is visiting in the East, accompanied by his estimable wife; relieved by Mr. Frey, from Mitchell.

Bro. Richardson, second at Cochran, has a two-mile "hike" to his boarding house at Aurora, after finishing his daily labors at 11 p. m.

Bro. Rawlins, agent Cold Springs, has become quite a shipper of lacteal fluid. "I love my booze, but, oh, you buttermilk!"

Bro. F. S. Trester has gone to Malta, Mont., for the G. N., and Bro. Leo Hicks is now on the Cincinnati division of the Big Four.

S. F. BRATTY.

Indiana Division, Cincinnati District—

Bro. C. F. Gibson, of Columbus, Ind., relieved Bro. F. W. Kline at Dillsboro, while the latter, with his wife and daughter, visited the scenes of their childhood, among the classic hills of Cold Springs and Hogan Valley.

Bro. F. C. Johnson, first at Milan, end of double track, spent his ten days' vacation, accompanied by his wife and two interesting children, visiting relatives at Temple, Oklahoma.

C. E. Miller, a recent manipulator of the keys, "nocturnally" at Oakdale, has left for other and more genial environments.

Springfield District—

There is work for some of you brothers on that "non" at the next station to you and you can get him if you try. We have several promises at present, which we trust will soon materialize.

C. Segelhart, first Springfield, on vacation; relieved by J. M. Mix; Bro. C. P. Stewart is extra at Springfield.

A. C. McDonald, second Pana, while visiting home folks, at Ashland, was relieved by Bro. I. E. Turner, of Beecher City.

F. E. Greenwood relieved Bro. Tate, Taylorville days, the latter going to Colorado, where we hope he will speedily regain his health. By the way, Mr. Greenwood, shall we send the blanks?

J. M. Mix has returned to Springfield "H" office, after a serious illness and undergoing a dangerous operation, which we are glad to state proved successful.

Block District—

The conditions on the Block are about the same. A few of the regulars are taking vacations and several new men have arrived, with cards.

Bro. Murphy, of "OK," has returned from a trip through the East; relieved by C. H. Blevins.

Mr. Flynn was relieved at "BH" several days by Bro. Beddinghaus, and Bro. Kird, a new man, worked second trick.

C. W. Bailey, agent "HM," off sick, Bro. Bonner taking his place.

Bro. Ferris, third "HM," is working extra "SG" office, Cincinnati.

Bro. Bill is back at "W."

CAL. HAP., COR.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Madison Division—

Bro. W. H. W. Page has resumed work, after putting in a month harvesting crops on his farm in Dakota; Bro. W. Langenhan, acting as agent, at Bangor meanwhile, and Bro. W. Gall relieving Walter, at Reedsburg, third trick.

H. F. Forsythe relieved Bro. Gall, at Ablemans, going from there to Beloit.

Bro. J. S. Lewis is acting agent at West Salem, while Bro. G. B. Wilcox is off enjoying a vacation.

Bro. T. J. Travy bid in Elroy second, on bulletin, and Mr. Hendrickson, from Dane, went to Kendall's to relieve him and work second there until bulletined. Mat. I. Biwersi, R. F. D. carrier, of Dane, relieved Hendrickson.

Bro. Cottingham is relieving Bro. E. J. Lang, agent Ipswich, who is touring the country in his auto. Before leaving he had a general cleaning up and had the depot painted inside and out.

Bro. Carl Charlson, agent at Footville, while on a short vacation to LaCrosse, was relieved by Bro. Elsner.

R. J. Starry is working third trick at Evansville, while Bro. L. G. Abts is relieving Bro. Van Auken, who is on the sick list.

J. E. Rielly, after his spell of sickness, went to Leyden to relieve Bro. G. H. Doering on account of sickness. He was relieved by F. E. Main to take second trick at Brooklyn, relieving L. E. McQueen, who went to Ablemans.

E. C. Phinney went from Brooklyn to Monona yard "M" to relieve W. Whitman, who has been relieving Bro. Edw. Welch on the third trick.

Bro. C. R. Fisher, agent Oregon, was relieved a few days by Bro. E. Welch. Wm. C. Hesselberg is holding second at Oregon, while it is on bulletin.

E. A. Howell, for many years agent at Beloit, is now on the retired pension list.

W. F. Holden was relieved by Bro. Welch on second at Madison, to take message wire nights, in dispatcher's office.

Bro. Adolph Anderson is relieving R. B. Wood and acting agent at Wyeville, while it is on bulletin.

F. E. Main, who relieved Adolph on second at Monona yard "M," was relieved by W. Whitman.

Bro. W. W. Brown went to South Baraboo for one night, but did not like to leave Madison, his home, and came back there again. Bro. E. Welch worked his trick at tower "PD" for the one night.

Bro. J. F. Gannon, agent Mendota, while on a short vacation, was relieved by Bro. A. L. Clark.

Tower "DU" at Dousman has been closed and Bro. W. S. Barnhart relieved Bro. W. J. Doering at Lake Mills, who got Kendall's second on bulletin. Bro. L. G. Abts has relieved Barnhart at Lake Mills.

The father of Bros. W. J. and G. H. Deering died recently at his home, in Baraboo, and was buried there under Masonic auspices.

Bro. C. Hansen, first trick at Monona yard "M," was relieved by Bro. T. V. Hurst, while on a three weeks' vacation. He visited Milwaukee and also took a trip over the west end to Galena, the first for over thirteen years.

Bro. E. L. Canney returned to Elroy third trick, and Bro. S. C. Potter went to South Baraboo.

Bro. C. N. Schleck has returned to Madison, first trick, after a month's tour of the West, highly elated with his trip.

Bro. P. W. Avery has taken charge of Wyeville station, and Bros. A. L. White, West Allis, has gone to Waukesha, vice Percy.

Bro. K. Oderkirk, first trick at tower "Z," "fone," is now a freight brakeman. He was relieved by Bro. S. C. Potter for a few days, when Sam went to South Baraboo to relieve O. S. Butterfield, who was sick.

Through our committee, the O. R. T. has gotten a \$22.50 increase per month for the position that Mr. Butterfield has now enjoyed for several years. This is another instance where one reaps the harvest where others have sowed the seed.

Dir. Cor.

Black Hills Division—

Quite a number of the nons and back-biters have promised to get right in the near future. Remember the good adage, boys, "Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today." A promise of a job won't buy meals, lodging or raiments. It's the job and salary that counts. Then why not get busy and help us to perfect our organization, thereby bettering yourself as well as others. The man who does not join the organization of his craft is lacking in good judgment.

Stock business is still very heavy, even though winter has come around again.

Chairman Hite, who went to Chicago on committee work, will visit relatives in Michigan before he returns. Our chairman needed this well-earned rest.

Bro. Marsh, at Shoshoni, has been compelled to lay off on account of sickness.

Mr. Keplinger, third at "WN," is away on account of the sickness of his mother.

Quite a number of changes have taken place since our last write-up, among which are the following:

Belle Fourche Valley Ry. has been completed, and Bro. Don Levy, a new man from the D. S. S. & A., has been placed at "OV," and Bro. Yoe has been given the first trick.

T. W. Cortelyou has been relieved by Bro. E. E. Costley, at Oelrich's, and gone to the Black Hawk agency.

Mr. Mackay is working second at "BG."

Bro. Reed, of Sturgis, has gone into the lumber business.

Bro. Busch, at Douglas, has a new Remington.

Bro. McIntyre, of "FO," has taken the ticket agency at Deadwood, relieving Mr. Gore, who goes to the Union Pacific, at Omaha. Mr. Bridgeman goes to "FD."

Bro. Schetzer has gone to the Union Pacific.

I desire to thank those who furnished me with items for this write-up and hope they will not only continue to do so, but that some of the others will follow their good example. Co.

Peninsula Division—

Our meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month, at Powers, unless some other place is specified. Let us make it a point to attend these meetings and not depend on the same old bunch of reliables to do all the work.

Bro. Henry Ramile, of Loretto, is catching it now in the depot. He says that's better than walking three or four miles every day. He guarantees to treat callers to a square meal.

Bro. Haberman, local chairman, who is in Chicago with the committee, is being relieved by Bro. Crikelair, relief agent.

Bro. W. J. Murray, our former chief telegrapher, is at present employed as ticket agent for the Northern Pacific Ry., at Aberdeen, Wash. We all wish "Bill" the best of luck.

Bro. F. Merrick has relieved Bro. W. Rolande, third at Narenta, who secured West Gladstone days on bulletin.

Bro. W. C. Bagley, phone agent at Bagley, can now be called brother.

Bro. Fred Merrick relieved Bro. C. O. Peterson second, at Powers; relieved by Bro. J. E. Honeywell, who secured the job on bulletin.

Bro. Peterson, second Powers, secured Stager agency on bulletin.

Bro. F. Bagley, third Antoine, off recently on account of a bad cold, was relieved by J. P. Richards. CERT. 2606.

Ashland Division—

Our genial C. T. D. Mr. T. M. Coughlin, has been appointed trainmaster. C. T. D. Fitzgerald, from Ashland, takes his place at Antigo, while W. B. Murray succeeds to the position of chief train dispatcher at Ashland.

We feel very keenly the loss of Mr. Coughlin as our chief on the south end of the Ashland division. He was ever ready to deal fairly and impartially with the men under him and was very conscientious in the administering of the telegrapher's schedule. We wish him success in his new position.

Bro. P. H. Rasmussen is relieving Bro. Wm. Burke at Eland Junction, while he is away on a vacation.

Bro. J. W. Lacy has returned from his honeymoon and resumed work on second trick at Havana. Bro. M. J. Johnson is back at work on his second trick, at the same place.

Bro. Bessey is holding down the clip job at Antigo dispatcher's office.

The few boys who are back in their current dues are earnestly urged to pay up promptly and not be a hindrance to our progress.

Prospects are good for a fine business this fall and winter with lots of work for every one. The ore business is better than ever before.

CERT. 23.

Minnesota Division—

Business is good, a few extra night positions have been created, and the day office at Chester has been opened, and the way trains are running we don't have time to eat until we are off duty.

J. F. Bradish, agent at Cobden, off for a few weeks, was relieved by H. J. Johnson.

H. A. Rieman, an old-timer, can be heard again on the side table, in the dispatcher's office, at Winona, between 4 p. m. and 1 a. m.

D. R. Carroll, formerly second man at Waseca, is now working first on the side table at Winona. T. F. Carroll, Waseca's regular third man, is working third on 62 wire, while W. F. Cuttler, regular first trick man, is laying off.

T. F. Cassidy has been promoted to night chief at Winona, and J. P. Beynon is filling in on the middle division.

G. F. Boyce, Rochester, took a week's vacation, and was relieved by H. Sorenson.

T. A. Woodruff, while on the sick list, was relieved by Mr. Addy, of Sleepy Eye.

G. W. Ware, of Havana, was the successful applicant for third at Rochester, and Havana is now on bulletin.

G. W. Cotton went to Chester to open that of fice.

G. B. Zepp is at St. Peter Junction, temporarily.

F. C. Evans, days, Redwood Falls, has resigned.

Agent and telegrapher at Havana, agent and telegrapher at Judson, and third in dispatcher's office are on bulletin.

Bro. D. J. Mahoney has our thanks for assistance in the write-up. The other brothers should follow his good example.

G. W. C., Div. Cor.

Dakota Division—

I have mailed to the last address of each member an application blank for membership in the L. A. to O. R. T. Now, brothers, there will be plenty of members who will be unable to send in this blank this month, others will be in a position to do so but will make the excuse that they cannot see any good in it, and there will be a number who will simply put it off. Judging from the past, the first appeal will have very poor results, necessitating the mailing of more letters, which will take time, money and cause a great deal of work, although the latter ceases to be feared if the work is appreciated by prompt returns.

Undoubtedly, most of the membership is now loaded up with lodge work and dues, but I believe this movement to be superior to the majority of clubs, leagues, etc., both for material results and social relations.

The O. R. T. members know how hard it is to have a meeting that will be attended by a majority of the membership because we cannot meet in the day time.

The day train service to Huron, which is a central point, is very good from all points on the division, and there is no reason why the Auxiliary cannot have regular meetings without inconvenience to anyone. These meetings cannot fail to be of benefit to organized labor, and as much benefit can be derived from them as from any O. R. T. meeting. Huron is growing to be a strong labor center, and is the proper place for our orders to meet.

Evidently, the American Federation of Labor will send its representatives for this territory to Huron, and a City Federation will be accomplished, which will combine the various unions under one head, and there is no reason why we should not be represented.

Label work can be taken up and pushed, and with the support of the membership of the Federation a strong union market can be established.

This work is being carried on all over the United States, and is being condemned by the manufacturers and other capitalists, who exploit women and children and cause the greatest curse known to civilization—white slavery.

This is but a general outline showing the possibilities of organization and the result cannot be otherwise than beneficial. I will go into details in some later issue, during the winter, when we have more space. For the present, I request each member to send his application to Mrs. N. Paulsen, Centerville, S. D., or to my address.

Bro. Spradling, of Iroquois, protested against a younger man getting Conda and secured the station. If you are entitled to and want a station that has not been bulletined, simply make complaint in writing to Bro. Paulsen, who will take it up and see that you get a square deal.

The committee is still in Chicago, on schedule work. Bro. Paulsen was called to Chicago, but could not be relieved on account of the shortage of men during registration days.

Continuous block has been temporarily established on this division between Hawarden and Aberdeen and Tracy and Pierre, on account of the expected heavy passenger traffic for the registration at Pierre and Aberdeen, and a number of telegraphers were put on for the occasion. Arlington, Cavour, Redfield, Aberdeen, Centerville and Salem were added to the list of continuous stations and Lake Benton, Hitchcock, Northville, Alcester, Beresford, Hurley, Monroe, Canova, Vilas, Carthage, Wolsey, Wessington, Miller, Highmore and Blunt were made two-trick stations.

Nearly all of the new men are up to date, which makes us fully 95 per cent strong. Nearly every fall this division is loaded up with nons, who are dropped off as soon as business lets up. This fall, on account of exceptionally heavy freight and passenger business, a number of telegraphers were transferred from eastern division of this road, which accounts for the large per cent of members among the new arrivals.

At one time this fall, over one hundred and thirty engines were in use on this division, while the division east of us had but forty.

Did the inspector catch you?

Bro. John Carl, of Clark, now has two helpers. Most of us seem unable to get one.

Bro. N. C. Nelson returned from a three months' vacation to Cavour second, which he secured on bulletin.

Bro. H. R. Nelson, of Iroquois, one of the extras, sent to Aberdeen, during the rush, relieved by Bro. P. E. Long from the Pennsylvania.

C. T. U. A. Sister Lulu Larson, "BO," Brookings, left the Western Union for the G. N., at Park River, N. D. Shorter hours, better wages and no clerical responsibilities.

Bro. Millard, of the Iowa division, on third at Arlington, during the fall rush.

Bro. C. F. Tinius, second at Lake Preston, gone to the N. P., relieved by Bro. Youngblood, of the Milwaukee.

Understand that Holabird is now a telegraph station and that Bro. Garrabrاندt, at Highmore, has a day operator.

Bro. Ollie Harris, second at Arlington, who started for the S. P., now with the U. P., at Sheridan, Wyo.

Bro. E. A. Nohlgren, Estelline, in Meade county, looking for a farm and visiting relatives at Canova; relieved by John Robinson.

L. P. Von Arx, of Aberdeen, appointed agent at Beloit, Wis.; relieved by Bro. D. J. Moriarity, of Doland.

Pierre, Rapid City and Northwestern—

Bro. J. M. Whitling, Midland, nights, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. Giest, from the P. R. C., has taken a position on the Dakota division.

Bro. Ed Noe left for the C., M. & St. P., October first.

Bro. Aldrich relieved Bro. Dennis at Nowlin, the latter relieving Mr. Farrell at Ft. Pierre, who

handled third trick in the dispatcher's office during the rush.

Bro. Hunter, of Van Metre, went to Pierre to see the big crowd.

Bro. Mower, of Cottonwood, is on a vacation.

Bro. F. M. Noe spent two weeks visiting friends in his old home town in Iowa.

Bro. C. C. Briggs has returned; Relief Agent Aldrich went to Owanka.

Bro. Harry Klinger, from Newark, N. J., is the new man at Ft. Pierre.

Bro. Dennis, of Nowlin, relieved the agent at Midland while the latter was at Sioux Falls, recently.

Bro. Aldrich has resigned his position as relief agent to engage in farming.

H. A. STIMSON, COR.

Nebraska Division—

Stock business has been pretty good for the last month or two and prospects are that it will last about a month yet. The yards and stations all seem to be blocked with dead freight, on account of stock shipments.

Mr. Birdsall, from Fremont, an extra dispatcher, has been added to the force at Norfolk, since the stock season commenced.

Day man at yard office, Norfolk, can't see his way yet, although he has been working nearly three years. He admits the Order has done some things already for which he has paid nothing.

Bro. Todd, nights at Scribner, now at Mandan, N. D., relay office Northern Pacific.

Bro. Goldware, Hooper, is relieving Tilden, day operator.

Bro. Buerner, cashier Albion, is working nights at Linwood, on the South Platte.

Bro. Devine, extra, freight yards, Norfolk, is on third trick there during the stock season.

Mr. McNamee, once an O. R. T. man, now braking for some northern road, was visiting over the line recently.

Heard on the wire the other day:

Operator—"Ex 1275 by 2:30."

Dispatcher—"What time you got?"

Operator—"Got 2:32 now."

Dispatcher—"That's wrong time. Must have one of those old clocks?"

Operator—"No, it's a standard clock."

Dispatcher—"How do you know it's a standard clock?"

Operator—"Because it's made by C. S. Hayes, Norfolk." (He is C. N. W. watch inspector.)

CERT. 2833.

C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

Wisconsin Division, Eastern District—

The C. & N. W. general committee, after a series of unavoidable delays, met General Superintendent Morse, at Chicago, on October 5th, for the final conference on the schedule revision, and the Omaha general committee convened in St. Paul on October 18th. All we have to do now is to hold our peace for a short time and news will begin to come from the front. It is remarkable

to find, at such a crucial time as this, that it is necessary to purch up some of the employes in this department to mail to the local chairman the information blanks sent out for the use of the general committee. It seems incredible that any man can be so blind to his own interests as to fail to give this information to the committee, but we could name three or four right here on the eastern district, who cannot find the time, or spare the two cents for a stamp, in order to give his chairman a chance to talk intelligently on his particular position before the management. Ten to one, these fellows will be the first to get their hammers out and knock the committee if they do not get all they think they should. The life of a committeeman on the Omaha is a happy one (nit). He not only has to go before the officials and fight the battles of the men he represents, but he must also fight the men to get them to keep up their interest and pay their dues. This, of course, applies to only a very small minority of the men on this road, as the bulk of our members are whole-souled in their loyalty and enthusiastic in the struggle for better conditions. It is the few laggards and deadheads who cause the local chairman to tear his hair.

A certain non on the east end when advised that the local chairman was going over the road to line up the few remaining nons, remarked: "That is right. I have always maintained that the chairman must get out among the men in order to keep things lined up." This man, although he has been an employe in the telegraph department for twenty years, is a non, and if the rest of the men in this department contributed no more to the organization than he does, the local chairman would starve to death going over the road. It costs several hundred dollars yearly, merely for the running expenses of the general and local committees, adjusting grievances, salaries, printing, postage, etc., and as the dues received from the members is divided between the system division and the grand division, it can be readily seen that the balance at the end of the year cannot be great. In addition to this is the cost of convening the general committee, which runs from \$500 to \$1000 when the schedule is revised. If, on top of this, a man has to be kept on the road at a cost of \$5.00 per day (salary and expenses) it would be necessary for our friend, the wise non, to get in line and get all the other nons in line, and then raise the dues to ten dollars every six months instead of five. Until he does this, we will have to continue the old method of individual effort and depend upon the members to keep their immediate neighborhoods lined up. This is merely a sample of the talk that is heard from the nons. They are strong with the criticism, but woefully weak with the "mazuma." Another non on the eastern district, whose salary has been increased, from \$50 for a twelve-hour day to \$67.50 for a nine-hour day, wants to know what the organization has ever done for him. He can't see that they have helped him any, and, to make it worse, he does more work than a man on another trick

in his office. The raise of \$17.50 in salary and the cut of three hours in the day's work, does not count at all. Still another agent (on the eastern district) says: "It is a good thing, but as it has never helped me, I will stay out for the present." When his attention was called to the fact that no agent or telegrapher on the Omaha railway could truthfully claim that the O. R. T. had never helped him, in view of the fact that a blanket increase, covering every employe in this department, of not less than \$5.00 each had been secured by this organization in 1906, he suddenly forgot the address of the local chairman and ceased to write.

The following are the assignments on the August bulletin: Hawthorne, "AT," R. W. Boeten; Trege, second trick, H. E. Harbour; Rice Lake, second trick, J. P. O'Shaughnessy; Valley Junction, third trick, O. E. Bradley. Drv. Cor.

Minnesota and Iowa Division—

E. T. Welch, Superintendent B. & B., of Mankato, while running between Minneapolis and Cray, on his gas car, was struck by a light engine running at a high speed, from the opposite direction and sustained injuries which resulted in his death a short time afterwards. His funeral was attended by a number of company officials and friends. R. H. Bibby, who was on the car with Mr. Welch, saved himself by jumping.

Owing to the serious illness of the wife of Local Chairman Crouch, the work of the committee, which was in session during October at St. Paul, was somewhat delayed.

As a result of Brother Tenney's efforts while covering the division, the following gentlemen can now be called brothers: J. H. Nelson, Shakopee; J. P. Sisterman and Geo. F. Miller, Belle Plaine; J. E. Smith, Bingham Lake; A. G. Lane, Wilder; A. R. Day, Heron Lake; E. C. Callan, Woodstock; J. H. Johnson, Worthington; C. A. Betts, Luverne, and Geo. O. Miles, Doon, Iowa. Several others renewed their promises to join in the very near future.

Mr. W. W. Nicholas, Rock Rapids, says: "Far more would be accomplished and both the company and employes, be in better condition had the latter gone before the management in a body, without the assistance of the O. R. T., with existing conditions, business heavy and men extremely scarce." The body of employes that could be "spared," or relieved under Nicholas' plan would be rather small. It is no doubt the cost of joining and maintaining the Order that causes Mr. Nicholas to make such excuses for failing to do anything in return for the \$60.00 per year increase the Order has secured for him and every man in the station service.

Brother Backer, Bingham Lake, in the Twin Cities, consulting medical aid for his wife, was relieved by Bro. A. H. Hyde. A new man relieved the latter.

Former Brother E. W. Seger, of Shakopee, has just returned from registering at the land drawing contest at Pierre.

Bro. N. D. Watson relieved Bro. Tenney, at Mankato, for a couple of days, but on account of the scarcity of men in the St. James office was called to work the side wire. Pearl Olson, Wisconsin division, relieved Bro. Watson.

Bro. L. D. Marquette, local chairman Wisconsin Division, left St. Paul, and has gone to the Nebraska Division, to assist Local Chairman Crouch.

Bro. F. L. Lapachek, of Worthington, requested three weeks vacation, but could get only three days. He was relieved by Bro. J. H. Johnson.

Bro. R. L. Hart, of St. James dispatchers' office, was called South on account of the death in his family.

Mr. Malloy, St. James dispatchers' office, is working a trick on the Soo Line.

Bro. J. H. Meyers, of Westbrook, is with the Union Pacific; relieved by former Bro. J. D. Everett.

C. A. Betts, of Sibley, who relieved P. T. Peach at Heron Lake, was relieved by L. Sroka, a new man.

Nicols has been opened as a telegraph station, with Bro. Wm. Cosgrove in charge.

Bro. Wagner, of Garden City, called to Minneapolis to attend the funeral of his wife's relatives; was relieved by Assistant Agent N. S. Costello, of Lake Crystal; relieved by Bro. Wm. Cosgrove.

G. W. Owens was relieved by Bro. Joe Glancy, of Winnebago, to attend E. T. Welch's funeral at Mankato.

Bro. F. E. Anderson, agent Beaver Creek, has resigned and taken up a claim near Dallas, S. D.

P. T. Peach, Luverne, is on nights at Henderson.

I. J. Mock, Sioux Falls, who took a go-day lay-off, to prove up on his claim, was relieved by C. N. Williams.

J. M. Locke has moved his family here from the Wisconsin division.

J. E. Smith, Bingham Lake, and W. C. Warner, Mountain Lake, enjoyed short vacations recently.

Belle Plaine gets third trick operator. Bro. C. T. Peterson, from the Wisconsin division, gets the place.

Bro. G. Jarman, relieving at Beaver Creek, until that place is secured on bulletin, has worked in twenty-three towns on his division in two years.

Bro. C. B. Caspersen, of Kasota, visited relatives at Milwaukee two weeks.

E. C. Himley, formerly of Magnolia, is now stationed at Mendota, his assigned position. Bro. Pickett won Magnolia on bulletin.

We should endeavor to show the few nons among us the right way.

While Bro. Tenney was passing over the line recently he stopped off at Belle Plaine and appointed your humble servant correspondent. Those wishing to contribute news for our journal, please forward same to me on or before the 10th of the month.

WM. C. HAMILTON,
Belle Plaine, Minn.

The remains of the late Governor John A. Johnson have been laid to rest in his home town, St. Peter, Minnesota, and the great State of Minnesota is in its deepest mourning. It seems sad, indeed, that the life of such a bright man, with such a brilliant career before him, should be so abruptly ended. We believe the whole nation sympathizes with Mrs. Johnson in her great sorrow.

Have you paid your O. R. T. dues and assessments yet? If not, it would be far wiser to let some of your other creditors wait, for if it was not for the O. R. T. you might not be able to pay them any way. Don't go back on your Order. Others, who seem to be as hard up as you, manage somehow to pay up.

The general committee will, no doubt, be holding daily conferences with the management before this appears in print. Do all you can to help them along. Local Chairman Tenney had instructions to cover the entire division before the committee went in. Kindly advise him at once of any non-members in your territory.

Members are rolling in fast now, several having been initiated this month, which shows the boys are very much alive to their interests.

If the interest continues, the United States post-office department will be obliged to put on an extra mail carrier at Mankato to handle Bro. Tenney's mail, the way the schedule blanks are being returned to him.

Business on this division is exceptionally good, in fact, better than it has been for many years.

A good brother offered to pay the initiation fee for Mr. Swinington, of Le Sueur, but he backed out when he found the brother was in earnest.

G. W. Owens, at Elmore, still continues to be take of the privileges gained through the O. R. T., but doesn't seem willing to give up any of the surplus money the Order has gained for him for such a worthy purpose as our organization.

Bro. J. H. Linehan, of Ashton, is on vacation; relieved by C. N. Williams. The O. R. T. was instrumental, not long since in assisting Mr. Williams to a position. We believe it would not be a bad idea for him to reciprocate.

Bro. J. S. Enders, Winnebago, visited at Hartford recently, and no doubt showed Mr. Chenoweth the advisability of joining the Order.

Local Chairman Tenney, while attending the funeral of his step-mother, was relieved by O. A. Rosenhauer, who upon Bro. Tenney's return relieved Bro. Richmond, at Lake Crystal, the latter going with his wife on their vacation, taking in Spokane and other western points.

Bro. E. T. Brady expects to go with the "G. N." or "N. P." Bro. Wm. Cosgrove has relieved him at Blakeley.

G. F. Miller is relieving at Belle Plaine, vice R. M. Gibb, resigned, gone to "Jim Hill's road."

Bro. P. A. Zimmerman, of Kasota, has taken unto himself a helpmeet in the person of Miss Humble, daughter of our esteemed Bro. E. S.

Humble, of Kasota. J. H. Johnson, of Shakopee, relieved Bro. Zimmerman.

Bro. Ray Mann, of Mankato, is working in the dispatchers' office at St. James. This makes five men on the side wire, and all are kept busy. Bro. W. H. Weihn, of the C., M. & St. P., relieved Bro. Mann, but was later transferred to Madelia. Bro. L. M. Kilburg, third at Lake Crystal, went to Mankato, being relieved by Bro. Studmeyer.

W. W. Eastin has taken the telephone position at Stone, vice F. F. Thimmesch, transferred to the Wisconsin Division.

Bro. Himley still holds the fort at Magnolia, not yet being transferred to his assigned position at Mendota.

Bro. G. W. Martin has taken up his assigned position at Savage. CENT. 251.

Northern District—

I presume all the brothers have read the different articles written by Mrs. E. B. Smith in the recent issues of our journal. If not, I think it a very good plan to look them up, give the matter a little thought and try to help increase the membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary.

It is to the interest of every telegrapher, telephoner and agent to have one of the latest card-boards in their pocket, and be sure that their neighbors along the line are also kept supplied with new cards. We appreciate the fact that the brothers have done pretty well in bringing us up to our present high membership, but there are still a few out in the woods whom they might introduce into the Order with a little coaxing.

We congratulate our general chairman and Bro. Gross on being elected to the board of directors of the benefit association, the affairs of the telegraphers could not have fallen into better hands.

Bro. Clock, of Sarona, was relieved while he took an extensive honeymoon trip by Mr. Keane, of Raddisson, and the latter was relieved by Bro. Sheppard, of Boardman, who drew Raddisson on the last bulletin.

Bro. Neitze drew Boardman on bulletin.

Bro. Quinn is relieving Mr. Sinclair, agent at Trego, who is on an extended vacation.

Bro. Sweet, of Bibon, was checked in at Clear Lake as agent, relieving Bro. Brandl. L. F. Martin, a new man, is at Bibon. Bro. Brandl is relieving Bro. Kuehn, agent at Drummond, who is in Canada on a prospecting trip.

Bros. Funne and Ray Sinclair have resigned and gone to the Northern Pacific. Bro. Funne was relieved by Bro. Campbell.

A non named Harbour is working second at Trego.

Bro. P. Peterson, of Cumberland, is off on sick leave, relieved by Bro. Steiner.

The new depot at Rice Lake is about ready for business. It is right up to date.

G. Boyce, our genial superintendent of telegraph and signals, was at the Narrows with a

private car, fishing for a week. He had a telegrapher and an instrument in the car with him.

Mr. Fletcher, the non at Stanton, has resigned.

Bro. Quinlan, cashier at New Richmond, is back, after an extended honeymoon.

Div. Cor.

Wisconsin Division, Eastern District

Bro. Marquette, in his runaway dash over the division, left a trail of enthusiasm and new members behind him. He was very successful in lining up the nons and acquainting himself with the conditions at different points, in order that they may be discussed in an intelligent manner when the time comes.

Now, that the committee is getting down to business in St. Paul, we have our ears to the ground waiting to hear the first rumbling which will indicate news.

The shortage of telegraphers still continues. It is harder than ever to get relief, and almost impossible to quit when a man wants to. Business is certainly booming, all records being broken in the number of cars handled. We are glad to see prosperity strike the Omaha, and sincerely trust that we who have helped to make it possible will be allowed to enjoy a small share of the increased earnings.

Bro. J. A. Kavorik, second trick at Roberts, relieved at East St. Paul a few days, on account of Bro. Liddane off with the general committee. While at East St. Paul, Bro. Kavorik was called home on account of the death of his little boy. He has the sincere sympathy of the telegraphers on this division. Bro. Steiner is now relieving at East St. Paul.

Bro. Art Hoffman, when taking service with the C. M. & St. P., also took to himself a wife from Millston before he left. We extend congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

Bro. Herb Adams has returned to Sheppard after doing relief work all summer.

Bro. Jacobson, agent at Millston, who took in the fair at Seattle, has returned. He was relieved by Brother Zahner, who later went to third trick at Valley Junction.

Bro. Jay, at Warren, also took a two weeks' vacation recently.

Div. Cor.

Gulf & Ship Island Ry.

Bro. Kuton, of Hub, was relieved a few days by Relief Agent G. E. Garnar, on account of sickness in his family.

Bro. Bushnell, of Gandsi, has resigned to accept service with M. J. & K. C. R. R. at Mobile.

Bro. Aikin, from the I. C., lately of Collins, has bid in Gandsi.

Bro. Bullock, of Arm, has bid in the agency at Bond, Miss.

Bro. Kennedy, of Grange, having bid in Arm, was relieved by Telegrapher Kelly.

The boys on south end are being kept quite busy now, on account detoured L. & N. trains.

Boys, watch out for those L. & N. nons.

Our regular correspondent will, no doubt, soon give us a good write-up.

Understand Bro. Garner has been obliged to let his card expire, owing to heavy expenses, on account of sickness in his family. We should look into this and try to help him out.

R. A.

Western Maryland Ry.

Bro. Wagaman, agent, Edgemont, on short vacation recently, was relieved by Mr. Wehn, from the W. U., who also relieved Mr. McCubbins, at Hillen Station, Balt.

Bro. Loy, day man at Waldbrook, off sick for several days, was relieved by Bro. Kibler, from "BY" tower; Bro. Kibler's place being filled by Mr. Baugher. Bro. Kibler is contemplating a trip to his old home in Culpepper, Va. As he used to work on the Southern, he will look up some of the boys while there.

Third Trick Dispatcher McCubbins was relieved on his vacation by Mr. Spillman, who also relieved Second Trick Dispatcher McClain, and very creditably, too.

Agent Russel, at Arlington, lost his house and entire contents in a fire at that place recently.

Bros. Arnsberger and Law enjoyed a short vacation at Baltimore recently.

Mr. Otto, first trick at Emory Grove, who died with typhoid fever not very long ago, was one of the most enthusiastic members of this division.

Mr. Sterner, from Walbrook, filled the vacancy at Emory Grove, until the job was assigned to Bro. Newman, from "BY" tower, who was relieved by Mr. Baugher, a newcomer, who was relieved later by Mr. Taylor, from Mt. Wilson.

Agent Welty, at Sudbrook, who was off several days, was relieved by Bro. Lindsay, from "OD" tower, who also relieved the agent at Glyndon for a few days. Mr. Taylor relieved at "OD" tower during Bro. Lindsay's absence.

Bro. Weant, of Division 17, relieved Bro. Carmody, at Wingerton, and Mr. Morrison, at Thurmont, on short vacations.

Bro. Perrin, of Lawndale, was relieved by Operator Baugher for a short time recently.

Thank you, brothers, for your kindness in sending me items. Am still doing business at the same old stand.

"SHORTY."

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Our regular correspondent has been doing more than his share of the write-ups on this pike. He has asked, begged and coaxed us all to help him out, but no one seems willing to help him, so I am going to help him out this time. How can our correspondent know what we have been doing on this end of the line if we don't tell him?

I have been a member of this Order for four years, and can truly say I have never once regretted it. But I am sorry to say I have never yet been to a meeting. I don't say it is anyone's fault any more than my own. But having only one meeting a year is a very poor way of

trying to get along. When there is a meeting, it is usually on some Sunday when the railroad is running an excursion, and a good many of us have to work. That's the reason I have never been there. With the train service we have had this summer, and still have, there isn't any reason at all why we couldn't meet at least once a month. What do you think about it?

Ashland Junction seems to be always full of new help. It must be nearly time for Bro. Libby to float back there.

Some of us "old bucks" must set a better example, wake up and get a move on.

"SX" is a kind of a moving picture place, one man there today and another tomorrow. We want the brothers there to get after those new men, and tell them if they want to make a success to get into the Order. That's the only way they can do it.

Bro. A, at "RC," is kind of "batching" it. He just recently returned from a week's vacation.

Bro. C. M. is over in "GO" now, on the No. 2 District.

Wake up, boys, and get a move on. Help out our good Bro. Crocker, at "SC," with the write-ups. He is a good-fellow, always ready to help any one who asks him, and give any information required of him by the dispatchers, and his heart is in the work. CERT. 109.

Southern Division—

Bro. Lawrence, West Seboris, on vacation recently, relieved by Bro. Wilson, second trick. Telegrapher Davenport filled in second, Mr. Brown, third.

Bro. Williamson, at Norcross, on vacation September 1st; Relief Agent Inglis substituting.

Mr. Herrick, Brownville, enjoyed his annual vacation first part of September; relieved by his freight clerk, Mr. Mosher, who was relieved by Mr. Clapman, assistant. That combination of "Mr.'s" there, brothers, should be changed.

Bro. Murphy, first trick, Millinocket, relieved during vacation by Telegrapher Scribner.

Bro. and Local Chairman Robbins, Grindstone, on vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Spencer.

Mr. Donahue, Sherman, spent his vacation around New York and Coney Island. Bro. Price, assistant agent, relieved him, and Bro. Robertson did the assistant's work.

Bro. E. L. Cookson, Dyer Brook, is off on account of the serious illness of his wife. We all hope for her speedy recovery.

G. W. Blanchard, of General Superintendent Brown's office, is at Bangor with the Postal.

Bro. Sylvester, at Hudson, has purchased a Rambler touring car. We hope he won't exceed the speed limit.

We wish to announce, for the "forty-eleventh" time, that a few notes would be gratefully received.

Div. Cor.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry.

Rochester Division—

Some time ago I suggested that the various members along the division contribute a little news each month toward a write-up. In this manner we would have something interesting each month. Not a word, however, was received by your Division Correspondent, consequently there has been nothing in THE TELEGRAPHER for the last two or three months in regard to our division.

I am going to make another request of you, as you know that it is almost impossible to get the news when the writer is located at the extreme end of the division.

Any item concerning yourself or some one else will be greatly appreciated.

The list of members in arrears for the current period, I am happy to say, is very small, and by the time this is in print we hope to have all up to date.

Don't forget to keep after the nons, as long as there is one among us. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Pittsburg Division—

It's about time for a good meeting at some point.

Brothers, now is the time to get after the nons, some are coming in this month, and we want more of them next month. Get busy, and see if we can not get them all.

I will try and send in the items from the Pittsburg Division each month, and hope some brother on each of the other divisions will do likewise.

Business is picking up on this division. Among the jobs reopened are Milikens and Dayton, giving employment to five new men; also Rockton, second and third tricks.

With the increase in traffic on the C. & M. branch, and the running of the Clearfield & Franklin R. R. trains over that branch, it has been taken from the main line dispatchers, and dispatchers appointed to handle that portion of the road.

There is only one lady employed on this division at present. Bro. Wiley's wife, on second, at "HY." She is a good operator.

Mr. Young, of the "NZ" office, who was operated upon for abscess of the stomach, at the Indiana Hospital, during month of August, is now recuperating at his home in Clarksburg.

Bro. W. H. McCartan, of Iselin, recently sprained his ankle, and has been going around on crutches.

Bro. Dickey, of "CS," is on vacation; Bro. G. F. Bell relieving him.

Bro. Sheeser bid in Rockton, second, and Mr. C. C. Smith secured the third trick.

Bro. Allshouse bid in Big Run Junction, third trick.

During an electrical storm at "DX" recently, an over-supply of the fluid came in through the switchboard, burned out an instrument, released the semaphore, and gave Bro. Pooler a bad shock.

Bro. T. A. Laird has bid in B. and S. Junction, days.

Bro. Lamison bid in "DC" tower, third trick.

Bro. White has been transferred from message wire to dispatcher.

Bro. Miller bid in second trick at C. and M. Junction.

Mr. R. M. Flick bid in Rockton agency; Rex Flanagan bid in Stanley agency, and Fred Miller bid in Dayton, third.

Ray D. Kalb, a C. & P. man, is working on the extra list.

Bro. Francis Vail bid in Punxsutawney, first; Bro. Hardy, second, and Bro. Shields, third trick.

Mr. Bowers, a C. T. U. of A. man, is at "XO" tower, first trick.

Bro. Shields made a trip to Niagara Falls with his sisters recently.

Bro. F. B. Dawson, agent at Marion Center, has returned from a week's vacation.

CERT. 200.

Illinois Central Ry.

Louisiana Division—

Everything on the Louisiana Division is in good shape; business is real heavy again; box cars are a scarce commodity, also competent operators. The telephone has ceased to attract attention; works about two thirds of the time on south end, and about half of the time on north end. It is quite evident now, the management realize they have bought a real gold brick. On President Harahan's recent trip over the division, the schedule of his special train was put by telegraph, although it happened at that particular time, the telephone was working fairly well.

"Prof." C. L. Campbell, agent at Independence, La., strongly advocates the telephone for the handling of trains. One of the best features about it, is it permits the Prof. (?) to come down late in a. m., and leave at any time he wishes, as his \$10.00 helper and student OS-s and answers dispatcher on fone.

We regret to announce, that one of our heretofore active members, and at our last election a candidate for local chairman, is now a real Prof. We refer to J. R. Youngblood, first trick at Kenner Junction, La. The members on this division will not stand for student teaching, and those aspiring professional honors will have to get out of the O. R. T.

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Hammond, La., on Sunday night, September 19th; had a fair crowd, considering south bound trains were late. Only routine business transacted. We have a nice hall at Hammond, and our meetings should be well attended in future. Remember the time, every third Sunday night in each month, 7 p. m. We should have some news from our general committee, who are in Chicago on schedule negotiations, by next meeting, which should bring out a big crowd.

The two nons on the New Orleans Terminal, C. Dudenhefer Kleppinger, "KR," and Ed. Dun-

ning, "OK-D," still seem willing to accept all the good things the O. R. T. has secured for them, without doing anything in return to show their appreciation therefor. Our membership additions since last report are very gratifying, however.

One of the worst storms for many years, originating in Central American waters, swept over the entire Gulf Coast on September 20th and 21st. Over two hundred lives were lost and several millions of dollars damage to property, etc. All wires were down for about a week. Passenger and manifest freight trains ran on time card rights and "smoked over."

Bro. C. A. Head, after braving the gulf storm for twenty-four hours, arrived in New Orleans, September 22d, and married Miss A. Simpson. The happy couple have the best wishes of the entire division for a long and happy voyage through life.

We are sorry to chronicle the serious illness of Bro. H. G. Hungate, agent at Tickfaw, La., who has been operated upon for appendicitis, at New Orleans. We hope for his early recovery.

Bro. W. W. Hill, late of the L. & N., is doing the extra stunts at the several points. "W" says nine-hours at \$65 for OS-ing beats the Ellen N's twelve-hours for \$50.

Bro. F. E. Rehorst, agent, Ponchatoula, La., and family have returned from an extended trip through Canada. "FE" was relieved by Bro. Buquoi.

Bro. W. H. Rehfeldt, third trick, Hammond, La., has returned from a pleasant stay with home folks in that dear old Moss Point, Miss., on the Gulf Coast.

Bro. S. R. Twyman resigned as operator, Canton, Miss., and accepted dispatching trick at Denison, Texas, for the Katy.

It affords us much pleasure to announce that Bro. "Bill" Rheames has been reinstated, as second trick operator, at Kenner Junction.

Bro. T. L. Lowrey has been assigned to second trick at Nogan, Miss., on bulletin.

Bro. A. J. Drane, agent, Wesson, Miss., on vacation; relieved by Bro. Sam Turner.

Div. Cor.

Freeport Division—

NOTICE.

All members, including those belonging to The Pretzel City Club, will please bear in mind, that our place of meeting has been changed from the Stein Hall to the I. O. O. F. Hall, which is located at 107 Stephenson street. This hall has been leased for a year, so there will be no more changes for some time. Entrance, 107 Stephenson street, third floor; take the left hand stairway from the second floor. Next meeting, November 19th, and the third Friday of each month thereafter. We expect to have several members of the general committee with us at our November meeting, and it is hoped that each member will make a special effort to be present.

Fraternally yours,

W. KELLY,
Local Chairman.

Everybody is anxiously waiting the result of the schedule negotiations, now being carried on in Chicago. Last report shows everything moving along in very satisfactory manner.

At the October meeting we had with us Bro. Lacy, local chairman of the Dubuque Division, who gave us a very nice talk, and promised to attend the November meeting and explain in detail concerning the Railroad Employees' Department, for which Bro. Lacy is securing members. After Bro. Lacy's interesting talk the regular business was rushed through, and we adjourned in order to take in the performance at the Opera House.

The membership on the Freeport Division has been increased until we now have but one genuine moss-back non, however, we have still three other nons who are such on account of neglect or conditions over which they have no control. It is only a matter of time, until these three will again be in line, and then the Freeport Division will take her place at the head of Division No. 93.

Bros. Ralph Toombs and Harry Granger, who have been with this company for about five years, have resigned and are going West, where they have been offered better positions. These brothers both worked most of the time in the dispatcher's office, thus becoming "wire" acquainted with all the boys along the line.

It was with much regret that the writer, this morning, after having sent the "On Hand," was compelled to listen to Bro. Toombs say "O. K. and Good-By." These brothers have given the best of service, being of the clean-cut type, always ready to "clean your hook." In the departure of Bros. Granger and Toombs, the Freeport Division is losing two of her most staunch Order men. If there was any possible way to do so you would always find these two brothers at the meetings and taking an active part.

May their joys be as deep as the ocean, and their misfortunes as light as its foam.

Bro. Granger's smiling face was seen at several places along the line, before taking his departure for the West. Success to you, brothers, wherever you roam.

Bro. Aufdenspring and wife have returned from a month's vacation in the dells of Wisconsin. Extra Agent Liston relieved Bro. Aufdenspring.

Local chairman Kelly is back to work, after a thirty-day vacation, a part of which was spent in the West, but "Kell" arranged to be in Chicago during the base ball civil war. Bro. Devaney relieved him.

Bro. Schlaff and family spent a couple of weeks at Canyon City, Col., where Bro. Schlaff's parents reside.

Bros. Schilt and Lund, of Mondota, are both back to work after their summer vacation. Bro. Bradley did the relief work.

Sister Mead, of Dixon, has been laying off so long, we begin to doubt whether she is going to return or not.

Bros. Barber, Feskule and Bellows, of Bloomington, have each had their vacations, and things begin to sound natural around "BN" again.

Freeport Division—

There were not enough present to hold the meeting called for Stein's Hall on October 15, but hope the brothers from the east end will be able to attend the next meeting. The only way to know what is going on is to attend these meetings.

Bro. B. E. Melloan is back from an extended vacation spent with relatives in Kentucky.

Bro. Jones, located for several years at Alworth, has been working extra recently.

Bro. E. W. Wilson, Hillside, I. C. & I., is now located with the Pullman Co. Mr. T. W. Patterson is the successful applicant for the position formerly held by Bro. Wilson.

Chicago Division—

The Chicago Division of System Division No. 93, met in regular session at Kankakee, on October 8th, with a goodly number present, and several important matters were disposed of. Bro. Newman, of Toledo, was elected assistant local chairman, to fill vacancy. It was decided to have a big meeting in November, and we want all of the members to come out and help kill the oysters. There will be a fine programme, consisting of readings, singing, speaking and music. Everybody should come and bring his wife and babies. If you have no wife, or babies, get all the other fellows you can, and come along.

Bro. Wooley, of Pesotum, Ill., on thirty days' leave of absence, relieved by Mr. Campbell.

Bro. H. D. Giding, on three weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. A. J. Dion.

Bro. Graham, of "MU," is now convalescing. He is being relieved by R. J. McCann, of "MU," who, before this reaches the press, can be called brother.

Boys, let me hear from you in time for next month's issue, not later than the 20th, please.

J. F. C.

Cherokee Division—

Bro. Rahn, at Anthon, is taking a three weeks' vacation. Bro. E. A. Hoge, formerly agent at Anthon, is located at Kahlottus, Wash. He likes the country very well, and is doing nicely.

Helper J. F. Chadwick, of George, has taken a clerkship at Marcus.

Bro. Smith, of Quimby, visited Steen recently.

Agent L. L. Neeley, of Storm Lake, is out West on a two weeks' vacation. Bro. A. D. Taylor relieving him. Bro. Olsen working first; Bro. Shoemaker, second, and Edw. Parker, third, a new man.

Bro. J. P. Farley, at George, expects to spend a couple of months in California this winter.

Bro. Swanson has resigned the agency at Fonda, and it has been bulletined.

CERT. 144.

Louisiana Division—

The regular monthly meeting at Hammond, La., October 17th, was postponed until the third Sunday in November on account of our local chairman being in Chicago on general committee work.

The special meeting held in Jackson, Miss., on October 10th, was the best attended and most enthusiastic held for a long time. Those unable to be present missed a treat. Bro. Montgomery, local chairman of the Y. & M. V., presided; Bro. Miller acted as secretary; Bro. Serrett, first vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. Sandres, second vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. Turner, marshal. The Rev. Bro. C. T. Stepp filled the post of past chief telegrapher and invoked the blessings of the Deity, and Bro. Head officiated as doorkeeper. Several interesting communications, including one from President Perham, were read. Bro. Miller read and explained the proposed new schedule that had been submitted to the management. Under the head of "Good of the Order," Bro. Stepp treated us to a splendid talk, reviewing the growth of the organization, which was well received. Bro. Miller talked on the student question, and urged the members at all times to be mindful of their obligation. After the meeting was adjourned, the local board of adjustment was called together to hear charges filed against Bro. J. R. Youngblood for violation of his obligation. He was found guilty and expelled from the Order.

Bro. R. C. Potts, night manager at Canton, Miss., has returned from a month's vacation in the mountains of Colorado.

Bro. C. St. John, manager at Canton, and the oldest telegrapher in the service of the I. C., has returned from a ten days' vacation spent with relatives at Tupelo and Yazoo City, Miss.

Bro. Henry Fitzgerald has been assigned to the fifth trick at Canton on bulletin.

On account of their being the oldest professional nons on the division, Chas. Kleppinger, "KR," of "BD" office, New Orleans, and Ed. Dunning, Harahan Junction, La., have been honored with the title of "Colonel" and "Captain," respectively. The difference between colonel and captain is one quart.

Following new members have signed up since our last report: K. S. Rheams, Harahan Junction, La.; J. J. Fitzgerald, Asylum, Miss.; Clark Screws, Benton, Miss.; J. L. Boudousquie, Tangipahoa, La.; W. B. Helm, Grand Bay, Ala.; J. B. Binford, St. Elmo, Ala.; A. J. Rutherford, New Orleans, La.

Bro. T. L. Lowry, second trick at Nogan, Miss., has been granted permission by President Perham to teach his brother telegraphy. If you must, this is the only legitimate way to do it.

Mr. Draughon, the new agent at Tougaloo, Miss., continues to ignore communications and inquiries relative to his getting a card. He certainly is in fine company, lined up with a few "razorbacks."

Unless Mr. Ed. Strader, second trick at Frenier, La., gets busy pretty quick, he will have his name linked with the "undesirables." Cor.

There is a lady agent at South Elmhurst. No telegraphing there.

Bro. Brodeur, agent at Cloverdale, who asked for a vacation on July 15th to be relieved October 15th, has not gone yet. Don't look as though the telephones were going to cut much figure at that rate.

Bro. J. Hayes, of Coleman, was taken out of Freeport yard office when change in location was made.

Bro. O. E. Briscoe relieved Bro. C. E. Harrington at Plato Center, who secured Alworth, Ill., on bulletin.

Bros. Green, from Perryville, and Watson, from Irene, are off for a few days, being relieved by Bro. Frank, from Kerrick.

R. A. Wheelers, recently in Chicago general ticket office, comes to Rockford as ticket clerk. Bro. E. E. Harrington got first trick there on bulletin.

Bro. C. A. Ayres is at Sioux City ticket office. Bro. H. J. Jones is on second and Bro. J. Funk on third trick there.

Bro. R. V. Devaney relieved Bro. W. C. Boldt at Alworth, who relieved Bro. Melloan at C. G. W. Crossing. Bro. Devaney later relieved by Bro. A. E. Olson from the G. N., to relieve Local Chairman Kelly at Minonk. Bro. A. E. Olson later relieved by Bro. Boldt, regular position.

Bro. Devaney later relieved Bro. R. E. Eiser, second at East Junction.

Bro. Granger, from "HU," has accepted a position on the D. & R. G. We dislike to see Bro. Granger leave us, and wish him good luck.

Bro. R. R. Toombs is taking a trip through the West. Dispatcher W. M. Lane is back from his vacation on his old trick.

SACKETT'S SON, CERT. 2550.

Chicago Great Western Ry.*Southwest Division—*

Brothers, we will appreciate news items of any kind. They should be mailed to me by the 20th of the month to insure publication in the next month's TELEGRAPHER.

Don't forget the meetings at St. Joseph, Mo., the last Sunday of each month. We would like to see at least one brother there from each office, who can make a get-away.

We must all get after the few nons left on the division and see if we can't make members of them. Do not take no for an answer.

Bro. McCarty, Kansas City "RO" yards, off on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Hays.

Bro. Smith, first trick at "FB" shops, off on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Hawthorn, second, he being relieved by G. V. Keffauver, a new man.

Bro. A. L. Sharp, extra at Blockton, has left the service to accept a position with the M. & St. L.

O. O. Edwards, second trick at "RU," Peru, taken out of service, C. A. Scarbrough, regular

third taking second, and Telegrapher Howell doing the owl stunt.

Bro. H. S. Boyce, Des Moines dispatchers' office, made a flying trip to Kansas City recently.

Jas. Mullen, agent at Conger, was called to Valeria on account of the sickness of his sister. Was relieved by "Daddy" Campbell.

Mr. Keeffauver now on second at Leavenworth, Bro. J. E. McDonald, resigned. The former was relieved during his illness by J. E. Brewer, of U. S. Signal Corps, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Bro. E. L. Reed bid in third at "FB" shops, M. J. Patton going to "KO," Knowlton, third.

Mr. Hawthorn, second at "FB" shops, was taken out of service; relieved by Mr. Hays.

Bro. Dunlap, a new man, doing extra at South Des Moines.

Bro. Iles, agent at Afton Junction, off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Waite, Mr. Howell going to Peru.

Sister Jessie M. Smith, regular second at Rea, Mo., while on vacation, was relieved by Lee Curtis, W. E. Bowman and C. H. Howell, successively.

Bro. Thatcher, agent at Cummings, while off on account of sickness, relieved by E. D. McClelland, the "night owl."

B. H. Simons, second trick at Parnell, Mo., has left the service, being relieved by J. F. Stephens, who, while off a few days, was relieved by C. W. Bland, a new man.

Bro. H. L. Coggins, third trick at Parnell, Mo., was off on account of sickness, and relieved by F. Wiles, a new man.

Brothers, now is the time to get busy. Each one pick out a man and land him, as the time is coming when we will need the support of all of them. Let us do everything possible to make this the banner division. Let's line up every man on the division. Go after them in a friendly way, and try to show them where they are doing wrong by not being up to date.

Mr. Williams, nights at Baxter, Bro. I. H. Lattimore at Savannah.

Bro. C. S. Ligget, agent at Blockton, has returned after several weeks' absence, Mr. Heller going to Shepard to relieve Mr. King, the agent, who was called home on account of his mother's sickness.

The general manager's special passed over the division recently, on a tour of inspection.

G. T. Scott, second at Blockton, on a 60-day vacation to Colorado and Utah, being relieved by N. G. Caroline.

Bro. C. H. Everett is relieving Bro. Rokey, agent at Diagonal, for a few days.

Our old-time dispatcher, Eddy Vail, is working for the Santa Fe at Needles, Cal.

On Bulletin No. 51 the following appointments have been made: Luray agency, J. L. Adams; Reinbeck first trick, J. J. Field; Shops ("FB") third, E. L. Reed; Leavenworth ("FH") second, I. H. Lattimore.

As per Bulletin No. 52, applications will be received for the following vacancies until Octo-

ber 25th, 1909: Athelstan agency; Afton Junction ("JU") agency; Ravenswood, Mo., agency; Reinbeck third trick; Gladbrook first trick; Baxter nights; Valeria third trick; Peru second trick; Blockton second trick; Savannah second trick; Shops ("FB") first trick, and Kansas City "DN" office.

Bro. W. E. Iles has resigned at Afton Junction ("JU") on account of poor health, Bro. J. V. Goens being checked in as agent.

Bro. T. E. Waite, second at Afton Junction ("JU"), has left the service; relieved by Bro. O. A. Potter.

Bro. J. J. Creeden, third trick at Afton Junction, is taking a 15-day getaway, relieved by Bro. N. C. Iles.

N. G. Caroline, third at Blockton, has left us, being relieved by C. F. Mosas, a beginner.

Sister C. A. Van Sandt, first at Leavenworth, visited at Savannah, and was relieved by J. E. Brewer, U. S. Signal Corps, Fort Leavenworth.

Mr. Bland, extra, relieved for a few days at Peru third trick by our old friend, S. O. Campbell.

C. H. Howell is now working for the C. M. & St. P. Ry.

Knowlton "KO" telegraph office is closed, and N. C. Iles goes to Afton Junction. Bro. J. E. Johnson has resigned.

Mr. McCewin, third at Conception, Mo., relieved by C. W. Mason.

Bro. J. J. Creeden is back on third trick at Afton Junction.

Bro. E. M. McCarty, Kansas City, "RO," off on account sickness, relieved by Mr. Kitts, a C. T. U. A. man.

Bro. G. M. Smith, third at Blockton, on a 90-day trip to California and Mexico.

Mr. Nixdorf, U. S. Signal Corps at Fort Leavenworth, is working second at Blockton.

Bro. J. E. Johnson is now with the C., R. I. & P. Ry., on third at Beverly.

Bro. Rex Redlingshafer, South Des Moines, "SF," was off recently visiting Kansas City and other points.

Any of the brothers hearing of changes and items of interest will confer a favor by sending them to Bro. Sandmeier, at Leavenworth.

SANDT.

Northwest Division—

The boys from Randolph to St. Paul were called upon during the past month to perform their last earthly deed for Governor John A. Johnson, when they assisted in handling the special train which bore the remains of that good man to a final resting place. While the train in reality signified the "wheel of life," it appeared more like a "monster of death" as it swiftly bore its precious burden along.

The wife of Agent Smalley, of Randolph, died during September. Bro. Pete Stenstrom handled the agency at Randolph while Mr. Smalley attended the funeral. Bro. C. Judd and Mr. Herr doubled up on second trick.

Mr. Blann, Randolph, was transferred to "X" office; relieved by Mr. Herr. Bro. Judd, second trick at Hampton, relieved Herr on third trick.

President Taft's special was handled over the Northwestern Division on September 19th without a mishap of any kind.

After holding down the agency at Hampton a few days during Bro. Denn's illness, J. H. Horrigan, of the G. N., went to the Soo Line, C. E. Markham, from the W. M. & P. Division, relieving him.

Bro. Congdon, third at Sumner, is attending an opticians' school of instruction. Neither of the two boomers sent to relieve him could hold the job, and Bro. Woods was sent there, Mr. Potter taking second trick.

Mr. Carter has been transferred from Sumner to Stanton. DIV. COR.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

First Division—

Our regular monthly meeting was held in the Fairfax Hotel at Norfolk, Va., on September 19th, with a large attendance, the boys turning out in full force.

A fine banquet was placed before the brethren, and great praise was accorded Manager Bell, who did everything possible to make the affair a grand success.

Bro. Cumming made report of his work on the system, which was more than gratifying, showing the good work accomplished and giving valuable information, which should put the brethren to thinking in regard to the personal work that should be done.

Bro. Allen gave us an interesting report of his trip around the continent.

Those who were unavoidably detained from being present at this meeting have no idea what they missed, and should not fail to be on hand next time at Suffolk, arrangements having been made for another set-out, of which you will get notice. Secure your passes in time to be present, as something interesting will no doubt develop at that time.

The number of new members secured the past month is very gratifying, as it makes the percentage roll up higher, but there are a few nons left, ever-ready takers of what we gave our hard-earned cash to gain, and it is hoped that they will soon come over with their money and applications, as the kind of promises they make won't buy anything.

Boys, why not be honest with those who have worked so hard to secure the same advances for you that we get ourselves. We are certainly entitled to your assistance.

Brothers, let us keep after these few nons until there is not one left. The work accomplished recently should encourage each and every member to be up and doing, and pull together with one accord for a solid division.

Offices between Richmond and Norlina are to have the telephones at an early date, and you should hear the comments by the "T. D.'s" on the second; I hope they will not lose their religion, and stop saying those bad words. The cost for the wire alone on the second, if applied to salaries, would mean much. Wonder if it is the proposed new phone line that is delaying the meeting at Portsmouth?

During the rebuilding of the new steel bridge at Hugo, an office has been opened there, Mr. Busbee doing the day stunt.

We are glad to report that Bro. Duke, at Purvis, will soon be back again.

Bro. Coggins, of Branchville, is ill.

Bro. Carlton, of Boykins, has returned from a short visit to the valley of "Ole Virginia."

Bro. Parker is being relieved at Newsoms by Mr. Knight. CORRESPONDENT.

Bro. N. C. Hines, of Cary, who has accepted a position as cashier of the bank of Cary, was relieved by Mr. Foster, and he in turn by Bro. Tom Womble. Bro. J. G. Farrell, third at "MC," relieved Bro. Womble on second, who took Cary agency.

Bro. W. L. Moore, of Third Division, went to third trick at "MC."

Bro. Watson, of Sanford, who accepted a position as transfer clerk, was relieved by Mr. Green. CERT. 633.

Second Division—

There has been several changes the past month, but am unable to get all of them.

The Second Division of this road was extended from Monroe, N. C., to Rutherford, N. C., making it 105 miles longer, and the Third Division dispatchers' office has been moved from Monroe to Hamlet, putting on three more dispatchers there. There are now nine dispatchers in "Z" office.

Our regular C. T. D., Mr. H. W. Purvis, was made trainmaster on October 1st, and our former trainmaster, Mr. C. C. Lane, is now C. T. D. He was set back on account of getting his foot cut off some time ago by a freight train.

We are handling train orders by telephone, now, but the dispatcher had to use the old standby key quite frequently.

One job was cut out when the phones were put in at Cement Siding. The conductors get their own orders there now.

Bro. Massey, first trick at Wadesboro, who was let out on some false report, was reinstated October 1st.

Bro. Bryan, second trick at Wadesboro, is now freight agent and telegrapher at Laurinburg. Bro. Borgman, third trick at Wadesboro, is now working second trick, and a non named Shooter is on third regular at Wadesboro, and also one named Wrenn on third at Lemon Springs.

Bro. J. E. Carter, agent at Polkston, has just returned from his vacation, spent in the mountains.

There are only a few extra men over here, as extra work is very scarce.

Bro. W. F. Causey, the agent, and Bro. Mercer, second trick, are now the only men at Peachland. The latter made a flying trip to Atlanta, Ga., a few days ago, and was relieved by Mr. Green.

Bro. T. C. Howell, extra from A. C. L., is relieving on third at Southern Pines.

Bro. Jack Bishopp, of "H" office, is now holding second at Wingate.

I tell the boys the card is pink;
And unless they have their card of pink,
They won't get any favors, I don't think.
Slow.

Fourth Division—

Bro. Eugene Vining, of Lake City freight office, was acting agent at Monticello for a short while; relieved by Bro. Farley, from Tallahassee.

CERT. 1183.

Washington Southern Ry.

Our general chairman, Bro. Graham, has resigned "PY," Potomac yards, to accept a position with the Southern in the general office, "GM," Washington. Our best wishes go with this worthy brother. Everyone on the whole system was sorry to see him go, but unite in wishing him the best of luck. Our old friend Windsor filled in "PY" until bid in by Bro. H. M. Mays, of "DK," Potomac yards, which put first trick "DK" on bid. Bro. Swift is back on "K" first trick.

Bro. L. O. Covington has been assigned second trick at Penola. Bro. Dent to the third trick at "X," W. O. and W. Junction. This leaves third trick at "ND," Black Station, and first trick, "DK," Potomac yards, vacant, and on bulletin.

Bro. Dent's brother fell between a cut of four-teen cars; he was riding in Potomac yards, the night of October 2d, twelve cars passing over both his legs, just below the hips, and he died three hours later. Bro. Dent and family have our sincere sympathy.

Bro. Bowles, of "BN," Richmond, who has been sick for some months, has undergone a successful operation, and expects to return to work about the first of the year.

Bro. Binford, second, "K," Richmond, and Bro. Swift, both off on a vacation, relieved by Bro. "V" on first, and Bro. Riney on second tricks. Bro. Harrison has returned to third. Bro. Binford resigned after returning, and Bro. McInteer was called on to act as relief.

S. B. Jeter has been given second trick at W. O. & W. Junction.

Bro. A. L. Pixley and Bro. Duncan, of "GM," Southern Washington, took a flying trip to Pittsburgh on the twelfth to see the game between that team and Detroit.

Boys, we have a good division operator, and we should do everything in our power to give him good service. He has always done everything he possibly could for us, so the least we

can do is to help him keep down complaints, so when we go up for a new schedule there will be no kick coming on our service.

Get after the non next door, if he is worthy, and bring him into line.

Brothers, please send in a few notes to me at Potyard, so we can have a good write-up.

CERT. 122, "Z."

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts—

It really looks as if some of the boys think that just a certain few of the members should do all the work, and also bear all the burdens entailed thereby.

Local Chairman Jackson and the committee will probably be in Chicago on a new schedule, before this is in print. This means considerable expense, and any who have neglected to remit the special assessment levied to pay the expenses thereof, should do so at once, and not allow the work of the committee to be retarded for lack of funds.

We all realize that the good things we now enjoy have been secured for us by the Order, and any future advantages can only be gained in the same way. Therefore, brothers, it behooves us to show the few nons still among us that they enjoy all these benefits without having done anything at all to secure them, and should any of them be discharged for what they considered an unjust cause, we would be unable to help them have it investigated, no matter how much we personally would like to do so. It seems to me that facts of this kind presented to any desirable non would induce him to get a card at once.

Because there are so very few nons now on the east end, is no reason we should relax our efforts, as I understand there is still some work to be done in this direction on the west end. With a little hard work by every member over there, we will be able to say, when the committee returns from Chicago, that we "are solid."

You should keep your local chairman posted as to what is going on. If you know of a brother that has fallen out, who seems to be financially embarrassed, notify the local chairman at once, and we will see that he has the necessary help to get back to his proper standing. We can make old No. 126 solid from St. Joe, Horton and Leavenworth to Rock Island, if we will all get busy, and instead of having only 70 per cent, we can report 100 per cent, which will look much better.

Let us all be prompt in our work with the trick dispatchers, answering our calls promptly and doing all we can to avoid complaint from our officials. Most of us have nine-hour jobs, with fairly good salaries, so keep wide awake, and be ready at all times to do what we are paid for.

The ballast pit at Clarksdale has been opened up, and an operator will be put there soon.

Bro. John Hawn, of Centerville, is now doing relief work in the Trenton relay office.

Bro. R. O. Lynn, second, Cols Junction, has returned from a visit to friends in Burlington.

T. H. Edwards, Letts, nights extra, has left the service.

Bro. W. B. Downing and R. Herbert, of "RN," visited friends and relatives in Burlington recently.

J. B. Argo, agent, Perlee, is off on vacation.

H. Carter, third, Fairfield, on vacation, relieved by Mr. Garber, second; Mr. Henry relieving Garber; on Carter's return Henry went to Altamont, where he was taken sick.

Bro. Sperry, third, Eldon, off on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Briggs, from Highland.

Bros. Abernathy and Briggs were in Trenton recently, posting up in relay work. Bro. Abernathy is "batching," while his wife is visiting friends and relatives in St. Joe and Atchison.

Chas. Robinson, Stillings Junction, off sick; relieved by J. E. Johnson, from C. & G. W. Get in line Chas.

Bro. S. E. Miller, Cols Junction, visited friends and relatives in Seymour recently.

Sister Blanche Pierce has left Ainsworth, on account of its being closed, and gone to Udell, temporarily, as a night office opened as a day train order office. The agent, Bro. T. J. Easter, is now doing the telegraphing in addition to his other duties.

Mr. Wilson, from the K. C. S., is at Seymour, extra, until it is assigned to the regular man by bulletin.

Bro. G. C. Wallingsford bid in third, Cameron Junction, Union Depot. He will, no doubt, do some good work on the west end among the nons.

Bro. Hughes, at Harvard, is thinking of crossing the matrimonial threshold soon.

First Trick Dispatcher G. C. Zingerly is taking his honeymoon this month, being relieved by E. E. Carter. We all send congratulations to "Zing."

S. E. Straff, extra dispatcher, is relieving Dispatcher E. E. Carter on third. Mr. Straff is going to Atchison with the Missouri Pacific shortly.

Bro. Nash Logue, first at Eldon, has returned from his thirty-day vacation.

Mr. Gold was relieved at "RX" by the regular man and gone to Nahant, on the east end. We will be on his path soon.

Mr. Hollis, nights, at Gallatin, was discharged recently.

C. E. Parker, agent, Plattsburg, took in the shows at K. C. several days last month.

Mr. Benner is working extra at Muscatine, until it is assigned to the regular man.

Bro. McCullum, from the "Q," is doing the extra at Altamont. Would like to see him land a good job, as he is a fine worker.

Bro. Plum, agent, Winston, has returned after a two weeks' vacation, taking in the sights in Colorado.

Bro. Lowe, third at Altamont, who is on vacation, will camp on Dean Lake for a fifteen-days' hunt, then visit St. Joe for a few days and return home via K. C.

Bro. Wertenberger, Clarksdale, third, bid in the second trick there, leaving third open.

Mr. Schrieber, now working in relay office, Des Moines, visited Bro. Wallingsford, at Seymour, a few days recently.

Sisters Madison and Fox have both returned from Denver, where they have been having a nice time sight seeing, etc.

Bro. C. A. McCullum, who relieved at Clarksdale, while Mr. Wertenberger was on vacation, has relieved Bro. Booze, at Kenmoor, the latter relieving Bro. Harrah, for his vacation.

Mr. Pilcher, who has been relieving Operator Hollis, at Gallatin, is back again at Winthrop.

We would be pleased if the brothers in and around St. Joe would send us the news from that locality, not later than the 20th of each month, for the succeeding issue of our journal.

G. C. W., CERT. 2433.

Arkansas Division—

Our divisions begins to show the effects of our assistants helping the local chairman. Each member should consider himself an assistant, and get after the non next to him, or in his office, and give him no rest until he gets up to date.

Our local chairman is going over the division at present, you should give him your assistance by landing every non at your station or near you.

Complaint is made all along the line of inability to raise "RK" office for business. We are glad to say that this casts no reflection on the O. R. T. There is not a member of our organization in that office, and we don't wonder at such service.

Hulbert has been opened as a day telegraph office, Mr. Wynn doing the heavy. Hopefield was closed October 1st, which will mean three men at Hulbert, as it will be made the terminal, instead of Hopefield.

Maumelle has been closed, and Bro. W. P. Bargoin is doing the night stunt at Roland. Mr. Johnson took the day job at Pinnacle. C. W. Cord went to Biscoe from Pinnacle.

Hazen and Wideners were made night offices, on the night of September 25th only, on account of Barnum and Bailey circus going over the line from Little Rock to Memphis.

Galloway has been closed as a night office.

Bro. H. Ethridge, from the Cotton Belt, is working third trick at Germania. He has worked for the Rock Island several times before. "The cat will come back."

Bro. F. W. Mitchell, Butterfield, while on a month's vacation was relieved by J. I. Elston, from the N. C. & St. L.

Mr. Powell, Searcy, who was off a few days, called to Amarillo, Tex., a few days the first of the month on business, was relieved by Bro. Brasfield, of Searcy.

Edgar Pullen relieved Bro. W. H. Scott at Haskell. Bro. Scott had to lay off on account of bad health.

Bro. F. C. Hirach, from the I. M. S., is doing the telegraph and clerical work at Hot Springs, relieving Operator Smith.

Bro. J. F. Gillespie, agent, Carlisle, is at work again after a month's vacation in the North and Northwest.

Bro. Short, agent, Edmondson, was relieved by Bro. Dulin, from the I. M. & S. Bro. Short going to Proctor as agent.

Bro. J. H. Finch has resigned as agent at Tupelo, to go to school in Little Rock.

Bro. Kisner, of Lonoke, is back at work after a couple of months' recreation.

L. A. Yeargin, agent, Griffithville, has been relieved by Bro. J. C. Buckner.

Bro. L. R. Kirby, from the superintendent's office, is on the job at Pulaski.

Bro. Holland was relieved, at Germania, by Bro. N. D. Fizer, from the I. C.

Mr. Pierce, at Hopefield, was relieved by a Mr. Edwards.

Bro. Holland is going to school at Alexander Ark.

Everybody should get busy, and furnish your correspondent, Bro. J. E. Jones, Devalls Bluff, with items for THE TELEGRAPHER each month, and he will give us a good write-up.

CERT. 1542.

Kansas Division—

G. C. Richards has been appointed agent and operator at Soloman, vice C. E. Dougherty, transferred to the El Paso Division.

Loel Day has been appointed agent at Elmont, vice Bro. N. F. Shipper.

Bro. C. O. Overbay is on third, McFarland, transferred from Clay Center.

Bro. B. L. Brown, third, Maple Hill resigned, and gone South for the winter. Mr. R. C. Nicholson, from Missouri Pacific, relieved him.

The night office at Clay Center had to be closed two nights in September, on account of a shortage in operators. This division could use about twenty more good operators.

Bro. W. R. Phares, first, Maple Hill, for past two years, has resigned.

Business is mighty good, and a number of extras are running. Glad to see this prosperity—what's good for the company is good for us.

C. E. Long, third, McFarland, has been discharged for violation of rule "G."

Bro. H. W. Avery has returned to work at Manhattan, after a short vacation.

P. T. Bates, who relieved Bro. Overbay at Clay Center, was later relieved by R. Moore, who says the work is too heavy and the pay too light. It's a wonder he wouldn't line up and help us get a raise.

The boys are very slow sending in the information blanks. They apparently do not realize their importance. We have been burning midnight oil, trying to get the operators on this division

lined up, and I think by next pay day we will see our division almost solid.

When I assumed the duties of local chairman, I appointed four assistants, but Bro. Logan, at Clay Center, is the only one I can count on to furnish me news items. He has been a faithful assistant, and I assure him that I appreciate it. Its pretty hard for one man to get the news and keep track of the changes, and the local chairman has to depend, to a large extent, on his assistants to help him out. If you will sit down with your pencil, you will be surprised how many things you could write that would make good reading. So, please send in any news that you may hear of.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

East Iowa Division—

The telephones installed on the East Iowa Division have been in operation about one month now. On clear days it works very well, and business is moved fairly well, but in bad weather it's "back to the old wire."

The automatic block is also being installed on this division, and is relieving the boys of a lot of tiresome blocking. The company seem to be unable to secure enough operators to allow regular men to be relieved.

Business is A No. 1 at present, each train crew being worked to the limit, and called on eight-hours' rest. We all rejoice to see this sign of prosperity.

Bro. E. W. Stuart, first at Brooklyn, the past year, bid in first trick at West Liberty, vice Bro. W. F. Cooper, who is nicely located in his new grocery there, and says he don't have to ask out everytime he wants to get some fresh air.

Bro. J. E. Olsen, recently extra at West Liberty, third and first, is at Council Bluffs. We understand "Jimmie" went out to North Dakota and returned with a help-meet.

Bro. Parker, the old-reliable, is on second, and Ex-Bro. C. J. Sims on third, at West Liberty.

Bro. R. N. Whitley, first trick (I. C.), Iowa City past four years, has accepted a position as car accountant in the superintendent's office at Goodland, Kan. We understand Bob also took a help-meet out to Goodland, to insure him plenty pancake and beefsteak.

Bro. Clyde Lambaugh, of Adair, bid in third at Iowa City, and is now installed there.

Ex-Bro. H. E. Fix, first at Brooklyn, resigned and gone East. Ex-Bro. F. C. Whitehead has the job until bids open.

First Trick Dispatcher C. M. White is suffering with throat trouble. Too much talking on the telephone probably. Chief T. W. Ward is on first. "Tom" can do her, as he was there for years.

Our committee will soon convene, and we earnestly hope all the nons will get lined up and render the financial as well as other support they should. Conditions were never better, and when we stop to consider what our conditions were before the Order became effective on our road, we can but take off our hats to the O. R. T.

Would suggest that each brother notify local chairman J. B. Smith, at Marengo, of any changes, in order that our division may be always represented in the news column of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. C. D. Hibbs, from "CY," Iowa City, is at "CR" office, Cedar Rapids making a ninety-day trial at it. CERT. 2061.

White River Branch—

Bro. Nelms, our hustling local chairman, has just completed a trip over the east end, trying to get a line on all the changes. If we would all devote just one-third the time to the good of the Order that Bro. Nelms does, we would soon be reaping great benefits from it in the way of a nice little increase in salary, which we all want and deserve. He leaves for Chicago in a few days to try for a new schedule.

Bro. T. N. Kimmel, first at Brinkley, has resigned, and goes to Haileyville, Okla., on another division of the Rock Island. He was relieved by Bro. F. H. Gregory, second at Brinkley. Bro. R. Zeek, a new man, is working third.

Bro. C. J. Hitt, first at Forrest City, on short vacation; relieved by H. W. Gibbs, from Edmondson.

Mr. Edwards, Hopefield, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. E. Schmulen, a new man.

Miss Pearl Shinault, of the Iron Mountain, took second at "SN," Edmondson, October 19th, relieving Bro. H. W. Gibbs, promoted to first at Forrest City.

Bro. Sims, Lonoke, nights, and J. E. Jones, DeValls, took in the great fair at Carlisle recently.

A night office has been opened up at Hazen, with C. Plummer, a new man, in charge.

Night office at Galloway, after being closed for a number of weeks, has been reopened, with Mr. Turner, from the La. Division, acting as the owl.

Bro. C. J. Buckner has accepted the agency at Griffithville, relieving Bro. Yernigan, who returns to farming near that place.

Bro. Powell, of Searcy, who visited his people in Little Rock recently, has returned to work.

Div. Cor.

C., B. & Q. Ry.

Bro. O. L. Lamb paid us his first visit a few days ago, accompanied by Bro. A. F. Ritter, local chairman of the Brookfield Division.

The following positions are open on bulletin:

First trick Lindell Ave.; first trick Hamilton; second trick Saxton; second trick Hemple; second trick Meadville; third trick Macon; third trick Hunnewell.

Dispatcher Ed Parsley on two weeks' vacation, took in Denver scenery and baseball in Chicago.

F. F. Pratt, agent at Laclede, while off forty days taking in the fair at Seattle and other points of interest, was relieved by Bro. T. R. Crandall, J. W. Yount taking first trick and R. E. O'Neill third.

W. E. Quigley, agent at Cameron Junction, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Kay, who was relieved on second trick by C. A. Shockey, third trick. Bro. R. B. Edsall is relieving Shockey.

Bro. McClaughan relieved for a few days by Extra Telegrapher McCoy.

Bro. D. R. McWilliams, of Saxton, has resigned to take a position in the machine shops of C., R. I. & P. at Kansas City.

Bro. H. Smith was relieved a few days by Telegrapher H. Clark.

Bro. Sturges, of Kidder, is on extra at Meadville during the Chautauqua.

M. X. Bassett is spending a few days in the East, Telegrapher McCoy relieving.

L. Howe on short vacation, relieved by J. L. Shepherd, St. Joe ticket office.

Bro. W. B. Welsh is now regular relief agent, vice H. S. Fulmer, gone to the Santa Fe.

Bro. L. E. Wilhoit relieved by W. R. Holt for a few days.

Bro. J. E. Dun, Chandler, has resigned on account of ill-health. Relieved by Bro. Hackensmith.

Wm. McCue is working extra at South Park.

Bro. Middleton on annual vacation, relieved by Bro. E. M. Wood. Bro. Shackleford is relieving Bro. Wood at Kearney.

Bro. Kay off a few days relieved by Mr. Shockey.

Bro. Peck is off on account of the sickness of his mother, relieved by Wm. McCue.

Bro. Burks, while on his 30-day vacation, was relieved by U. G. Read, formerly agent at Lentner.

H. R. Starrett has returned to Shelbina, after doing relief work at Randolph for the past two months.

Bro. H. F. Clark is working as extra agent at Saxton.

Bro. W. L. Hall, who was off a couple of days, was relieved by Bro. Rowell, third trick, U. G. Allen relieving Bro. Rowell.

Bro. Gebeaut was relieved on short vacation by Bro. Sturges, J. D. Shepherd working second and W. G. Allen third trick.

Bro. Maxwell has second trick at Hemple until awarded.

Bro. Godfrey is working second at Hamilton until awarded.

Sterling Division—

There is still some room for improvement on our division. Some one should wake up and run in a few of the nons. Who will be the first to volunteer and send me his application during my leave of absence. My address will still be Dalton, Neb.

Bro. H. H. Smith, formerly agent at Norman, Neb., is now on his farm near Dalton, doing well.

Bro. J. J. Hicks, Smithfield, has returned from a trip to Seattle and other Points West.

The many friends of Bro. T. W. Morton, who was local chairman for the McCook Division,

were sorry to learn of his death at Otis, Colo., on August 25.

The box-car situation is becoming serious, and we should all make an effort to help out our chief dispatcher by keeping these cars on the move.

Help in these write-ups by sending me the news, not later than the tenth of the month. Wake up and help to organize by writing the nons near you and getting their applications, thus insuring benefits to them as well as yourselves.

J. T. MADDOX.

Sheridan Division—

I wish some brother on the west end would act as assistant local chairman between Sheridan and Huntley, also the branch lines. It would be greatly appreciated by all if some brother would take a little interest in the work and line up the nons. Any brother who will handle this work kindly drop Bro. Meehan a letter at Ulm, Wyoming.

It is impossible to keep tab on all the news, and I appeal to the brothers to help with the write-ups, and also in keeping a line-up on all the nons. If everyone would send me the names of new men who come to work among them, and if members ascertain their certificate and division numbers, it would be a great help and one of the most important parts of organization.

Business is so good now that it is hard to realize it, and it is expected that it will be far heavier than any year on the Burlington heretofore. Let us give the company the best that is in us, and aid them in moving traffic without any delay on our part.

A. Pope, second at Arvada, got on a "toot" recently, opened all the wires and no trains could move. Pope was taken into custody and brought to Sheridan, where he was fined \$25.00 and costs, amounting to \$50.00, and placed in jail in default of bond. Mr. Stritch, from Echeta, relieved him. Echeta had to be closed until a man could be secured.

The following are among the new members: C. L. Chapman, Osage, Wyo.; H. Postwait, Verona, Wyo.; J. W. Patterson, Dewey, S. D., and J. B. Muir, Oriva, Wyo.

Verona and Ulm have been made three-men offices, with Mr. Rogers on third at Verona and Bro. Herbert third trick at Ulm.

The Sheridan Division is cramped for men, and there are some good vacancies that our O. R. T. members should seek.

C. C. Crawford, nights at Dewey, has resigned; relieved by Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Eaton, second trick at Arvada, has resigned, relieved by Mr. Thomas.

E. L. Rightmeir is working second trick at Osage.

Bro. Shaddel, agent at Felix, has gone to Denver; relieved by J. S. Milam.

Bro. B. H. Kling has returned to Clearmont second trick, after a 60-day leave of absence. Bro. Jacobs will now be given a more suitable position.

J. P. MEEHAN.

Aurora and Chicago Divisions—

Bro. O'Brien, assistant local chairman, formerly of Polo, Ill., bid in "U" Block, on bulletin.

Bro. Carley, formerly of Bristol tower, bid in second trick at Mendota Depot.

Bros. Higman and Cook, both of Mendota Depot, have resigned and are with the wireless on the Pacific Coast.

The following jobs have been bulletined: Greggs, "U" Block, Sandwich, Bristol tower, Big Rock, Shabbona and Oregon. All phone, except Oregon.

We understand that Mr. Noack, working the last three months at "SY," Aurora, telegraph job, has bid in third trick phone job at Sandwich.

C. F. Chamber, Aurora, extra phoner, has been holding down third trick position at Sandwich.

Harry A. Kaar is working second trick at Sandwich.

Ruben Tour, formerly of Sandwich, third trick, was transferred to Leland, third trick, while Bro. Anderson takes a vacation.

Bro. McVay, of Meridan, Ill., was a Sandwich visitor, September 17th, taking in the fair.

CERT. 1246.

Wymore Division—

We still have a few delinquent members. Come, boys, square up.

Four new members from this division in September helps some.

Bro. L. B. Murdock is back on third, at Superior, after a short vacation.

Second Trick Operator Bailey, Superior, off on account of trouble with his eyes; relieved by freight man, Mr. Daily.

Bro. Dempsey has been relieving Bro. Gum, at Table Rock, who is on vacation, visiting in Missouri. Bro. Zink, first trick, Table Rock, has been away on account of the illness of his father; relieved by Bro. Sheeley, who in turn was relieved by Operator Parsons.

Bro. Trumpeller and Mr. Asson took in the horse show at St. Joe recently.

Bro. Redline, Peru, is on vacation; relieved by Bro. J. H. Hartzell.

Mr. Hadsell, operator, Geneva, who resigned to attend the State University, was relieved by Mr. Cooper, a new man.

Bro. Zettle has been transferred to Hebron, relieving Agent Campbell, on vacation.

Dispatcher Chet Clement has been acting as night chief during the absence of Night Chief Jackson.

Bro. Cunningham, of Syracuse, took in the State Fair.

H. R. Atkinson, formerly a member of this division, was killed at Sutton recently, while performing his duties as freight brakeman.

Mr. Ben McGuire is on third trick at Sterling. Former Bro. Hohaus is on the new third trick at Nebraska City.

Bro. L. G. Antrim, agent, Armour, was visiting in Lincoln recently.

Div. Con.

Second trick at Nettleton is open on bulletin.

H. R. Starrett bid in second at Hemple, and Bro. Middleton first at Hamilton.

Bro. J. E. Gunn, Table Rock, has gone to Southern Kansas.

Bro. Sewall, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Ed. Hughes.

Bro. H. D. Hall is laying up at Stewartville.

Bro. A. B. Roof off few days, relieved by Bro. Ogan.

R. E. O'Neill, St. Catherine, who has been at Laclede some time on account of the shortage of telegraphers, has returned.

Bro. E. A. R. Teich, while off duty on matrimonial affairs, was relieved by Bro. E. R. Pickett, of Randolph. Bro. K. G. Williams, who recently sold out his newspaper business at a handsome profit, relieved Mr. Pickett.

R. H. Allen, our congenial chief, while watching the Pittsburg-Detroit baseball games, was relieved by Night Chief Lamb.

W. R. Holt, Aanabel, has taken a companion.

Bro. McCoy, of Clarence, off on vacation in Kansas City and New Mexico, relieved by Bro. Clark, who was relieved by Mr. Lauck, of Palmyra Junction.

The general manager's special passed over the line on an inspection trip recently, but took it at the rate of about 40 per hour.

Brothers, be a little more lenient with the pens and give us a few items now and then.

Extra Dispatcher Parsley is on the sick list at present.

Conductor Tom Jones, who was accidentally killed at Hamilton while making a switch, leaves many friends among the telegraphers to mourn his death.

CERT. 1503.

Ottumwa Division—

Bro. McKenna, agent, Cameron, is taking a vacation; relieved by Mr. Stafford. Bro. Landgrave handling second trick, and Bro. Conley third.

W. C. Willit, ticket agent, Monmouth, is on vacation, viewing the sights of Yellowstone Park; relieved by R. S. Bartlett, late of the Rock Island Southern Ry.

Bro. L. S. Grabow, second, Biggsville Cabin, resigned; relieved by Bro. G. W. Grantham, until position is filled by bulletin.

Bro. H. E. Warmhoudt, agent, Gladstone, on vacation; relieved by Bro. L. W. Huston, second trick; Bro. C. R. Conley, third.

Bro. J. R. Thorpe, new man on Lockridge second, has transferred to Division 130.

Bro. W. A. Ryan, third trick at Fairfield, after waiting several months, was finally relieved by R. A. Thompson. He has gone to the coast for a month's vacation.

Bro. Kiley, second trick at Batavia, is also on his vacation.

Bro. I. G. Miller is back on Mt. Pleasant third trick, after working extra for two months in the

city ticket office, Chicago, during the rush.

Bro. S. P. Mott bid in second trick at New London.

Bro. C. A. Walter, first trick at Fairfield, while off on sick leave, relieved by Bro. Ryan, of third.

Bro. E. V. Peel, third at "BY," Burlington, while off a few days, was relieved by Bro. R. A. Sanberg, of third, Lockridge, Mr. Huffington, a new man, taking third.

Brother, has your wife, mother or sister joined the Auxiliary? Write Mrs. G. W. Malone, Galesburg, Ill., for application blanks.

CERT. 283.

Hannibal Division—

Business seems to be picking up on this end, as box cars are getting very scarce, and we hope that this increase in business has come to stay. If the various railroads can make a good showing, we are certain to get some benefit from it.

We understand the section foreman got an increase in pay the first of October. While we are glad to see this, we do not see why the agents and telegraphers should not have been remembered also, and the only explanation seems to be that we have not got into line strong enough with up-to-date cards in our pockets. If each Order man will go after a non and get him, this division would soon be solid. Let's see if we can not start something and bring these nons in.

Bros. G. L. Hubbard and F. P. Draieiman, of Orchard Farm, were off on a few days' vacation in September.

Bro. L. S. Blincoe, of Peruque, who had quite a sick spell recently, has fully recovered, and is again at work. Bro. R. K. Thomas from the C. & A. relieved him.

Bro. J. R. Dempsey, of Peruque, who relieved Bro. J. L. Crank, of Kissenger, recently, on account of sickness, took the first trick at Foley during the absence of J. W. Mears.

Bro. W. R. Hicks of the C. & A. is working extra at Moody.

Bro. E. T. Shaffer, from the Mo. Pac., relieved C. L. Simpson at Hawk Point for a few days.

Mr. Robinson relieved Bro. C. A. Heckard at Martinsburg a few days, while the former went to Wellsville to relieve A. C. Schultz, who was transferred to Winfield as regular agent on September 29th.

Wm. Mears, of Foley, bid in Martinsburg.

Mr. Moyer, a student from Clarksville, Mo., relieved H. G. Dew, the night owl at Wellsville, a few nights recently.

A third operator has been put on at Bellflower and Hawk Point.

CERT. 1356.

Although Bro. E. J. Heather, of Peruque, has been made local chairman since the resignation of Bro. McCall, we must not depend wholly on him for all the news. Some of us who are not nearly so busy as he is could keep him posted on the changes, relieving him of some of his burdens, and also make a showing for our divi-

sion, so others will know there is a few live ones over here yet.

The wife of Bro. W. J. Mears died while he was taking a vacation, and his position as agent at Foley has been bulletined. He was relieved by Bro. Dempsey, from Peruke, who has since been succeeded there by E. T. Shaffer.

L. E. Williams, of Moscow, relieved Bro. E. J. Heather at Peruke, a few days during October, on account of the death of a relative of Bro. Heather. Moscow nights was closed during Mr. Williams' absence.

A. W. Ogilvie, second at Ashburn, spent his 30 days' vacation with relatives in Longview, Texas. He was relieved by Bro. R. C. Hall. Shortly after his return he was relieved by C. R. Vanaken, so he could take the second trick at Louisiana.

McIntosh was closed, Saturday night, October 16th, so the telegrapher there could go up and work second at Louisiana until Mr. Ogilvie could be relieved at Ashburn. C. O. Waters, second at Louisiana, has been dismissed from the service.

Frank Miner, first at Old Monroe, on short vacation, relieved by Bro. J. J. Lyons.

R. H. Hicks relieved R. I. Feaster, first at Moody, who went on extra in "X" office, Hannibal.

G. V. Inlow, days, and W. I. Moyer, nights, two new men, relieved W. C. Duncan and W. R. Schumann, the former resigning and the latter being dismissed.

Bro. R. C. Hall, third at Ashburn, has resigned, and gone West.

J. J. Finnesy, extra dispatcher at West Quincy, is back at "X."

Bro. W. E. Blakely, of Weaver, has resumed duty after a 20-day vacation spent in Colorado and New Mexico.

Bro. R. E. Ainge, of Saverton, who was working as agent at West Alton until the place is filled permanently, has been relieved by Bro. T. L. Donahue, a new man.

B. P. Boyer, first at Clarksville, on a ten-day layoff, relieved by E. B. Curtis, a new man.

CERT. 2548.

Galesburg Division—

We understand when we ask for promotion that our ability is considered as well as our past record and seniority, and in cases where we are not giving service where we are now, it is little use for our chief dispatcher to promote us to a better position and then have to tie a can to us as soon as we get there. We should render the best service possible, regardless of the position we hold. Then, when the time arrives for a better position, our applications will be given due consideration. We have had several cases lately where men have applied for positions on bulletin when they were not offering half-way decent service at the position that they were then holding, and their applications have been turned down and a younger man in the service, but much better qualified, was

given the position. This was not, as some think, done because the chief dispatcher wanted to place whom he pleased there, but because those who were turned down were not giving satisfaction in the positions they were occupying.

Now, let us all do our very best, so when we ask for promotion and our local chairman takes the matter to our chief dispatcher, that he will not be advised that we are not competent and that our services where we are now located are not satisfactory.

One of the non-union telegraphers on our division, who has been working a third trick for a little over two years, made application on bulletin for the first trick, which was given to a man equally as well qualified for the position, who had a little better than five years more service. He then took up the matter with Mr. Judson, who informed him that the O. R. T. handled that part of it, and he would be compelled to wait his turn with the rest of the nons.

The increase of traffic has necessitated the employment of several more men in and around the "hump" yards at Galesburg. In one day's business, Saturday, October 16, they handled 4,950 cars over the humps during twenty-four hours.

Several assignments of telegraphers on bulletin are awaiting relief, on account of the shortage of men. The following are among the proposed changes: O. J. Erickson to third trick at Prospect St., Galesburg yard; Telegrapher Jolly from Graham to "YD," Galesburg; Telegrapher Kost from Barstow third trick to first trick at Graham; F. P. Maberry from extra list to third trick at Barstow. This will leave three nons in Galesburg yards for Bro. Malone to work on, and one at Barstow for Bro. Adams to line up.

On account of the increase of business, two more telegraphers have been placed at "YD," Galesburg yards, with Bro. Ewerwin, from the Grand Trunk, on the evening trick and a non-union telegrapher from the U. P. on the morning trick.

W. A. Work, who resigned at Macomb recently, will be missed by trainmen and telegraphers alike, as he was one of the best dispatchers on the Quincy branch.

Bro. Keating, formerly of the Beardstown Division, who has been playing ball in the Illinois-Missouri League during the past summer, is now on third trick at Macomb.

If you haven't the nerve to carry a card, please don't have the cheek to ask the O. R. T. for protection, and especially on bulletined positions.

Ask Mr. Akers at Colma if that's his student breaking in on the wires. Gee! he'll get it when they catch him. That so-called telegrapher talking to some student down the line must think student teaching has preference to regular business.

E. J. Weidner, agent at Douglass, off recently, on account of the death of his father. He was relieved by Mr. Sherman.

Bro. Bowers, of Augusta, has relieved Bro. Miner, of Bardolph, acting agent since Bro.

Smith's departure, the latter relieving Mr. Sherman on second trick.

A. J. Carter resigned the agency at Bushnell, and has accepted a position on the C. B. & Q. as train and station inspector from Billings, Mont., to Lincoln, Neb., Alliance to Brush and branches, some 1,800 miles of road and 210 stations. His headquarters will be at Alliance, Neb.

Agent E. V. Kinsey, at Colchester, attended court in Lewistown the early part of October, Bro. Charley Martin acting during his absence, and Mr. Carter took first trick. On Mr. Kinsey's return, Carter was transferred to Augusta, taking Bro. Bowers' place when he left for Bardolph.

Augusta and Abingdon are on bulletin.

Mr. Greenwalt, Galesburg, is looking up his land interests in Dakota, and is being relieved by Bro. Campbell, from the Grand Trunk.

One of the Galesburg Division phoners was on the carpet recently, and severely censured for being absent from his office and allowing half a dozen young kids to make it a loafing place.

Bro. G. O. Guyers, of the N. P., is working extra on the Galesburg Division again.

Bro. Ward has landed the day job at Terminal Junction.

Bro. L. E. Tilney, from the Santa Fe, was sent to Pottstown to relieve Bro. Smith as agent, when he took the Peoria yard office on bid.

E. G. A.

Creston Division—

General Chairman Lamb passed over the division recently, and reports the general outlook very bright for the Order. A big pull with every man after a non, and the entire system can be made solid.

Pick out a non, write your local chairman about him, and keep at work until you convince him that he needs the help of the Order. Give him to understand he has enjoyed the fruit from our "plum tree" long enough, and it is time for him to bear his part of the burden. Show him how our present schedule has shortened his hours, secured him more money and many other things he is enjoying, all of which came through the O. R. T.

A telegrapher recently from Maryville, Mo., says the agent there told him the O. R. T. didn't amount to much, that there were a very few members on the division, and advised him to stay out of it. It looks as if a little convincing was due this man, whose working conditions have been helped by the Order.

Owing to the very heavy business, several telegraphers and agents were unable to take their vacations this summer.

Bro. J. V. Connett, of Red Oak tower, has resigned.

Bro. C. E. Reynolds, Arkoe, Mo., has bid in the agency at Stanton, J. W. Paddouk is third at that place.

Mr. Murphy is now working as agent at Orient, Iowa.

Brothers, kindly send us the news. It takes more than the local chairman to make things hum on our division, and with a little help from each man, we can have a good write-up every month.

Let every one send in their dues and have an up-to-date card.

And remember, "No card, no favors."

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Beardstown Division—

Business is pretty good along this "pike" now, and keeps the boys busier than usual.

Bro. H. S. Frazier, agent at Rockbridge, was relieved several days by A. D. Hale, of Winchester, who then went to Walnut Grove.

Mr. Ballard, agent at West Roodhouse, off several days, relieved by H. Fundell, ex-farmer from Alsey.

Mr. W. E. Hale, first at Winchester, on annual vacation in the Rockies, Bro. W. E. Cline, second trick, taking first, and A. D. Hale second.

Bro. J. O. Guyer is back from the "woolies," working on Galesburg Division.

Bro. W. R. Johnson, of Gerlaw, while in State Fair at Springfield, was relieved by C. A. Ikerd, an old L. E. & W. man.

Bro. H. S. Raymond, of Walnut Grove, off several days on account of the death of his father, was relieved by A. D. Hale.

C. W. McConnell, second at Concord, relieved several days by John Reiley, formerly of the yards.

Hagener is now a three-trick station, with Bro. C. K. Hanks on first, Bro. W. F. Stehmann second, and C. M. Mosier third. These jobs were secured on bulletin.

V. S. Ball, agent at Concord, while attending the Masonic meeting at Chicago, was relieved by G. E. Welch, from the "Jack Line."

Erl Bowman relieved John Reiley, third trick yard office.

Bader now has three tricks, G. E. Haist taking second and Mr. Spence third.

Bro. H. E. Lindsey, of North Henderson, is off a few days, relieved by C. A. Ikerd, of Gerlaw.

COR.

Sheridan Division—

Business is very good, and telegraphers so scarce that this division is short fifteen of them.

The "Q" is rapidly building through to Thermopolis, and expects to reach there next year. Another line is being projected through to Orin Junction for a connection with the Colorado Southern. This will give the "Q" over 1,000 miles of track to operate.

I will have to apologize to Bro. Wm. Henderson, third trick at Moorcroft, for calling him "Mister" in last month's journal. This was done on account of so many new men employed in that month. It won't happen again.

Brothers, I am going to send to every member a set of application blanks, and if there happens to be a non at your station, land him before he

gets cold feet. I'll try to give you a complete list of all the nons we want, together with the few we don't want nor care to extend favors to.

Brothers, keep after those new men and try to get their applications. We have plenty of application blanks. Drop a card to your local chairman or call him up on the wire, and he will give you all the information necessary.

Bro. Butler, second at Gillette, resigned and relieved by Mr. Rightmeir, from second at Osage, who was relieved by Scott Cochran. Mr. Wallace is working on first trick at Osage.

Bro. H. C. Thomas, first trick at Clifton, by mistake took a dose of carboic acid while on the sick list recently, but it was so small a dose that no serious injury resulted therefrom.

There is a man in the relay office named Sturm who scabbed during the Commercial Union strike in the Postal at Chicago. He signs "S," and is quite a would-be jollier.

O. A. Roode, first trick at Verona, was off 30 days, relieved by Bro. Postlewait, second trick. Mr. Reveil is on second, and O. Chapman is working third.

Bro. Jack Herbert, third at Ulm, on third at Clearmont, relieving Bro. C. J. Chapman, resigned.

Telegrapher Wilson, third trick at Dewey, resigned, and relieved by Mrs. Patterson, wife of Bro. J. W. Patterson, second trick at Dewey.

S. Cochran, third at Rozet, transferred to second trick at Osage, and relieved by Mrs. F. M. Konan. Later, Bro. Brummell took third, and Mrs. Ronan second at Rozet.

E. R. Maris, agent at Newcastle, has returned, and his relief, Bro. Richardson, resumes the cashiership, relieving Bro. Hinman, who takes second trick, relieving his brother, B. W. Hinman, who goes to Rochester third trick.

Mr. Rogers, Verona third trick, has resigned on account of his eyes.

The third man has been put on at Dewy, Clifton, Rozet, Oriva, Ulm and Verona on east end, and several more on the west end.

Bro. Jacobs, Clearmont second trick, sent to Frannie as agent, relieved by Mr. Fuller, from Chicago.

Bro. Reinhart on third at Hardin, Mont.

Bro. J. F. Mills is at his home station, Ran-
chester, on second trick.

A. Gaylord, who holds a C. T. U. A. card, is on third at Wyola. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Aurora and Chicago Divisions—

A large and interesting meeting of the Aurora and Chicago Divisions was held in the parlors of the Hotel Arthur, Aurora, Ill., October 16, 1909. Among the prominent leaders of the organization who were present and made speeches were J. A. Newman, of Chicago, Ill., first vice-president; G. Dal Jones, chief telegrapher of the outer belt line railroads, Chicago, Ill.; C. L. Lamb, general

chairman, and Col. W. A. Henry, general secretary and treasurer of C., B. & Q. Ry. We expect to hold these meetings every month, the first Saturday after payday. Bring as many non-members as possible. Our local chairman will do his best to have as good speakers as can be found among the labor organizations.

Bro. Vaage, Plano, Ill., has bid in third at Mendota.

E. G. Noack, "SY," Aurora yard, has bid in third at Sandwich, so as to be home.

Bro. Skelly, second at Bristol tower, has bid in first at that place.

Wm. Smith, Earlville tower, on sick list, relieved by Mr. Lossey, of "SY."

Bro. Ranger, of Somonauk Cabin, was a Sandwich and Chicago visitor last week.

CERT. 1246.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

Montgomery District—

It is most time to buy our winter clothing, and if we are true union men we will not forget the label. There is no such thing as a man not being able to find goods bearing the union label, as every town of any size where they handle up-to-date styles, etc., has some dealer who can supply your wants with union-made goods. Boost the other fellows' organization as well as your own, instead of knocking, and see if it don't make life easier for you.

It has been noticed lately that the dispatchers have had to call some of the nons an unreasonable length of time for "31's," "OS's," etc. Answering calls promptly and being polite is a duty we owe to both the company and public. We know that our members are all striving to show both the O. R. T. officials and the management of the road the advantages of employing only union men.

Bro. S. C. Whitehurst, from Newton, bid in second trick at "X," Montgomery, relieved by Bro. Johnson, who was later relieved by Bro. Evans, temporarily, until Newton nights is bid in.

Bro. Mathis, while on vacation, was also relieved by Bro. Evans.

Bro. W. F. Thames, Climax, has returned from several weeks' vacation out West.

Mrs. Ashton, "MO," Montgomery, has returned after an extended vacation. Mr. Lawson who relieved her, has gone back to Dothan nights.

Mr. Howell, who resigned as clerk-telegrapher at Enterprise, and went to the Rock Island in Arkansas, has returned to Enterprise.

Bro. Huey, Daleville agency, was relieved a few days by his brother to attend court.

Bro. Walker, agent at Arifton, while attending court, was relieved by Bro. Johnson.

Bro. J. C. Clarke, T. A. and telegrapher at Bainbridge, Ga., was relieved a few days ago by Bro. Brantley on account of serious illness in his family.

Mr. Thames relieved agent Pinebark three or four days recently.

CERT. 1247.

This old district seems to be coming out of the rut a little. We note with great pleasure that our local chairman's name appears on the honor roll in the October journal with two to his credit. Brother Jones also has one to his credit. This is coming our way. Now, why can't we have twenty names on that list next month? If 20 members will single out each a non and not let up until they get his application, then advise Bro. Quick that he has sent the application and money to Bro. Williams, his name will appear on the list. Do you want to be one of them? I do, and am going to have my name there, too.

Bro. Dykes, local chairman, has been calling the attention of the members to the "bond question," and it is a very live issue with us. Why any member who can raise ten dollars should hesitate to take at least one share of stock is beyond me. We don't have to go off our district to find a necessity for this bond company. You know the cases, I do.

Bro. S. E. Jones has been assigned to Bainbridge, relieving Bro. Almon Strain, who has left the service and entered college in Northern Alabama. Bro. Strain says he intends keeping up his card, as he would be lost without it.

Bro. S. C. Whitehurst, from Newton, takes Clay St. yard, made vacant by the transfer of Bro. Jones.

We welcome to our division Bro. C. T. Carr, of Division 56, chief clerk in the agent's office at Bainbridge.

Bro. B. H. Evans, of Jakin, is now successfully engaged in the photograph business at Brookhaven, Miss., and we understand is making quite a success of it.

Bro. H. H. Evans has been transferred from Jakin to night trick at Newton. D. C.

Richmond District, South—

The meeting held in Wilson on Saturday night, October 9th, was one of the most enjoyable of the year. While the attendance was not as large as expected or prepared for, those who did attend were well repaid for their trip, and will be on hand again every time they hear of a meeting at Wilson.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 9:30 p. m., in the Junior Order Hall, with Bro. J. H. Williams in the chair. Candidates for initiation in the several degrees were well pleased with the ceremonies, and learned some valuable lessons.

Among those present, none were more welcome than Sister S. D. Taylor, of the Norfolk & Southern, and Sister Skinnell, manager of the Postal, both of Wilson.

After the meeting, a most delightful banquet was served, consisting of oysters, salads, etc., with something on the side, and the ladies, naturally, added to the enjoyment.

A number of the other members and their wives would have been present, but they could not get relief.

We hope to have them all at a future meeting, and a meeting of the Auxiliary at the same time.

Bro. J. H. Williams made a trip over the district from Wilson south, and reports a number of new members secured between Wilson and Florence.

Bro. Williams says there are still some nons on the district, and that each member should consider it his personal duty to see that they are given an opportunity to join before the information blanks for the use of the committee in Wilmington have been mailed out, and show that they want to help without the promise of an immediate raise in salary. Of course, we want all eligible nons, but would think more of a man who joined without waiting until he saw the committee on the train for Wilmington.

Let's all get down to business, get the district solidly lined up and give Bro. Bridgers such a strong send-off that he will be able to stand right at the front and say the men on the Richmond District are a unit behind him and that he can't go back home and face them without something to show for his efforts. He will make that kind of a statement if you will give him the support. Just try him and see.

Let me urge upon each member to do everything he can to make the service as nearly perfect as possible. We don't want to use a phone if we can prevent it. We can prevent it if we try. The reason the companies are installing phones now is because they claim they get more prompt service from their operation. I have not seen any claim that it was safer. Then, if it is for promptness that they are installing an unsafe equipment, it is up to us to show them that we can make the telegraph just as fast, and just as prompt as the phone, and with the matter of safety entirely on our side, we should be able to win out.

This company is already installing phones on the north end of this district, and we have got to get busy and answer calls promptly, or we will have them down here. What shall the verdict be?

D. C.

Wilmington District—

All kinds of changes have taken place this month, and we have a kick coming, as they have not been filled in accordance with seniority rule. This thing has become chronic on this district and something has got to be done.

Effective September 27th, Maysville "NC" was transferred to G. F. Davis, from a non-telegraph station, whom we understand, did not apply for the place, transferred to Maysville "NC" relieving H. A. Cox, who went to clerk-telegrapher position at Newborn.

Mrs. S. M. Justice, wife of our deceased brother, W. G. Justice, has been appointed agent at Teachey's, vice Mrs. C. B. Cooper, resigned.

W. S. Hocutt, clerk-telegrapher, Marion, appointed agent at Folkstone, vice Bro. R. V. Rivensbark, resigned. Mr. Hocutt's position being filled by Mrs. Jolly, extra list.

E. R. Jones appointed agent, Castle Hayne, vice H. S. Robinson, transferred to Jacksonville.

Bro. G. H. Bender has resigned the agency at Jacksonville to accept a position in the bank at that place. The securing of such responsible positions, by your members, shows the esteem in which they are held by the patrons of the railroads.

Bro. and Mrs. B. P. Smith have returned from a trip to Europe, and we understand they had a most delightful time.

Bro. Williams, our G. S. & T. has been over the district and reports quite a flattering increase in membership, but says there is plenty of work for every member on the district to do, ere the committee goes to Wilmington, which will be in the near future. Each member should find out who are not up-to-date and then get right to work. A strong membership means an aggressive committee, while a weak membership makes the committee correspondingly weak. It is, therefore, to our own interest, to see that every man on the district holds a card. Get up and hustle the membership up to 100 per cent, and we won't have to take just what is thrown our way.

D. C.

Second Division, Waycross District—

The October journal shows Bro. Sasser on the "Honor Roll," as usual, and two other local chairmen and five members of this division are also enrolled there. Eight members out of a total of forty-two is not a bad showing for Division No. 132. Now if Bro. Sasser can get on it every month, why can't some of the balance of us on this district do likewise. Of course, we can't hope to compete with him, as he is the best ever, but we can assist him and he will assist us, too, if we will only drop him a hint.

Bro. J. C. Brady, formerly at Manor, is now located on the Fitzgerald Ocilla & Broxton, at Ocilla.

Bro. J. L. Spivey has been transferred from Acree to Valdosta.

Bro. C. Bradford has been promoted to a position in the agent's office, at Valdosta; relieved temporarily by a new man.

Bro. N. C. Douglas, resigned at Brunswick, goes with the Southern; relieved by Bro. R. C. Austin, of Valdosta.

C. A. Bowen, clerk-telegrapher, Pelham, relieved by Bro. S. H. Monroe, and job on bulletin.

Bro. E. B. Lary, Waycross dispatcher's office, has just returned from a pleasant trip in the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Bro. C. T. Strickland, who recently lost his father, at Waycross, has returned to his regular position in Albany.

Sister E. B. Smith, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, was in Waycross a few days ago, shaking hands with brothers and prospective brothers. Sister Smith intended to have a meeting and get all the telegraphers together, but account of the death of Bro. Strickland's father, it was decided

to postpone it until another time, with enough advance notice to insure good attendance. Sister Smith made lots of friends in Waycross and they will all be glad to welcome her again.

We married men, want to get busy now and see that our wives (one each) read the Journal and see wherein they can assist the good cause by affiliating with the Auxiliary. Applications should be sent to Mrs. J. H. Williams, Secretary and Treasurer, Wilson, N. C., who will be very glad to have card, etc., sent to every new member.

We hope the new members who joined this month will all become active and let no opportunity pass where they can say or do something for the advancement of the cause.

Bro. J. M. Roberts, formerly at Holder, Fla., is now located at Kirkland, Ga. D. C.

Third Division, Lakeland District—

We are glad to welcome Bro. C. H. Van Epps, clerk-telegrapher, at Arcadia, vice Bro. J. M. Oren, resigned and located at Antler, Cal. Bro. Oren writes enthusiastically regarding the working conditions on the S. P., the minimum on the division where he is working being \$75.00, and on the Tucson division \$86.00. We were very sorry to lose Bro. Oren, as he was a hustler, and we wish him the unbounded success he so much deserves.

F. C. Hill, appointed clerk-telegrapher at Croom, vice Bro. J. D. Henry resigned, to enter the wireless service.

Bro. J. D. Doty goes to High Springs, second; Mr. Faulkner leaving the service. Bro. R. R. Jones, at Dunnellon, transferred from High Springs, second at Dunnellon, on bulletin.

Bro. R. W. Harrison, from Fort Myers dock, has been assigned the agency at Hernando.

Bro. Brantley expects to go to Wilmington shortly, to meet with the other members of the general committee and present a new schedule.

It is never too late to do good, so we should commence now, if we have not already been at work and line up in good shape for him.

The orange movement will soon begin and we will then have our hands full.

"ORANGE BLOSSOM."

Gainesville District—

Citra, Fla., agency transferred to Bro. H. L. Grider temporarily, vice Mr. A. T. Gore, granted leave of absence.

Trenton, Fla., agency transferred to N. C. McRoy, vice Mr. J. L. Robinson.

Martin, Fla., agency transferred to Bro. B. J. Guthrie, vice R. H. Gano.

Weirsdale, Fla., agency transferred to R. H. Gano, vice D. H. Stewart.

Ocala, Fla., ticket agency transferred to F. J. Huber, vice J. H. Wade.

Palatka, Fla., ticket agency transferred to J. H. Wade, vice G. H. Hayes, granted leave of absence.

Bro. W. R. Gothard, manager "YN" Jacksonville, now with Postal Telegraph Co., at New Orleans.

A. B. Collins, second Lake Butler, taking in the sights of Ehren, Jacksonville, and other noted resorts, is being relieved by his brother, a former C. T. U. A. striker.

Bro. John McCauly, agent Boardman, in Jacksonville recently, says the wires will be cut back at that point soon and that he is keeping hot after the nons in his vicinity.

San Antonio and Sutherland have both been opened as day telegraph offices.

The boys on the south end are kept pretty busy now, the vegetable and orange shipping season coming on in full blast.

Bro. Thompson, at Clearwater, has at last taken unto himself a "wifec."

Boys, please send any news items, changes of positions, etc., to your local chairman, Bro. J. B. Mixson, Jr., at Lake Butler.

Every brother should get his shoulder to the wheel, and get the district in shape before we go before the general management. Our local chairman can do but little without every brother's individual help. Let him know of any nons on the district and he will do the necessary.

D. C.

Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

P. & E. Division, West—

A committee will probably go up for a new schedule before long, so now is the time, boys, to get ready with an up-to-date in your hip pocket. Don't let any one try to "Buffalo" you with promises of a life-long job, or anything of that kind, as "your reward" for remaining out of the O. R. T. Such things never materialize, and you know it.

Things are running nice and smooth over here. Recent bulletins are as follows:

Urbana yard office, second trick; third trick, Bloomington, "AR" office; third trick, Belt Road and second trick, at Troy.

The company has purchased a gravel pit near "GN." The call of the office there is "SY."

Bro. Gillespie has not returned from Terre Haute, and Hillsboro, second is on bulletin.

Bro. Cook has returned to his old position after a short vacation, during which he visited St. Louis and Bunker Hill.

Bro. Hunt, of Will, is taking a few days "lay-off."

CERT. 668.

Bro. W. M. Long, formerly third trick, at Bloomington, who relieved Mrs. Williams, at the Downs agency, for sixty days, while she took a trip West, upon her return resigned and accepted a position on the C. & A. He remained as day operator, at the Union Station, Bloomington, during the State fair.

Bros. Hallsted and Christie, first and second, Bloomington, exchanged places for about a month.

Ziz, CERT. 1039.

P. & E. Division—

Telegrapher Long, of Mackinaw, formerly a "Big Four" boy, is now with the C. & A. at Bloomington.

Telegrapher Bassett, formerly of the Chicago division, is working second trick at Brownburg.

Byers, of Troy, has been assigned to second trick at "HY."

Telegrapher Smith, first "CF," is on short vacation, being relieved by Mr. Rush, second trick; Telegrapher White, from "B," is working second.

Telegrapher Keeran, third, Bloomington, has decided that it is better to work in double harness hereafter. He has our sympathy and congratulations.

A trick at Troy and also at the Belt Road have been bulletined.

With your assistance we hope to have a better write-up next issue.

Your humble servant is now lingering around Urbana yard and his address is I. E. Schlosser, 111 North Lynn St., Urbana, Ill.

Indianapolis Division—

The fourth meeting of our local was held at Muncie, Ind., on September 22d, when Bros. Trindall and Wasson were put through the sprouts.

Several talks were given by various members, but it takes too much space to go into detail. You should come to these meetings and hear what is going on. It will do you good and you will enjoy yourself. Bro. Jenkins can make you laugh, if the rest of us can't. Muncie will be a dry town by our next meeting, so you had better hurry up and avoid the rush.

Jack Trindall and Blaine Pitsenbarger, of South Anderson, having joined the bunch, makes that office solid.

F. J. Latin, third at Winchester, and O. H. Coates, second "CJ" Muncie, have also joined the ranks.

An effort is being made to get a hall, by the year. If this can be arranged, the date of the meetings will be published in the back of the Journal. Watch for this and don't miss a meeting.

Telegrapher D. B. Olvey, second at "YO," was called on the carpet recently for leaving a student in the office to do his work, and the student got "bulled up." Did you ever know it to fail?

Third trick at "MU," Muncie, is on bulletin, also second trick in dispatcher's office.

Bro. Shoffner, second, Winchester, while on a visit to Cincinnati, was relieved by Telegrapher Coates, from second "CJ" Muncie; Telegrapher Sellers, relieving the latter until Bro. Shoffner's return. Mr. Sellers then relieved Bro. Brannum, second "YO" Yorktown, who took third trick there, Johnson returning home later.

Mr. Sellers relieved Mr. Mitchell, second, at Muncie depot, on account of sickness; on Mitchell's return he took first at Muncie; Bro. Melvin was transferred to the second and Mr.

Sellers went to second at Gridley. Mr. Riffe taking first there, relieving Bro. Ehle, whom we understand is a proud papa again.

Bro. Young has been assigned to third at South Anderson; relieving Telegrapher Schults, who went to third at "MU" Muncie, extra.

Telegrapher D. B. Olvey assigned second trick at "YO" Yorktown.

Telegrapher Baker was transferred from "CJ" Muncie, third to third at "MIX"; relieving Telegrapher Barbee.

Bro. L. O. Kirk, "CJ," Muncie, was relieved for a thirty days' visit in Michigan by Bro. Hutsell, who went to second trick at Bellefontaine, in dispatcher's office, on Bro. Kirk's return for three weeks. He is now back on "JC" Muncie's third.

STUSSY.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Amboy Division—

A double track between "D" and "HA" will soon be in operation with a new 18 to 20 lever tower at the latter point, which will no doubt be gratifying to the three brothers located there.

No. 149 looks good now. Keep up the hustle, boys, as it is understood the committee is about ready to "cut in" and do business.

A new tower has been put in service recently at Delanco, and "QX" will soon have a new tower also.

Bro. H. Smith bid in first "C"; Osmond, second, and a man from "HM" the third trick at "C," new tower.

Bro. Keisling, of "BU," has been working as copyist at "DS" this summer.

We were sorry to learn that Bro. Kinsley, at "XN," lost his father, recently.

Mr. Buchanan, of "BY," South Amboy, dropped dead about 2 p. m., October 12.

Bro. Cerney is back on the relief job again.

Bro. Slimm, third "XN" is on the sick list.

Q. F.

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry.

Business is very brisk on all divisions at present, several more extra crews being put into service to handle the increase.

Let us all try to stay close to our keys and help the dispatchers get trains over the road, and give the company the very best service in all details. There is no better way to help our Order than by showing the officials that the O. R. T. men are the men they want.

It is hoped we will have a record breaking attendance at the next meeting. Every brother that can possibly be there, should arrange to go as these meetings are a decided benefit to all concerned.

Bro. Eaton, of Bibon, has been transferred to Sidnow first trick, relieving Mr. Pringle, who takes Bro. Eaton's place at Bibon.

Bulletins have been received covering positions as agent at Sanborn and Hermon. Understand

Bro. Sinclair, second trick, Thomaston, goes to Sanborn.

Mr. Davis, of Upper Mills, has left the service.

Mr. Wabbuna, now on second, at Thomaston, relieving Mr. Johnson, who went to Iron River.

Mr. Olsen, of Mohawk, has relieved Bro. G. L. Allen, resigned.

Bro. Gerke, of Ewen, has resumed duty after short vacation.

Bro. D. H. Persons, second trick, Ishpeming, goes to Lake Nebagamon, as agent at that point.

Bro. C. E. Ford, of Nestoria, was at Falls, while the wreck there was being cleared up.

L. B. Preston (happy) has resigned the agency at Herman, and is going into the store business, at that place.

Mr. Anderson, second Humboldt, transferred to Fiborn Junction, nights.

We wish to thank Bro. C. E. Ford for the items sent in, and hope others will follow his example and get in a good bunch of news for every month. "RA."

Louisville & Nashville Ry.

Atlanta Division—

We are still working 11 and 12 hours over here, but we expect soon to get the boys in line and make an effort to change these conditions.

The student question is about settled and we expect to get the "barn" Mr. Hill has opened up at Ranger, Ga., closed up shortly.

Mr. Anderson, agent at Farnar, who resigned and went to Cincinnati to learn dentistry, was relieved by Mr. Weaver, from Blue Ridge. Mr. Ellis, night man at Farnar, was relieved by Mr. Brakefield, a newcomer.

Mr. Arp, agent at McFarland, who took a ten days' trip to Chicago, and Minneapolis, was relieved by Mr. Bellamy, regular relief agent.

Mr. Phaup, of Blue Ridge, will also be relieved by Mr. Bellamy for a twenty-day vacation.

Mr. Jones, of Chatsworth, has been given the agency at Murphy, N. C., relieved by Mr. Mullins, who later returned to "MI" second. Mr. Brakefield, third trick dispatcher at "DS," has returned to his old job, first trick at "MI."

Mr. Thompson has returned to work as third trick dispatcher.

Our friend, Mr. Redding, is at "XN" nights now.

Mr. Arwood accepted a position on the Q. & C., at Blanchet, Ky.

Mr. Smith, of Mineral Bluff, while on two weeks' vacation, was relieved by Mr. Bellamy.

Mr. Hendrick, of Jasper, was also off for a week.

Mr. Casteel, relief operator, who has been relieving Mr. Arnold, nights at "CD," has returned to his old job at "ON."

Mr. McLemore, days at Canton, took a trip to Atlanta recently. "JR."

Buffalo & Susquehanna Ry.

Bro. Engle, second at Addison, has accepted a position with his father, and second trick at "DN" is up for bids.

Mr. Stansfield acted as agent at Cross Fork Junction during Bro. Brown's illness.

The fourth annual clam bake of the five Orders of the B. & S. Ry. was held at Walton, Pa., September 19th. There was a large crowd in attendance, and the receipts netted about \$300.

It is almost impossible for any of the boys to get off for a vacation, on account of the shortage of telegraphers.

Bros. Sherman and Johnson have returned from a few days' vacation, being relieved by Mr. Cole from the Third District.

This line will be nearly solid between Keating Surf and Addison soon.

There is a new agent at Gaines. CERT. 43.

K. C., M. & O. Ry.

We are coming to the front over here, and this is the time to get busy and organize. That is the only way we will ever be able to accomplish anything.

When you find you are working with a non, write for the proper blanks at once and never let up until you land him.

Bro. Grady, agent at "RU," who took a straight telegraph job with the G. C. & S. F., was relieved by Bro. Austin, from the Frisco.

Bro. Glass, second at "BJ," has returned from his summer vacation, and taken the agency at "DI."

Bro. Kisler has taken the station at "SC," relieved on second at "HI" by Bro. Whitis.

I would like to hear from some of the other boys on the line.

Business on the Orient is picking up. We should get busy and have a local, as 75 per cent over here are already members. The V. P. and G. M. will never give us anything over here unless we go after him solid. Remember what he did on the Southern for the Order.

T. C. Lytle has been transferred from Odell to Bronte.

Bro. Glass, second at Benjamin, sent to Odell as agent. Relieved by a new man from the T. P. R. R., and Bro. Whitis takes second trick.

W. C. Howard, of Benjamin, has been let out, and Wm. Glass, of the M. K. & T., checked in as agent.

Bro. Kernnell has been checked in as agent at McCaully, Bro. Whitis agent at O'Brien, Bro. Seals to Fort McKavell, and Bro. Wright agent at Blackwell.

Bro. Williams has been let out at Hamlin for asking the boys to organize. There are old M. K. & T. men here, and one of them, at least, carries a big scab on his back.

F. L. Cherry is our new chief dispatcher.

"B"—GRAND DIV.

Mississippi Central Ry.**Eastern Division—**

This road pays absolutely no attention to the safety act of March 4, 1907. The boys are obliged to work as long as we are needed, sometimes 16 and 17 hours, in order to save the expense of a night owl, all the positions being one-man stations.

We need an organizer over here. We should receive 25c for overtime, and only receive 13⁷/₁₀₀ per hour, after being on duty 12 long and tire-some hours. Men on connecting lines are being properly paid for overtime because they look after their interests.

We are also working for ten dollars per month less than other roads simply because we do not get in line with up-to-date cards and help ourselves.

If the members on this division will see to it that all the others on the line get a card, we can then have a committee go to our officials and ask for better working conditions and a \$5.00 raise, at least, to start with. It costs us just as much to live as it does the men receiving \$65.00 per month. Why not then make an effort in the proper manner to get our rights?

The new depot at Natchez is completed and open for business.

Mr. Tynes resigned the agency at Meadville nicknamed "The Battleground," and has gone to Arkansas. He was relieved by W. M. White, from the N. O. & N. E.

O. B. Lynam, resigned, relieved at "X" by W. W. McGowen.

Bro. W. C. Harmon is relieving S. R. Brame, who was discharged at "RS."

Chief Dispatcher Smith is on his vacation, enjoying a trip through the prominent Northern cities. Mr. Davis, of Roxie, is relieving Mr. Smith, owing to the second trick dispatcher, Mr. Brighton, being sick.

Bro. C. E. Nelson and family of Whitesand, are enjoying a visit to the home folks.

Bro. Hayles, at "BD," is now allowed a helper. Get you an up-to-date. "FRISCO."

Grand Trunk Ry.**Southern Division, East End—**

The telegraphers generally on the G. T. have been thinking for themselves recently, as shown by the increased membership. This wise movement has accomplished the two-fold purpose of bettering their own condition, and that of their coworkers. Some, who have just taken the first step, will find that there are many things they can do to assist in the work of unionism, still further strengthening themselves and the organization. Those who have re-entered the ranks, should not begin where they left off, but make a new start, along different lines, in order to reach the goal formerly attempted. You are more experienced, and while mentioned last, are by no means the least, as you have set an example by returning to the Order that should serve as a

guide for the younger men. Outside the ranks there are still a desirable few who have promised to be with us shortly, and we are patiently waiting in anticipation. They have been long in the service, and we naturally expect them to be leaders and set a good example for the younger men, thereby advancing their own interest personally, and that of the other telegraphers generally.

Those who have not yet decided should weigh the matter in the scales of justice, consult their own consciences, and come forth and show the world that they are free men—free to act and think for themselves, and belong to any organization, within the bounds of the laws of this vast and wonderful American continent.

Now, ye nobles of the Southern Division, let us congratulate our worthy general secretary and treasurer and local chairman as well as ourselves for the good work accomplished.

The members must now do their duty in protecting what has been secured, and reach out for other and better things, that will surely come if properly sought.

The following are a few of the changes east of St. Thomas:

Bro. W. E. Sutherland, our former local chairman, of Ph. Robinson, has gone into business for himself at Delhi, and is succeeded by Bro. Colling. "Sully" is very popular, and it is needless to say we regret his withdrawal, and wish him the best of success.

Bro. A. Johnson, from Delhi, succeeded Bro. Colling as agent at Stevensville.

Bro. Pollock has been recently appointed agent at Nelles Corners.

Bro. Boughner, of Simcoe days, relieved Mr. Fields, of Tillsonburg, and Bro. Stuart Smith is taking Bro. Broughner's place.

Bro. Doan, of New Sarum, while on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Oke.

We heartily welcome our new brothers into the Order, and ask the older brothers to do their duty toward them and help them to feel at home, lending them a helping hand whenever it is required.

CERT. 597.

West End—

It is very gratifying to note the improvement in our membership since Bro. Shaw has taken the road, and unlimited credit is due him for our success. We trust that the same spirit of O. R. Tism may attend him on the other divisions yet to be visited.

Beginning at Windsor and coming east, we note the following changes: Bro. Geo. O'Mara, Windsor nights, resigned to go into business for himself; relieved by Bro. C. E. Gurney.

F. Casey, regular nights at Jeannetts Creek, vice R. W. Venning, resigned, to give entire attention to his grocery business.

Bro. A. McIntyre, Lethbridge, Alberta, paid a six weeks' visit to his old friends in and around St. Thomas during September and October. "Sandy" is looking well, but has the same weakness for rubber-tired rigs and fast horses.

Bro. C. A. Rowe, Ellicottville, N. Y., called on your scribe during September.

F. Casey, regular at "J" Creek, is relieving J. Ralston at "CG" tower for a few days. Bro. C. W. Staib is relieving Casey.

Bro. H. E. Fraser fills the vacancy at "D" tower, Chatham, nights, occasioned by Casey's transfer.

Bro. A. Lickorish, Bothwell, transferred to Glencoe nights. Bro. J. W. Farrah, nights at Lawrence, to Glencoe days, vice W. Fennell, resigned.

Bro. J. A. Murray, days at Aylmer, promoted to the agency at Lawrence, vice Bro. J. A. Pollock, transferred to Nelles Corners agency.

E. C. Turnbull appointed regular nights at Lawrence.

Bro. J. P. Roney relieved Bro. C. W. Hendershot at Paynes, recently, while the latter went to Almer days. Bro. Hendershot, preferring his former situation, has returned.

THE TATTLES, CERT. 181.

Vandalia Ry.

West Sub-Division—

Keep your offices in a neat and tidy condition at all times, and you won't be surprised by the inspector, nor feel ashamed when the officials pay you a visit. Expect them as regular as you would the pay car.

J. E. Pacatte, extra on third at Hagarstown.

Bro. O. J. Ofhemkamp, third at St. Jacob, on short vacation, was relieved by L. R. Vanderhoof, extra from Jewett.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, third at Greenville, took in the State Fair at Springfield, relieved by Mr. G. E. Reynolds.

T. Gaston is on second at Hagarstown.

Bro. W. L. Smith, of Stubblefield, spent his vacation in New York City and parts of Missouri. Relieved by W. C. Vollrath.

Mr. W. R. Mitchell, second at Greenville, on vacation. Relieved by Extra Telegrapher Duskel.

W. C. Vollrath relieving on second at Formosa on account of A. G. Godwin being called to the bedside of his sick father.

G L. Elliott, agent at Troy, Ill., confined to his home with rheumatism, has resumed work, and Mr. J. L. Simpson, who relieved him, is now at "WN" work-train office, between Dexter and Altamont.

Bro. H. C. Heck, of "WF," Effingham, on sick list, relieved by Bro. W. O. Young and J. E. Reynolds, of Jewett.

H. H. Kellim, second at "WF," Effingham, has resigned, and is relieved by Bro. H. C. Heck.

W. C. Vollrath, second at Greenville, is relieving Mr. Driskel, transferred to second at Rose Lake to relieve Bro. H. E. Weaver for his vacation.

J. W. Durborow, agent at Pocahontas, who made a flying trip to Terre Haute recently, was relieved by Bro. H. E. Stephens.

Bro. E. E. Pierron, Rose Lake, is in Salt Lake City at the bedside of his brother, O. A. Pierron, who is also our brother.

Bro. J. L. Hill, of Collinsville, while visiting home folks at Reelsville, was relieved by Mr. W. C. Vollrath.

O. Smith, of Vevay Park, secured a trick at Hagarstown.

Bro. C. N. Jones, of St. Elmo, on his vacation, relieved by L. Kepner, second, and he by R. S. Fogler, extra.

O. Smith, of Vevay Park, secured a trick at Hagarstown.

Bro. C. M. Jones, of St. Elmo, on his vacation, relieved by L. Kepner, second, and he by R. S. Fogler, extra man.

W. J. Abbott, agent at Pierron, visiting friends at Montrose.

J. E. Stout, Mulberry Grove, was slightly injured recently, by his horse falling on him.

J. L. Simpson, who left the service to practice law at Edwardsville, has been relieved by Mr. Floyd.

J. E. Pacatte, on first trick at Mulberry Grove, relieving Mr. J. E. Stout, who is critically ill.

The Middleton brothers, from Teutopolis, have left the "Van," and no one seems to be sorry.

Pittsburgh special wrecked in Effingham recently, by running into an open switch, caused the death of Lou Burgess, one of the most popular engineers on the road.

Pinch yourselves, boys, and when you awake send in some items. CERT. 276.

Canadian Northern Ry.

First District—

Our local chairman, Bro. Rock, has returned from Winnipeg, and reports that the new schedule increases the salaries for some of the heavier jobs and the train dispatchers. This settlement is considered very satisfactory, as we were the only road in this part of the country that went up for a revision of schedule this year.

Business is very good on this end of the road, with sixty train crews out of Rainy River and thirty-five out of Port Arthur.

A second set of dispatchers are soon to be placed at Rainy River.

Bro. Carham, of Sprague, is having a strenuous time with the wheat rush, doing five or six men's work.

Quite a few new jobs have been created. Bro. Menzies, of Beaudette, is now at Pitt, Bro. Bowman, of Sprague, at Lerette, and Bro. Arnold, of Fort France, at Barwick.

All the vacancies have been properly advertised since the committee returned from Winnipeg, and in each case the senior men have been appointed.

Bro. Brooks, of Port Arthur, has resigned, relieved by Bro. Cullen, of Mattawin.

We had a bad head-end collision at Banning recently, killing a fireman and a brakeman. It was caused by a train over-running a meet.

Telegraphers are very scarce. Giroux and Pinewood had to be closed nights, as the com-

pany were unable to secure men to fill them, and Bros. Low and Lawson have been doubling up for three weeks on account of no night telegraphers being available. Some other new stations would probably be opened if there were telegraphers to be had.

The overtime is pretty good, but some of the boys do not seem to be very well posted on the schedule. An official is quoted to the effect that overtime is being put in to which the men are not entitled, and others do no put in the proper amount. The schedule is simple enough for all to understand, and there should be no complaints of this kind.

We are pretty well organized on this end, with only one or two nons still among us.

Hope some of the boys will give us something each month for publication, as our write-ups have been coming out recently about as regular as the "eye-opener." KNOCKER.

Canadian Northern Quebec Ry.

Eastern Division—

Our regular meeting, held at the Winsor Hall, Joliette, Quebec, October 17th, was the largest ever held. The revision of our schedule recently, seems to meet the commendation of all the members, and our officials. Bros. S. G. St. Armand and F. J. Belleau are to be congratulated on their success.

The next meeting is to be held at Quebec in order to have a joint meeting with the Q. & L. St. J. Division boys. Now, boys, endeavor to attend this meeting, as it is impossible to keep in touch with what's going on unless you are present.

The opening of the Gorman-Quebec cutoff has made quite a change in establishing new stations, some of which were filled by senior men, all of whom are members except one. The few nons on this division will be up to date by next payday. The opening of this new line and the inauguration of night trains between Montreal and Quebec has resulted in giving Bro. Marauda, ticket agent and telegrapher at Montreal, and Bro. Quелlette, agent at St. Paulin, each a night telegrapher. This means more members.

Our chief dispatcher is now looking for a relieving agent, and we hope he will secure an up-to-date man. The newcomers entering the service lately are all up-to-date men.

Boys, now is the time to get busy on the rest of these nons. If there is one working with or near you, get after him and show him the error of his way. Let's put forth every effort to land them, so when going over the division in the near future we will have the pleasure of seeing the O. R. T. button shining in the buttonhole of the coat of every fellow-telegrapher. CERT. 282.

Hocking Valley Ry.

North End—

The meeting of this division at Fostoria last month was quite a success.

Several questions were discussed, and a line of action decided upon which, if carried out, will be of great benefit to the members of Division 118.

A great many of the members were unable to attend this meeting, being held on duty, we were sorry of this, as we would like to have had their opinions on the subjects discussed. We hope they will be able to be present at the next meeting.

There are a number of nons on this division yet, that need looking after. Let us all try to convert these men to our way of thinking, explain to them the pleasure of being members of our Order and brothers of a body of men, that are able to look after their own interests and that of the company's at the same time.

We are already one of the strongest unions in the country, but it would be a great deal better if all the telegraphers had an up-to-date card.

Keep after these nons, making it our motto: "Where one don't succeed, another will."

The company has now furnished the office at Fostoria and the North Yard office there with gas. This will be a great improvement.

Second trick man at Rising Sun is on a thirty-day vacation; relieved by Mr. Peersons.

The student, formerly at Alveda, is now worrying the dispatchers on the C. L. & N. Ry.

— CORRESPONDENT. —

Hocking Division—

Numerous vacancies have been bulletined in the past few weeks, and the "old heads" who haven't the jobs they want, better wake up and look 'em over.

Bro. W. J. Sines, first East Clayton, bid in second Bradner, which gives the Toledo division another good O. R. T. man, from the "old Hocking."

Bro. L. E. Miller, former third trick at Logan, has gone to West Virginia, to accept a lucrative position on some road.

Arrangements are being made to hold a joint meeting at Columbus, which doubtless will prove interesting and instructive and we are hoping for a good crowd once more.

Understand the agent at Lancaster freight house is instructing a couple of his clerks in the art. This is no surprise to those who know the fellow, and what he expects to gain will be seen later on. Just mentioned it so the boys would know what to do. We don't blame the "hams," as they don't know what they are up against, and think as many of us did, when beginners, that there are big things in store for them. They will know better later on.

When talking to a block operator, the other day, he said, "he was a member" on some dinky little pike somewhere out of the world and "dropped out," because "they didn't stick together." If they all "stuck" after his fashion, the rest would soon give up the ghost. We can't make up our minds to be friendly with fellows of his ilk, and the sooner the business is rid of such material the better progress we will make. Let's make an effort to land some of the new men and as the company is not taking on any union men

let's do it now. There is too much laying down and expecting the other fellow to do it all.

Bro. Leith, of Division No. 33, and Bro. Bowera, third at Carroll, were visitors in Lancaster recently.

Bro. Lehner, first Valley Crossing, has resigned.

Bro. E. M. Messerly, third at Lancaster, took a short vacation; relieved by ex-Bro. Bishop, who is working extra and going to school.

Bro. Jno. Passmore, third Oldtown, is taking a vacation. FINIS

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.

Winnipeg Division—

Pete Boice, days Detroit, has relieved Mr. Vance at Halma, formerly dispatcher at Thief River Falls, who is going into a brokers' office.

Bro. Hogan, who opened Halma, in August, is on the Wheat line now.

Bro. Lewis, general chairman, who has been trying to get relieved for nearly two months, expects to get away shortly.

The big drops we have to make this year, make it hard to get relieved, so none of us may be able to get away in time to kill our winter's supply of moose and deer meat. This scarcity of men should enable us to hold up our percentage of membership and enable our committee to get us a raise this winter. If we could get 95 per cent on the system, we might get a schedule like the C. P. boys have, where 26 days make a month, minimum about \$15.00 per month above ours, and two weeks a year off, with full pay.

Let us hustle a little, and see if we can't get 95 per cent, so our committee can do business for us.

Send me any items of news you can hear of, the day you get them, and as many as possible, by the 10th of each month.

I suggest that all correspondents request that the words "Union Made" appear in all the advertisements published in THE TELEGRAPHER hereafter. We note that the Douglas shoe is again union, as well as the Walkover. We can not get union-made suits and uniforms here, and would like to buy of the advertisers in THE TELEGRAPHER if we know they are the right sort. What do the rest think of my plan?

J. F. ALLISON,
Local Chairman.

L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Eastern Division—

The strenuous endeavors we have made to round up the non-members on this division have caused some of these pesky weaklings to grow stubborn, and evasively answer the wide-awake members who have ventured to approach them recently.

While it may be their right and privilege to refuse to give a decisive answer as to why they

should not join us, we can assure this class that we are not "begging" any of them to come with us, and that the O. R. T. accepts none but gentlemen, either solicited or unsolicited.

Bro. F. C. Barrett, with his family, recently returned from a trip to Pittsburg. He was relieved by Bro. Snyder, who is now working third at Bay View.

Bro. Sinn, of Lake View, has accepted the agency at Derby.

Bro. Fay, of Dunkirk tower, is taking a few weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Will.

Miss Anna Woods, sister of Telegrapher J. L. Woods, and sister-in-law of General Superintendent Bernet, died recently in North East, Pa., at the home of her brother, Agent T. J. Woods.

Bro. Creedon, of Mentor, has promised to send in the news from west of Erie, and wake up the bunch interested in that territory.

The following is respectfully dedicated to our only Sister, Miss Dolly Freeman, of Madison:

"SIS."

You can talk about the brothers who are always loyal and true,

But let me tell you, fellows, we've a gal that's loyal, too.

She ain't a bit of trouble, and never does act "new,"

But she's business-like and sensible, and one of true blue.

She's the only sister here of the grand O. R. T.,
A pal of all the Order boys that tap the rubber key;

And her memory will be treasured for many years to come,

Our lovely Sister "Dolly," at the town of Madison.

CERT. 472.





NOTICE

R. A. Walls, Cert. 833, in Division No. 31, has been expelled from the Order for scabbing, and J. R. Youngblood, Cert. 1328, in Division No. 93, has been expelled from the Order for conduct unbecoming a member.

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 124 is due July 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires Aug. 31, 1909.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....	\$2.40 per year
On 500 00 (Series B).....	3.60 per year
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....	7.20 per year

BENEFITS PAID DURING OCTOBER, 1909.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CERT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
859..	H. B. Davis	Suicide.....	93..	22056..	A..	\$ 300 00
927..	Andrew L. Flatley.....	Dropped Dead.....	2..	25950..	C..	1,000 00
947..	Chas. N. Furry.....	Typhoid Fever	32..	889..	B..	500 00
948..	C. A. Egloff.....	Dysentery.....	Grand..	29915..	A..	300 00
950..	Wm. J. Miller.....	Acute Heart Disease.....	52..	5230..	C..	1,000 00
951..	H. W. Moyer.....	Apoplexy	102..	6324..	A..	300 00
952..	Clifford K. Gane	Typhoid Fever.....	59..	17225..	C..	1,000 00
953..	L. S. Ireland.....	Killed by Train.....	Grand..	30378..	A..	300 00
955..	Jas. B. Shannon.....	Suicide.....	119..	19914..	B..	500 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to September 30, 1909	\$817,393 21
Received on Assessment Account October, 1909.....	2,000 44
	<u>\$819,393 65</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to September 30, 1909.....	\$564,981 47
Death Claims paid in October.....	5,200 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,205 20
Assessments transferred to dues.....	205 13
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, October 31, 1909.....	247,801 85
	<u>\$819,393 65</u>

L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

General Offices, St. Louis, Mo.

GRAND OFFICERS.

H. B. PERHAM.....President St. Louis, Mo.	L. W. QUICK....Grand Secretary and Treasurer St. Louis, Mo.
J. A. NEWMAN.....First Vice-President Flat "B," 3960 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Ill.	T. M. PIERSON.....Second Vice-President St. Louis, Mo.
D. CAMPBELL.....Third Vice-President 264 Rushholme Road, Toronto, Ont.	J. J. DERMODY.....Fourth Vice-President St. Louis, Mo.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. O. Sinks, Chairman, Jefferson St. Depot, Portland, Ore.	C. E. Layman, Troutville, Va.
Geo. O. Forbes, Secretary, Spring Hill Junction, N. S.	C. G. Kelso, 1106 N. Jefferson St., Springfield, Mo.
	Geo. E. Joslin, Lock Box 11, Centerdale, R. I.

ADVERTISING.

All correspondence pertaining to advertising should be addressed to W. N. Gates, Advertising Manager, Garfield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

DIVISION DIRECTORY.

GRAND DIVISION—Attached membership not confined to any particular railroad or territory. H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. LaFever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month at 10 a. m. in Masonic Temple, cor. Main and Market sts., (P. O. Bldg.), Lewistown, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munca, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo.; W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen'l Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 53 Jameson ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. A. Haughey, Local Chairman, 14 Prospect st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division meets 3d Saturday evening in Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at Rochester, N. Y.; Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov., at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. M. B. Lynch, Local Chairman, 962 State st., Schenectady, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Wednesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Beech Creek District meets 2d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Mechanics' Hall, South Clearfield, Pa. J. W. Martenis, Local Chairman, Vilas, Pa. Electric Div. and Grand Central Terminal—Meets 2d Wednesday at 9:30 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 8 p. m., each month, Colonial Building, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York. H. D. Murty, Local Chairman of Grand Central Terminal, 115 South High st., Mount Vernon, N. Y. E. M. O'Meara, Local Chairman of Electric Div., Dumont, N. J.; G. P. Alrutzy, Ass't Local Chairman, in charge of Station Depart-

ment, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div.—Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9—LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; F. K. Ament, S. & T., Box 205, Malvern, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N. 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher, at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. 1st, 2d and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio. A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; C. E. Downie, Local Chairman, Southern Div., South Fallsburgh, N. Y.; S. H. Mulligan, Ass't Local

Chairman Southern Div., Middletown, N. Y.; F. A. Wood, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., East Branch, N. Y.; W. F. Persbacher, Local Chairman, Scranton Div., Dickson City, Pa.; P. A. Towner, Local Chairman Northern Div., Sidney, N. Y.; F. A. McCuen, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Div., Oneida, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., and the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Ry. Systems. District meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.; E. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m. in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberg, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 837 High st., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex.; J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex.; I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex.; L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Thursday each month at 8 p. m., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y. E. N. Pickerill, Chief Tel., Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, N. Y.; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7016 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; E. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., 1516 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m., thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office, Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly Wednesday evening of each month at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. J. D. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman Eastern District, Baltimore Division; C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO," General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman; M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburgh Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburgh, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringgold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio, G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R.

I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburgh. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., 373½ Main st., Springfield, Mass. H. I. Woodward, Chief Tel., 156 Carew st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

- No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. B. C. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 17 Bergen ave., Jamaica, N. Y.
- No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.
- No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.
- No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.
- No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.
- No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. W. Aiken, Gen'l Chairman, Cotopaxi, Colo.; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2015 Routt ave., Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.
- No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, Gen'l Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. A. A. Kolb, Chief Tel., 570 Duquesne ave., Swissvale, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
- No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.
- No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.
- No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.
- No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.
- No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.
- No. 58—WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.
- No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, Drexel, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.
- No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.
- No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets fourth Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.
- No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets

- 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.
- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis, st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Three Forks, Mont.
- No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA.—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road. St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.
- No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S. W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.
- No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 6:20 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy O. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nicholls, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.
- No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets third Sunday each month at Hattiesburg, Miss.; J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., Shriver, Miss.
- No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Decatur, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; E. C. Kahlbaugh, Acting G. S. & T., 415 Franklin st., Hanover, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne Gen'l Chairman, Limestone, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.
- No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden

- N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.
- No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J.; N. T. Bryson, Chief Tel., 84 Sweets ave., Trenton, N. J.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.
- No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m. and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.
- No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. DeSouza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m. in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 4831 Pensacola ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18th South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.
- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546 1/2 Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.
- No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; C. E. Norris, Gen'l S. & T., Inver Grove, Minn.
- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.
- No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Tempe, Ariz.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Englehart, Ont.
- No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. E. A. Johnson, Chief Tel., R. F. D. 1, Gage, N. Y.; D. R. Dunning, S. & T., 103 Smith st., Elmira, N. Y.
- No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyersville, Cal.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mening, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H.; G. A. Hall, Chief Tel., Boscawen, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watsela, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T.; El Paso, Ill.

- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.
- No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets first Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Cone-maugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.
- No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.
- No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres, Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; J. H. McLean, Acting Gen'l S. & T., L'Anse, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:15 p. m.: Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct. and Nov., and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, Sept. and Dec. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Saulte Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.
- No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and of place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edwards, N. Y.
- No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets second Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, third floor, 825 Main st., (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, Chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A. South End, Penola, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., fourth Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Box 176, Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; I. W. Lusk, S. & T., 406 Chestnut st., Virginia, Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Board of Trade Bldg., Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Bladell, N. Y., and Local Chairman Eastern Division; E. E. Smith, G. S. & T., Stoneboro, Pa., and Local Chairman Franklin Division; C. D. Hull, 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio, Local Chairman, Toledo Division; J. H. Walker, Hillsdale, Mich., Local Chairman Michigan Division; M. S. Lowe, Monroe, Mich., Local Chairman Detroit Division; W. R. Adams, 402 W. 7th st., Auburn, Ind., Local Chairman, Lansing Division; E. D. Graham, 207 E. 7th st., Mishawaka, Ind., Local Chairman Western Division.

- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.
- No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—C. A. Bilo-deau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.
- No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C. 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on second Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.
- No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.
- No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets third Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.
- No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Bldg., Olean, N. Y.; D. F. Cashman, Chief Tel., Machias Junction, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.
- No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.
- No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 138—Division covers C. & C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets, at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Bldg., Springfield, Ohio. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman. Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman. Indianapolis Division meets at Room No. 11, second floor, Anthony Bldg., Muncie, Ind., on 3d Tuesday of each month. E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg, monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkham, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; I. A. Schlosser, 111 N. Lynn st., Urbana, Ill., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlement, Local Chairman, Carrier Mills, Ill.
- No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.
- No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. V. W. Hobbs, Gen'l Chairman, Mattawamkeag, Maine; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.
- No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. B. Dunn, Gen'l Chairman, Shiner, Texas; J. H. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Josephine st., San Antonio, Texas.
- No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.
- No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. I. C. Hart, Gen'l Chairman, Elmira, Mich.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.
- No. 144—Division covers the Trinity and Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Texas.
- No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. Geo. C. Webster, G. S. & T., Dalhart, Texas.
- No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. W. M. English, Gen'l Chairman, Talladega, Ala.; J. C. Means, Gen'l S. & T., Oglethorpe, Ga.
- No. 147—Division covers the Norfolk & Southern Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. R. S. Tilden, Gen'l Chairman, 32 George st., Newbern, N. C.; Chas. D. Lane, Gen'l S. & T., Dover, N. C.
- No. 148—Division covers the Grand Trunk Western Ry. System. F. O. Wille, Acting G. S. & T., Clarkston, Mich.
- No. 149, PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—T. L. Kiser, Chief Tel., Old Bridge, N. J. S. W. Skirm, S. & T., Perth Amboy, N. J.

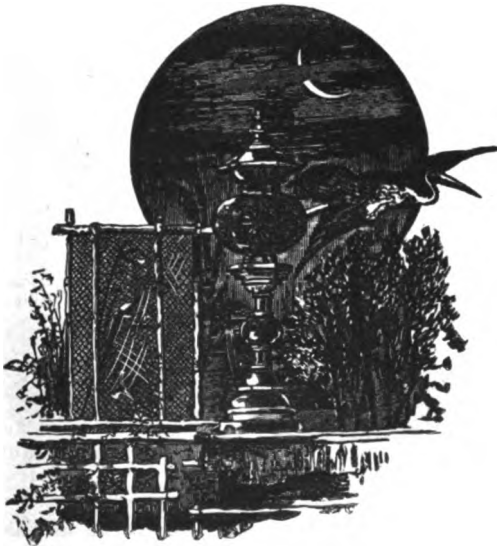
TWIN CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB—Meets second Saturday night each month at Columbia Hall, Prior and University aves., St. Paul, Minn. R. R. Foulkes, Pres., 232 Cayuga st., St. Paul, Minn.; T. H. Line, S. & T., 2365 Doswell ave., St. Paul, Minn.

TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF N. Y.—Meets subject to call of President at "The Plaza," 141st st. and Edgecombe ave., New York City; M. G. Woolley, President, 155th st. and 8th ave., New York City; E. Neumuller, S. & T., 126 Union st., High Bridge, New York City.

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF RICHMOND, VA.—Meets at Picket Camp Hall, 307 N. 7th st., second Saturday night of each month. All O. R. T. men are cordially invited. There will be short talks on various subjects of interest to telegraphers at each meeting.

PRETZEL CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB, FREEPORT, ILL.—Meets third Friday night of each month at I. O. O. F. Hall, 107 Stephenson st., Freeport, Ill. All O. R. T. members are cordially invited. This club is organized more particularly in the interests of the telegraphers of the C. & M. & St. P., C. G. W., and I. C. Railways, all of whom should make special effort to attend. Walter Kelly, Chief Tel., Rutland, Ill.; H. E. Kiester, S. & T., 60 Second st., Freeport, Ill.

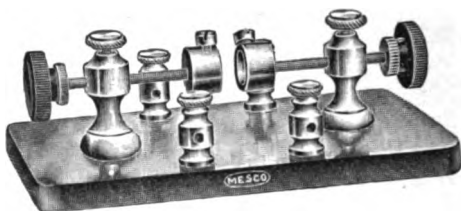
DIXIE TWIN ORDER TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB OF ATLANTA, GA.—Meets second Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., Federation Hall. All up-to-date O. R. T. and C. T. U. of A. brothers cordially invited to attend. C. E. Livsey, President, East Point, Ga.; Lawson Lamar, Vice-President, Gould Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Miss Dita May West, S. & T., 319 E. Georgia ave., Atlanta, Ga.



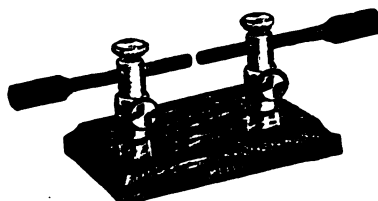
Wireless Telegraph Apparatus

**WILL TRANSMIT UP TO 10 MILES.
WILL RECEIVE FROM STATIONS 100 MILES DISTANT.
THESE ARE WELL MADE, PRACTICAL OPERATING INSTRUMENTS,
DESIGNED TO GIVE SATISFACTORY RESULTS.**

WIRELESS PAMPHLET MAILED ON APPLICATION



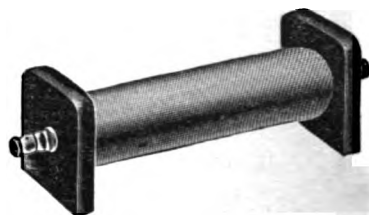
Crystal Detector Stand



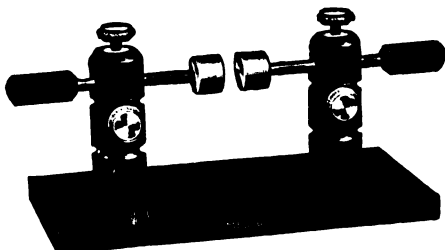
Zinc Spark Gap



Wireless Key—Legless Type



High Tension Tubular Condenser



High Efficiency Spark Gap



**Telephone Receivers
For Wireless Use**

**Catalog B24, nearly 200 pages, illustrates and Describes
"Something Electrical for Everybody"
You can have one for the asking**

Manhattan Electrical Supply Co.

CHICAGO, 188 Fifth Avenue

NEW YORK, 17 Park Place

When addressing our advertisers, please mention The Railroad Telegrapher.

LOFTIS SYSTEM Diamonds ON CREDIT

\$33.⁶⁰
On
Credit



No. 36 A, 18 Size

SPECIAL PRICE \$33.⁶⁰

Pay \$3.36 Per Month

The Loftis System of Credit at Christmas time is a Great Convenience to Thousands

What is the Loftis System? It is the system which permits the far-away buyers to select the finest Diamonds, Watches and Jewelry from our beautifully illustrated catalog and have them sent to their home, place of business or express office on approval. You need not pay one penny for express charges or otherwise—we pay everything—leaving you free to decide whether to buy or not after the fullest examination of the article sent. If what we send meets with your approval, you pay one-fifth on delivery and keep the article, sending the balance to us direct in eight equal monthly payments. These terms make anyone's credit good, and permit us to open **CONFIDENTIAL CREDIT ACCOUNTS** with all classes of people.

Write for Christmas Catalog Containing over 1500 photographic illustrations of beautiful suggestions for Christmas Gifts. With its aid you can select in the privacy of your home suitable gifts for all. Diamond Rings, Pins, Brooches and Earrings, Chatelaine Watches, Silverware, etc., for wife, sweetheart, sister or mother. Sparkling Diamond Studs, Scarf Pins and Cuff Buttons, Watches, Fobs, etc., for husband, father or brother. Our Catalog is free.

An Account With Us is a confidential matter. We require no security, charge no interest, impose no penalties and create no publicity. Our customers use their charge accounts with us year after year, finding them a great convenience at such times as Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. We have no disagreeable preliminaries or vexatious delays. Everything is pleasant, prompt, and guaranteed to be satisfactory. We want your account.

Our Prices are 10 to 15 per cent lower than those of the ordinary spot cash retail jeweler. We are direct importers, buying our Diamonds in the rough, which we cleave, cut and polish in our own work shops. In buying from us you save the profits of broker, jobber, wholesaler and retailer.

To the Cash Buyer of Diamonds we have a proposition which is thoroughly characteristic of our house. It is nothing less than a written agreement to return the full amount paid us for a Diamond—less ten per cent, at any time within one year. Thus one might wear a fifty dollar Diamond for a whole year, then send it back and get \$45, making the cost of wearing the Diamond for one year less than ten cents per week.

LOFTIS

BROS & CO. 1856

Our Handsome Souvenir Booklet, telling all about "How Easily You Can Wear and Own a Diamond on the Loftis System," will be sent free on request. The Diamond is the emblem of success.

**THE OLD RELIABLE, ORIGINAL
DIAMOND AND WATCH CREDIT HOUSE,**
Dept. M787 92 to 98 State St., CHICAGO, ILL.
BRANCH STORES—Pittsburg, Pa., and St. Louis, Mo.

WATCH AND DIAMOND SPECIALS FOR RAILROAD MEN

18 Size Elgin, Waltham or Illinois Railroad Watches

21 FINE RUBY JEWELS (gold settings); adjusted to temperature; isochronism and five positions; double roller escapement with steel escape wheel, pallet arbor and escape pinion cone-pivoted and cap-jeweled; exposed pallets; compensating balance; Breguet hairspring; micrometric regulator. Open face, lever set double sunk Railroad Dial, large steel hands. In 18 Size Gold Filled Case, warranted to wear for 20 years. Screw bezel, solid back, dust proof, with dust proof screw cap; plain polished, engraved or engine turned. If 16 Size is desired, let us send you our No. 36 B

\$30 16 Size 21 Jewel Special
Dueber-Hampden Railroad Watch

In Gold Filled, Dust Proof Case, Warranted to Wear for 20 Years.

Credit Terms: \$3 per Month

Guaranteed to Pass Inspection on Any Railroad

Sent Anywhere, All Charges Prepaid,

On Free Trial



\$50

Gentlemen's or Ladies'
14k Solid Gold
Diamond Rings
Fashionable Mounting
\$5 a Month
No. 34

FINEST DIAMOND—A marvel of brilliancy, purity and color. Not too expensive for the income of salaried people, yet of such beauty as to awaken the admiration of all lovers of Diamonds.

Diamonds increase a man's prestige and open the door of Opportunity.

Diamonds as an Investment are better than a savings bank because they pay four times the rate of interest. They are increasing in value from 15 to 20 per cent each year. They are better than real estate, because you can realize their full value at any time at the highest market price. A Diamond is the ideal gift for a loved one; it lasts forever, and every day reminds the wearer of your regard and good judgment. Our prices are lowest, terms easiest.

We Are the Oldest, largest and most reliable Diamond, Jewelry and Watch Credit House in the world. Est. 1858. We refer to any bank in America—ask your local bank how we stand in the business world. They will refer to their Commercial Agency books and tell you that we stand very high, and that our representations may be accepted without question. Our guarantee has over \$1,000,000 behind it.

Our Guarantee Certificate, given with every Diamond, is the broadest and strongest ever issued by a responsible house. Our exchange system is the most liberal ever devised, for it permits you to return any Diamond bought of us, and get the full amount paid in exchange for other goods or a larger Diamond. Buy now.



Learning the trade at home and making money at the same time.



This handsome Jewelry Store is owned by two young men who learned at home.

Make \$25 to \$75 a Week as a Watch Repairer And We'll Start a Jewelry Business for You Like This

Watch repairers make big money. Some earn up to \$75 a week. In the jewelry business there is no limit. Some jewelers today are worth millions. You can learn this profitable business at home, in spare time, without interfering with your present work.

The watch repairing lessons are simple and easily understood—and you can learn the trade in a few weeks. And remember, the course is free. Even the text books, charts and photo prints showing each movement. There is no stock for you to buy—practically the only expense you will have is to get a few tools when you need them.

Then, after you have mastered the trade, we'll start you in the jewelry business. We will furnish you handsome jewelry catalogs with your own name on them. Give a copy to every one in your vicinity. When you get an order send to us for the goods. In this way you can work up a

big business without carrying a stock. As the business expands we establish you in a store of your own.

You can shake off the shackles of drudgery and become a 20th century clever business man—Independent and successful in your home town. Resolve now to begin—the sooner you commence the sooner you will be established. Take the matter up with me personally—now.


Chas. F. Elmore, Principal Watchmaking College

Rogers, Thurman & Co.

WHOLESALE JEWELERS

80 Wabash Ave.

Chicago, Ill.



**THE
RAILROAD
MAN'S
WATCH**

The variation of a minute may mean lives lost and property ruined. The Railroad man who has a

ROCKFORD

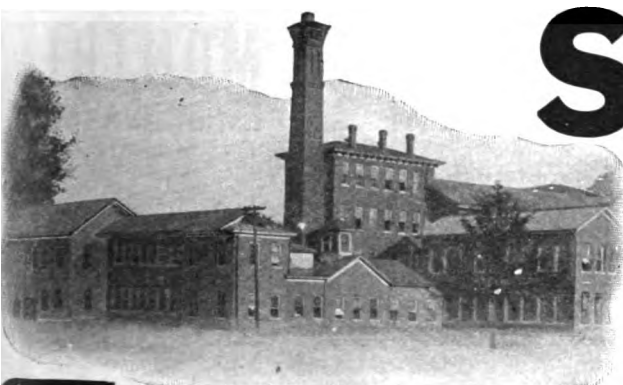
is safe and secure. It is recognized as standard by the Official Railroad Watch Inspectors. It is specially made to meet the exacting requirements of Railroadings.

ABSOLUTELY FREE

Upon request, we will send without charge, a pretty and convenient vest-pocket time-card case. It should be in the possession of every Railroad man.

—THE—

**ROCKFORD WATCH CO.
ROCKFORD, ILL.**



STOP!

Stop Those Trust Methods!

It is up to you, Mr. Consumer. You, the buyer of the goods *must* insist on fair treatment and *honest values*

if you expect to reap the *benefit* of the great national struggle against the trusts.

We have fought trust methods, the unfair contracts, and price-boosting methods of the giant watch factories, and now we have found the way by which you, the consumer, can secure anti-trust prices *for yourself*. We have decided to offer direct our finest and most superb watch, the genuine Burlington "Special." **While this offer lasts** you can get this watch direct, and at the identical price that the *wholesale* jeweler himself must pay.

Trust Prices Eclipsed

Yes, completely eclipsed on



this great special offer. Now, *right now*, is your opportunity to secure the world's *masterpiece* of watch manufacture direct from us and at a simply *staggering* anti-trust price. We are *determined* to push our independent line. Hence our direct offer. Some trusts are legal and some are not. **We do not state that the watch trust is illegal**, but we do *know* that its price-boosting contracts and its methods are very, very unfair—unfair to you and unfair to us. So, in order to fight these methods most effectively we have decided to give our finest watch, the superb Burlington "Special" *direct* to the public on such an amazingly liberal offer that competition would be absolutely annihilated.

So Here is the Offer

We will ship *direct* to you, the genuine Burlington "Special,"

our very finest watch, and at the *same* price which the *wholesale* jeweler himself must pay. We do not ask you to risk any money at all—we will allow you to take your choice of either ladies' or men's size and will ship the watch to you **on approval, no money down**, for an absolutely free examination—returnable at *our* expense. We ship you the watch without any obligations at all so that you can see with your own eyes the overwhelming superiority of the Burlington "Special" watch over even the highest priced trust product on the market.

\$2.50 a Month—After the free examination you may either send us cash in full or take your choice of paying for the watch on terms of only \$2.50 a month. You get the benefit of the rock-bottom price anyway, whether you buy for cash or on time. This \$2.50 is merely a special extra inducement to get *everybody* interested in an anti-trust project.

Anti-Trust Watch Book FREE

Your name and address on the

attached coupon or in a postal or letter will bring you a copy of our great Anti-Trust Watch Book by return mail, free. No one who wants a really good watch can afford to be without this book. All the details of our Anti-Trust fight, including our startling \$1,000.00 challenge to our giant competitors is completely explained. Don't pay an enormous price for a first-class watch or be content with a "bargain" in a worthless timepiece. Send for our Anti-Trust Watch Book—drop us a postal or letter or merely send this coupon.

BURLINGTON WATCH COMPANY
Dept 1218 19th & Marshall Blvd., CHICAGO

BURLINGTON WATCH CO., DEPT 1218 19th & Marshall Blvd., CHICAGO, ILL.
Please send me without obligation, and prepaid, your free book on watches and copy of your \$1,000.00 challenge to the giant factories with full explanation of your cash or \$2.50 a month offer on the Burlington Special.
Name _____ Address _____

GET THIS \$1200.00 NEXT MONTH!

WHAT A BLESSING TO ALWAYS HAVE MONEY IN ABUNDANCE



"SEE IT ENERGIZE."
Sec. view Comb. Portable
and Bathroom Outfit.

You can. It's easy. One man actually made \$1281.00 in ONE MONTH, \$51.50 in 15 MINUTES, \$800.00 in EIGHT DAYS. Not a fairy tale, fake or humbug, but absolutely true—sworn statement. New, wonderful discovery. Causing great enthusiasm. Readers, listen, see, read how this invention has made, is making thousands of dollars for others. Does \$1200.00 Monthly "My sales \$1281.00 one month, \$1118.00 another. Best thing SWORN STATEMENT BY INTEREST YOU?" ever sold. Not one complaint from 2000 customers. M. G. STONEMAN, Mont.

"SOLD \$212.00 IN 2 WEEKS. Not one dissatisfied user," writes Korstad & Mercer, Minn. "My sales \$1680.00 IN 73 DAYS," writes C. D. Rasp, Wis. "Canvassed 60 PEOPLE—GOT 55 ORDERS. Sold \$320.00 in 16 days," writes W. H. Reese, Pa. "Enclosed order for \$115.00 FIRST DAY'S WORK. Best thing I ever worked," writes L. H. Langley, N. D. "Everybody thinks apparatus finest thing. Sold 15 one afternoon," writes Miss Eva Edwards, Nev., after ordering 73. "I averaged \$164.25 WEEKLY for three months, undoubtedly best line on market," writes J. W. Beem, Kan. "Finest seller I ever saw, catches the eye. Don't want anything better. SELL 8 OUT OF 10 HOUSES," writes Wm. Maroney, Okla. "A man that can't sell your outfit couldn't sell bread in a famine, send 48 more," writes J. B. Cashman, Minn. "I make \$100.00 DAILY," writes J. Sevegne, N. Y.

HUNDREDS MEN AND WOMEN TELL OF WONDERFUL SUCCESS equipping town and farm homes with Allen's Portable Bath Apparatus. 50,000 already sold. Acknowledged best thing ever happened for humanity. Nothing like it. Gives every home a modern bathroom for only \$5.00. Think of it! Costs nothing to operate. Used wherever water in any form exists. So energizes water that one gallon does more than tub full old way. Gives cleansing, friction, massage, shower baths altogether or separately. Cleanses almost automatically. Makes bathing 5 minute operation. Only clean, running water touches body—no immersion. No tubs, buckets, bowls, washrags or sponges—no plumbing. Insures cleanliness without drudgery—prolongs life—prevents disease. Small, but mighty—carried in grip. Endorsed by famous Battle Creek Sanitarium and other celebrated authorities. Most popular, easiest, quickest, surest selling household article going.

Let us give you an appointment worth \$40.00 to \$60.00 weekly

plus freedom from drudgery, long hours, wage earning, bossism, job hunting. We want more AGENTS, SALESMEN, MANAGERS, either sex, at home or traveling, all or spare time, to fill orders, appoint, supply, control sub-agents. Hustlers getting rich. EXPERIENCE UNNECESSARY. Simply supply enormous demand already made—that's all. Every customer anxious to boost your business. No easier, quicker certain way to make money. Exciting business—big profits—popular goods, guaranteed by an old reliable \$50,000.00 house—absolutely no competition—exclusive territory—co-operation and assistance.

CREDIT GIVEN—SEND NO MONEY—only your name and address on a postal card today for world's greatest agency offer, valuable booklets, credit plan, proofs of phenomenal success—ALL FREE. COSTS NOTHING TO INVESTIGATE. MEET US THAT FAR ANYHOW.

THE ALLEN MFG. CO., - 2528 ALLEN BLDG., TOLEDO, OHIO

A Typewriter Proposal

¶ We are offering to you this month Remington models 6 and 7, at \$35.00, \$40.00 and 45.00, and Smith Premiers, model 2, at \$30.00, \$35.00 and \$40.00; (add \$5.00 for time payments). These machines, or any other make, are rebuilt in our own shop, and are as good as the day they came from the factory.

¶ We are making you this proposal. We will ship one of these typewriters to you. If it shows that it has ever been used, send it back at our expense. If you accept it, and within two weeks make up your mind it is not what you want, return it and get your MONEY BACK.

Send for our Booklet, "What Others Say."

McDONALD TYPEWRITER CO.
263 LASALLE ST., CHICAGO,

W. F. McDonald, Pres.
Secy.-Treas. Division 91, O. R. T.

John A. Black, Secy. & Treas.

G. Dal Jones,
Chief Td. Div. 91, O. R. T.

I Guarantee to Cure ECZEMA TO STAY CURED!



It is also called **SALT RHEUM, SCALD HEAD, TETTER, ITCH, WEEPING SKIN, MILK CRUST, PRURITUS**—these are different names, but all mean one thing—**ECZEMA**.

**DR. J. E. CANNADAY,
THE DOCTOR WHO
TREATS NOTHING
BUT ECZEMA.**

I prove every word that I have said—I give to every sufferer

A FREE TRIAL

Just to show you that you need my treatment. It is yours for the asking. If you have been to other Doctors, if you have taken patent medicine, and used lotions and salves till you are disgusted, write to me—I will send you **ABSOLUTELY FREE OF CHARGE, A TRIAL TREATMENT**. There are no strings to this statement. There is not one cent to pay—not a penny accepted. I know what my trial treatment will do; I know that it will convince you more than anything else on earth that you need my treatment.

Don't Miss This Chance for a Cure

If you are **SUFFERING FROM ECZEMA** you can only be cured one way—**REMOVE THE CAUSE**. What is the cause? **ACID IN THE BLOOD**. How do you remove it? By cleansing the blood of the **ACID**.

My treatment is soothing—relieves the dreadful itching at once and cures the disease quickly. You don't have to take treatment for months and months. **ONLY ONE CASE IN TEN** needs the second treatment—**ONE IN FIFTY** needs the third—think of that!

What Eozema Is

Eczema is a disease of the blood and affects all parts of the body—the face, lips, ears, hands, feet, genital organ, etc.

SYMPTOMS.—Yellowish red eruption; the pimples or patches may swell and the itching is so great the person will scratch the top off, then they bleed and dark scales form; there is an oozing of matter. In some the skin cracks and bleeds. Itching is terrible; a person suffering will scratch till they bleed. Scales form on parts of the body, where the clothing comes in contact.

Ten Years Guarantee

I positively Guarantee that every case cured by me will stay cured **10 YEARS!** It must be good or it could not be sold this way.

Strong as Rock of Gibraltar

I am a graduate from two leading medical schools. I am the holder of a **GOLD MEDAL** taken in Competitive Examination. Does this not show that I am fully qualified? I will send you my book, showing endorsements of business men of all classes. Also testimonials and pictures from cured patients everywhere. Some of them may be **YOUR NEIGHBORS**.

MY BOOK

Is the most complete book ever sent out. I explain every form of the disease plainly and fully. I show pictures of many severe cases, which are extremely interesting. I send you names of thousands who have been cured and are grateful.

DR. J. E. CANNADAY
900 Park Square
Sedalia, Mo.

Reliable Beyond Question

This is a statement from the bank of my home town, where I have done business for years.

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF SEDALIA.
Capital, \$100,000
Surplus, \$25,000
Reserve, \$10,000
Sedalia, Mo.

February 11th, 1908.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This certifies that Dr. Cannaday's patients, from all over the United States, have been placing their money in this bank while they tried his treatment on eczema. In all this time we have been called upon but five times to return the patients' money.

One died before the treatment was shipped; two did not get the treatment as it was lost in transit; one paid cash for the treatment three days later after getting her money; and one was not satisfied.

*Citizens Nat. Bank
R. F. Hanson
Asst. Cash.*

FREE OFFER—OUT HERE

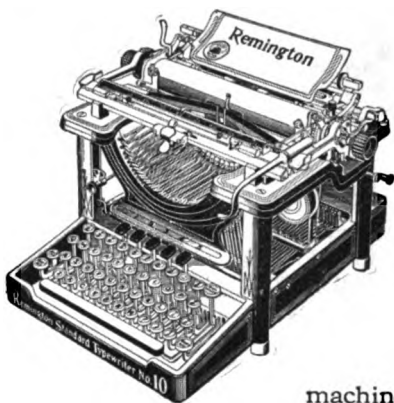
Dr. J. E. Cannaday,
900 Park Square
Sedalia, - Mo.:

Please send without cost to me prepaid Free trial treatment, also copy of your Free Book.

Name.....

Address.....

.....
Treatment and literature sent in plain wrapper.



THE MODEL 10 REMINGTON

is the latest and Greatest Remington triumph; the latest and greatest typewriter triumph; the most efficient machine ever built for the telegrapher's use.

The Model 10 has all the famous Remington qualities which have always made the Remington the telegrapher's choice, combined with new features which mean more work and faster work with less labor than ever before.

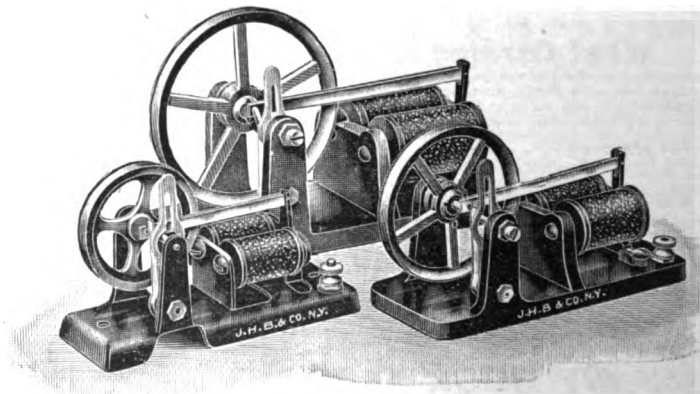
REMINGTON TYPEWRITER CO.

(Incorporated)

NEW YORK AND EVERYWHERE.

BEEKO ELECTRIC ENGINES

Made
in
Three
Sizes



Cuts
One-
Third
Size

The most attractive toy ever produced. Has variable speed and reverse lever.
Will run a number of small toys at one time. Operates for weeks at a time on one to three cells of a good dry battery.

Small Size **60 cents** Medium Size **\$1.00** Large Size **\$1.25**

We also carry a large line of Tin Toys to run in connection with above Engines. Miniature Electric Railways, Small Motors, Dynamos, Telegraph Instruments, etc.

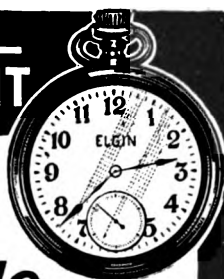
Write for circular of Electric Holiday Novelties and Christmas Tree Outfits.

J. H. BUNNELL & CO., Inc.

20 PARK PLACE

NEW YORK.

ELGIN WATCHES — ON — CREDIT



**GUARANTEED TO PASS
ANY RAILROAD INSPECTION**

Let Me
Send you this Genuine 21-
JEWEL ELGIN in Double
Strata Hand Engraved, Gold
Filled Case, Guaranteed for
25 Years, \$38.00, only
\$5.⁰⁰ a Month

**THIS IS THE WATCH
YOUR JOB DEMANDS!**

P. S. HARRIS,
Pres. Harris-Goar Company.
Mr. Harris and the Harris-Goar
Co. are well known and recom-
mended by the Kansas City Banks.

Its accuracy protects property, lives, positions, and makes
of it the **KING OF RAILROAD WATCHES.**

READ--

The Correct Factory De-
scription of this 21-Jewel
Elgin and you will know
Why it is the
Official Watch of **MORE** Railroads than
ALL OTHER WATCHES
COMBINED.

Open Face; Lever Set; Nickel. 21-ruby
and Sapphire jewels (gold settings); adjusted to temper-
ature, isochronism, and five positions; double roller es-
capement with steel escape wheel, pallet arbor and
escape pinion, cone-pivoted and cap jeweled, exposed
sapphire pallet stones, compensating balance, Breguet
hairspring, micrometric regulator, patent recoiling click,
double-sunk dial, dust ring, engraving inlaid with gold
damaskeened plates; closely timed and finely finished
throughout.

We ask no security and no interest—just plain honesty among men. Our Elgin Watches
are so well known and our Credit Plan so Easy, that no matter where you live, **we will trust you**, so that
you and every honest man and woman can own a genuine 21 Jewel Elgin, guaranteed to pass any railroad in-
spection, in a beautiful gold filled case, **guaranteed for 25 years**, and you wear it while paying for it in
such small payments that you never miss the money.

EVERY WATCH SENT PREPAID No Money Down

You assume no risk whatever in dealing with us, because **before you buy or pay one cent, we place the**
watch of your choice right in your own hands and let it do its own talking. Elgin watches are made
strong and accurate. This is the reason we can send them on approval and **guarantee safe delivery.** You
cannot afford to buy a watch of any kind until you have our catalog and prices for we are the Largest Watch
House in America and will sell you a fine Elgin Watch **\$2.00 A MONTH.**
at \$15.00 to \$25.00 on terms of

Our Big Free Watch Catalog

contains the true Factory description of every High-Grade Elgin watch
made. You and your friends should have it. Our prices and the simpli-
city of our Easy Credit Plan will astonish you.

Just Your Name and Address on a postal or the coupon will
bring you our **FREE CATALOG** and a photograph and history of the Elgin
Factory, the largest in the world,

**Send For
Catalog
Today**

BARGAINS FOR WOMEN.

Every woman should send for
our Free Catalog. It will enable
you to buy Watches, Diamonds,
Solid Gold Jewelry, Silverware,
etc., and pay for them out of your
pin money. **WRITE TODAY**
for CATALOG. Do it NOW!
HARRIS-GOAR CO.

**HARRIS-GOAR
COMPANY**

**1412 Grand Ave.
KANSAS
CITY,
MO.**

Send For Catalog Today
Just your name and address will co.
1412 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.
Please send me your Free Catalog of Elgin Watches and inside
Full of Facts and Figures. Also your Easy Credit Plan of sell-
ing Elgin Watches No Money Down, \$2.00 a month.
NAME _____
POST OFFICE _____
STATE _____
R. F. D. _____

Press the Back-Spacer Key

and the carriage backs up so that an omitted character may be struck in, or an error corrected without removing the hands from the keyboard. One of the 28 features of the easy action, light-running

MODEL 10

Smith Premier Typewriter

A booklet describing all the features sent free on request.

THE SMITH PREMIER TYPEWRITER CO., Inc.

Syracuse, New York, U. S. A. Branches Everywhere.



MODEL LAUNDERED SHIRTS

Satisfaction guaranteed to the man who wears our brand of shirts. They are honestly made of the best materials and we cut each size on an individual size pattern, which assures you of a perfect fit.

The Model Royal Blue, our well known indigo Railroad Men's Shirt is warranted not to fade. It can be had in plain blue indigo, white pin dot, and white hair line stripe, made with either attached cuffs and attached collar or attached cuffs and two detached collars.

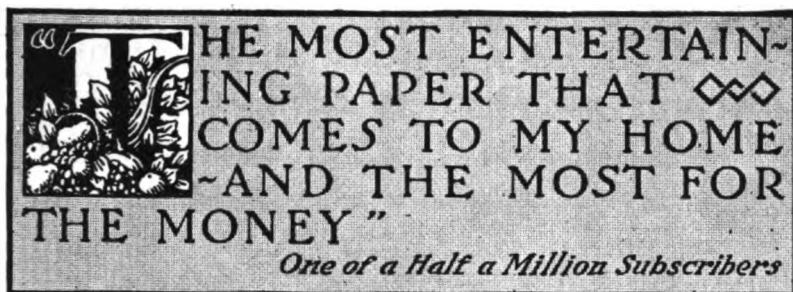
Buy MODEL Shirts and convince yourself that they are the best. We make all kinds of fine laundered shirts at \$1.00 and \$1.50. If your dealer cannot supply you with our shirts, we will send on receipt of price, carrying charges prepaid.



Union Made

Model Shirt Company

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA



To entertain and inform its readers, and to make every column "worth while," is the constant aim of

The Youth's Companion



If printed in book form, the contents of the 1910 volume would cost \$30. Each week's issue will be crowded with reading that delights every member of the family circle.

For 1910 — 50 Star Articles by famous men and women; 250 Stories, including several serials; 1000 Notes on Current Events, etc.; 2000 One-Minute Stories, etc.

Illustrated Prospectus and Specimen Copies Sent Upon Request.

FREE

TO
**JANUARY,
1910**

EVERY NEW SUBSCRIBER who at once cuts out and sends this slip (or the name of this publication) with \$1.75 for the 52 issues of The Youth's Companion for 1910 will receive All the remaining issues for 1909, including the Holiday Numbers for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Companion's "Venetian" Calendar for 1910, lithographed in thirteen colors and gold. Then The Youth's Companion for the 52 weeks of 1910 — a treasury of the best reading for all the family.

Free

KM53

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, BOSTON, MASS.

EVERY OPERATOR



Needs a card and pass case and cards. These cards and cases should claim your particular attention because of their high quality and appropriateness. They are designed by a railroad man who understands the needs of railroad men. The cards are the finest wedding bristol and correct in style. The cases the highest grade leather and the right size for O. R. T. card and pass card.

No. 1. Genuine Cordovan Leather Case, black, with transparent pocket, buttoned pocket and gusset pocket; and 100 finest cards, ladies' or gentlemen's, in script, old English or engravers' letter, with one or two following devices in color on cards: Wreath and sounder, telegraph key, O. R. T. monogram, railway clerks emblem, for 95c.

Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, 65c.

No. 2. Genuine Cordovan Leather Case, black, with two transparent pockets, four card pockets, and secret bill pocket, and 100 cards, same as described above, for \$1.40.

Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, \$1.10.

No. 3. Genuine English Calf Leather Case, russet, with transparent pocket, flap pocket and three gusset pockets; and 100 cards, same as described above, for \$1.50. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, \$1.20.

Wedding Announcements or Invitations, the finest quality, 100 for \$3.50; 50 for \$2.50, express prepaid.

Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers.—Why not keep the O. R. T. printing in the Order? Let me print your letterheads, envelopes, etc. I will furnish letterheads and envelopes of the finest bond paper, and send them to you express prepaid, at the following prices: 500 letterheads for \$2.20, 1,000 for \$3.25, 500 envelopes for \$1.75, 1,000 for \$2.80. Postal cards, statements or anything you need in the printing line will be furnished at reasonable prices. Printers' Union Label on all work. Patronize the fraternity and ask for the label.

E. J. Wilkins, Friendship, N. Y. Cert. 45, Div. 42, O. R. T.

Rebuilt



New

REMINGTON TYPEWRITERS

To members of O. R. T. only

No. 6 REMINGTON REBUILT NEW, LATEST IMPROVED with No. 9 Speed Escapement, Push-In Variable Line Spacer.

Cash, with Order..... \$50.00

\$5.00 Cash with Order, Balance

C. O. D., with Examination... 55 00

\$10.00 Cash with Order,

\$10.00 Monthly..... 60.00

SPLENDID No. 6 REMINGTON REBUILT NEW

Cash with Order..... \$35.00

\$5.00 with Order, Balance

C. O. D., with Examination... 40.00

\$10.00 Cash with Order, Balance

\$7.00 Monthly..... 45.00

FULLY GUARANTEED

All other makes cheap

GENERAL TYPEWRITER REBUILDERS

21 Murray St., NEW YORK CITY

Special Christmas Offer

LAUGHLIN Fountain Pen

The most popular and widely known writing instrument on the market.

Style shown on left mounted with two 1/2 inch gold bands.

Postpaid to any address, only \$3.00; by insured mail 8 cents extra.

Style on right Mother of Pearl mountings, finished with handsome gold trimmings, size and style as per cut.

Postpaid to any address, only \$2.50; by insured mail 8 cents extra.

Either of the above fountain pens without mountings on holder, plain or chased as desired.

Complete to any Address,

\$1

Only

By insured mail 8c. extra.

Every pen guaranteed full 14 Kt. Solid Gold, and to be satisfactory in every particular.

To show our confidence in the Laughlin Fountain Pen, you may try it a week, if you do not find it as represented a better value than you can secure for THREE TIMES THIS SPECIAL PRICE in any other make, if not entirely satisfactory in every respect return it and we will refund your money, with ten (10) cents additional. The extra 10 cents is for your trouble in writing us. (Two customers in 5,000 have asked for return of money.) In ordering please state whether fine, medium or coarse point is desired.

We also make a full line of Society Emblem mountings. Advise what emblem is desired and we will advise you price.

Beware of imitations—insist upon getting the GENUINE LAUGHLIN ADVERTISED pen.

If your dealer will not supply you, REFUSE THE SUBSTITUTE and order direct from us.

Give us the name of your dealer that you asked to show you a Laughlin Safety Fountain Pen, and in exchange for this courtesy we will send you free of charge one of our new Safety Pocket fountain pen holders—address,

LAUGHLIN MFG. CO.
677 Griswold St., DETROIT, MICH.

Before Purchasing a Watch Insist on Seeing a **Dueber-Hampden**



The following grades will pass inspection *On All Roads.*

18 SIZE

Special Railway	21 Jewel
John Hancock	21 Jewel
John C. Dueber	17 Jewel

16 SIZE

104	23 Jewel
105	21 Jewel
Wm. McKinley	21 Jewel
Railway	19 Jewel
John C. Dueber	17 Jewel

Ask your local Jeweler for further information

The Dueber-Hampden Watch Works

Canton, Ohio

Our Famous "Railroad Special"

Designed for Operators who do heavy train order work; has finely ground and carefully tested agate point, firmly vulcanized into a hard rubber handle, cannot possibly come loose, large rough grip, smoothest, easiest writing stylus ever made. Sent postpaid for 65 cts. Send for one today, and use it 5 days, then we'll buy it back for 65 cts. if you want to sell.

A fine safety razor only 20 cts. postpaid. We guarantee our razor to do as good work as any 55.00 razor made, is heavily nickel-plated, adjustable for light or close shave, simple to use, and cannot get out of order, mailed packed in a neat box, with 3 keen blades for the price of only 3 shaves. Order today. Save yourself money.

STAR NOVELTY CO., FT. SCOTT, KANSAS.

SHORTHAND IN 30 DAYS

We absolutely guarantee to teach shorthand complete in thirty days. You can learn in spare time in your own home, no matter where you live. No need to spend months as with old systems. Boyd's Syllable System is different in principle from all other systems. The first radical improvement in shorthand since 1820. It is easy to learn—easy to write—easy to read. Simple. Practical. Speedy. Sure. No ruled lines—no positions—no shading, as in other systems. No long list of word signs to confuse. Only nine characters to learn and you have the entire English language at your absolute command. The best system for stenographers, private secretaries, newspaper reporters. Lawyers, ministers, teachers, physicians, literary folk and business men may now learn shorthand for their own use. Thousands of business and professional men and women find their shorthand a great advantage. The Boyd System is the only system suited to home study. Our graduates hold lucrative, high-grade positions everywhere. Send to-day for free booklets, testimonials, guarantee offer, and full description of this new Syllable shorthand system.

Address

CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS, 1010 Chicago Opera House Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

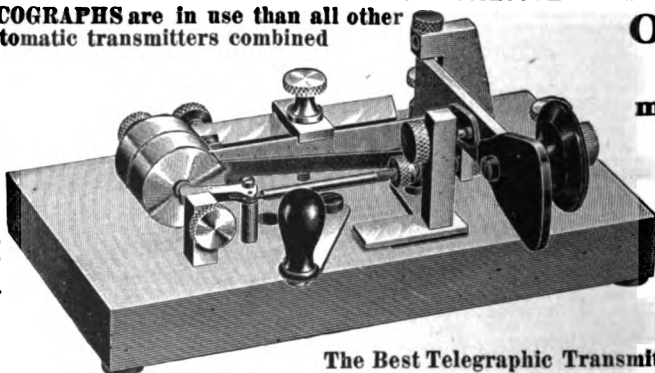
Most or all of the spurious sending machines incited to life by the phenomenal success of the MECOGRAPH have been consigned to oblivion by the law of the "Survival of the Fittest."

The first Mechanical Transmitter on the market—the MECOGRAPH—survives.

More MECOGRAPHS are in use than all other automatic transmitters combined

Over
60%
more move-
ments re-
quired to
send on
a Morse
key than
on a
MECO-
GRAPH

PATENTED
Feb. 13-'06
May 28-'07
May 5-'08
Nov. 9-'09



The Best Telegraphic Transmitter in the World

Sending on a Morse Key is an exception to the rule "Practice Makes Perfect," for a large percent of operators filling good positions get telegrapher's paralysis—the glass arm—the nightmare of operators.

A writer in the Railroad Telegrapher of October, '06, referring to the typical operator, said: "In middle life he is confronted with a physical breakdown, the result of the continuous drafts upon his mental and nervous energy." Practice—sending on a Morse Key instead of making his sending perfect, ruins it.

The Remedy

Use a sending machine!!!! Not a single operator ever injured his arm or nerve using a Sending Machine. Be sure to get the very best transmitter—the Mecograph. Don't wait till your arm and nerve fail you before getting one. The best time to save nervous energy is while you have plenty of it. The time to take care of your arm is while it is sound.

Price of MECOGRAPH, \$7.50. Carrying Case, \$1 extra. Send for our new Circular.

WE WANT A GOOD LIVE AGENT IN NEW YORK CITY.

Caution—We shall continue to prosecute to a finish all infringers of the rights we have already established with Four strong patents and Three broad U. S. Court decisions.

MECOGRAPH COMPANY, Manufacturers of Telegraph Instruments

321 Frankfort Avenue,

CLEVELAND, OHIO, U. S. A.



Cash or Credit

Don't wait till the "Pay Car" comes if you want a new stove or range.

We make it easy for you to buy one *when you need it*—and have the use of it while you're paying for it.

The "Pay Car" is a once-a-month event. It sometimes means inconvenience, even discomfort, for "the Boys" and their families to put off buying till it comes. It may mean inconvenience to pay out—at once—the entire price of a new stove or range. This is true of all of us.

At such times a charge account with a responsible house is of real service—Same as business firms and manufacturers buy on from 30 days' to 6 months' time.

We believe railroad employees are better pay than the average business concern. So we're going to back our faith in them with this proposition—

Here's Something New From Kalamazoo

When you need a new stove or range of any sort, write for the Kalamazoo Catalogue No. 543—and we'll send you our time-payment terms. You know what the Kalamazoo is—You can't beat it anywhere in the country—You can't find higher quality nor lower prices. Buy on time-payments and you get the same quality that you do for cash—the same saving by our direct-from-factory-to-you selling plan—the same 360 days' approval test—the same guarantee of safe delivery—and

We Pay the Freight

Over 100,000 users of Kalamazoo stoves and ranges in this country will tell you the "Kalamazoo is King." Our catalogue explains everything fully. Better write for it now.

Kalamazoo Stove Co.

Mfrs.,
Kalamazoo, Mich.



"A Kalamazoo Direct to You"

TRADE MARK REGISTERED



Mr. Edison's LATEST Supremely Fine Phonograph

A musical wonder—a perfect reproducer of sound—unsurpassable in clearness and beauty of tone.

Double Reproducer Amberol Records
New Style Floral Horn New Style Cabinet
The Latest Model High Grade Edison

OUR OUTFIT No. 10—JUST OUT

at \$10 less than our former rock-bottom price on the outfit No. 9—**and**

FREE LOAN

We ship on free loan—no money down—do not pay us one cent. C. O. D.—take the outfit to your home on our free loan offer.

You Need Not Buy Anything: All we want on this free loan is that you convince yourself of the absolute superiority of this superb new style instrument. All we ask is that you let your family and a few of your neighbors and friends hear the Edison when we send it to you on a free loan. Let them hear the magnificent music, operas, comic songs and funny recitations—then let them judge. If any of your friends then want an Edison, we will feel thankful to you, or if you want to keep yours, you may keep it, on the easiest monthly payments: as low as \$2.00 a month—\$2.00 a month for an Edison.

But if you and none of your friends want an instrument just now, there is no harm done. Just return the outfit at our expense and we charge you nothing for the free loan.

We simply want everybody to hear the latest product of Mr. Edison's skill.

Now Write for the free catalog and free list of Edison records, operas, songs, and comic recitations that you want to hear on this free loan. Just put your name and address on a postal or in a letter, or sign and mail the coupon. No letter necessary if you send the coupon.

F. K. BABSON

Edison Phonograph Distributors.

F. K. BABSON, Edison Phonograph Distributors.
Chicago Office, 235 Postage Ave. Minneapolis, Canada.
Viewers and the 10th Street, 11th St., 12th St., 13th St., 14th St., 15th St., 16th St., 17th St., 18th St., 19th St., 20th St., 21st St., 22nd St., 23rd St., 24th St., 25th St., 26th St., 27th St., 28th St., 29th St., 30th St., 31st St., 32nd St., 33rd St., 34th St., 35th St., 36th St., 37th St., 38th St., 39th St., 40th St., 41st St., 42nd St., 43rd St., 44th St., 45th St., 46th St., 47th St., 48th St., 49th St., 50th St., 51st St., 52nd St., 53rd St., 54th St., 55th St., 56th St., 57th St., 58th St., 59th St., 60th St., 61st St., 62nd St., 63rd St., 64th St., 65th St., 66th St., 67th St., 68th St., 69th St., 70th St., 71st St., 72nd St., 73rd St., 74th St., 75th St., 76th St., 77th St., 78th St., 79th St., 80th St., 81st St., 82nd St., 83rd St., 84th St., 85th St., 86th St., 87th St., 88th St., 89th St., 90th St., 91st St., 92nd St., 93rd St., 94th St., 95th St., 96th St., 97th St., 98th St., 99th St., 100th St.

DIAMONDS ON CREDIT

EASY TERMS

Your Credit is Good

Any honest person can buy a diamond or other article of jewelry from us and pay for it on terms to suit one's convenience. No red tape, inquisitive system—it's a plain business proposition, based on dealings with honest people. Our buying facilities give you the benefit of low prices—one-third is easily saved. Buy a diamond for yourself, your father, mother, sister, brother, or sweetheart. It's a nice gift for Christmas, one remembered long after all other presents are forgotten.

The rings, stud and ear rings shown in this illustration are special bargains, worth \$60 to \$75 at any retail store. The diamonds are beauties, guaranteed of first quality, blue-white color, perfect and flawless. You can have either of them on these easy terms:







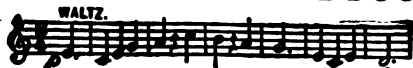
\$45 \$9.00 Down
\$4.50 a Month

Send your name and address with size of ring, and we will send it by express prepaid. If perfectly satisfactory, pay the express agent \$8; the balance you pay in eight monthly installments of \$4.50 each.

Our handsome illustrated catalogue with many more money-saving prices is FREE for the asking. Write right away.

W. E. RENICH CO.
Diamonds and Watches at Wholesale
124 State St., CHICAGO.

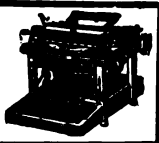
Violin Music Free



We want many thousands more violin players to know our celebrated "ROOT VIOLINS" and Certificate of Guarantee or Investment Offer. For the names of five violin players, we will give you a 60-cent music book containing 24 pieces of copyright music, Waltzes, Two-Steps, etc., printed on fine paper, also our new handsome illustrated color catalog of Violins, Guitars, Mandolins, Strings, Bows, etc. Write names and addresses plainly and enclose 10 cents for mailing charge on your music book.

E. T. ROOT & SONS
54 Patton Bldg. (Established 1887) CHICAGO

Lowest Prices On TYPEWRITERS In the United States



For one-half to two-thirds less than the cost of new machines, we sell slightly used typewriters thoroughly rebuilt and guaranteed good as new. Write for catalog of bargain prices. Surprising values in Smith Premiers, Remingtons and Fay Sholes. We ship machines for approval to any point in the U.S., and rent machines anywhere.

ROCKWELL-BARNES CO., 403 Baldwin Bldg., Chicago

\$2.40 Per 100 Instead of \$5.00

Morton R. Edwin Panatela

is by all standards of comparison a 10c cigar. It will satisfy the most cranky smoker of imported brands. It is fully 5½ inches long, strictly hand made, of choicest Havana tobacco—genuine Sumatra wrapper. It smokes freely and evenly—never chars down the side, but keeps burning coolly and fragrantly to the last toothhold.

The reason this cigar is sold at \$2.40 instead of \$5.00 per hundred is because I buy and sell for cash. I ask no credit, neither do I give it. I personally buy my tobacco direct from the grower in Cuba, and pay him at least five weeks before the tobacco reaches the U.S. Custom House. I buy for less and sell for less. The man who buys and sells on credit cannot compete with me. I believe in what Elbert Hubbard said in April, 1907, issue of the *Philistine*:

"A Credit Account is the most insidious form of borrowing money. When you don't pay the merchant at once for the goods you buy from him, you are borrowing money from him, and disguised in the price is much more than the legal rate of interest. Better to borrow the actual cash and know how much you have to pay for the accommodation; but it is better still to practice self-denial and go without the thing you want till you have the cash to pay for it."

"All the losses of the merchants who give credit are made good by the people who pay."
"The merchant who gives credit is not in business for his health any more than the pawnbroker is."

Among my 35 different brands I have an "in between" smoke called "Old Fashioned Havana Smokers." I want you to be on smoking terms with them, because they are just the thing you want when you don't want a big cigar. They are Havana filled—4 inches long—blunt at both ends—made the way the Cuban planter rolls tobacco for his own use—without a binder.

I'm so eager to have you try this smoke that I'll send you a sample box of 12 free along with an order for my Panatelas, because you'll buy them again.

Send me \$2.40 for 100 Morton R. Edwin Panatelas. Smoke as many as you like—smoke them all if you want to, and if you then tell me that you didn't receive more than you expected, I'll return your money and we'll remain friends.

If you want to know who I am and whether or not I run my business on the square, if you have any doubts as to my making good if my cigars don't, just inquire from any bank or commercial agency about me. If you don't like the report you get, keep your cash at home.



ACTUAL SIZE




Illustrated Price List sent on request


Morton R. Edwin

Dp. 46 64-66 W. 125th St. New York


Make checks payable to Edwin Cigar Co.




MONT.




NEV.




MO.




OHIO.




IA.



WIS.



N.Y.



ILL.

A few of our graduates.

STUDY LAW

**LEADING LAW
SCHOOL IN COR-
RESPONDENCE
INSTRUCTION**

Established 1892.


Prepares for the bar. The course is thorough and practical. Moot Court and Department of Practice included in the course. Text-books same as are used in resident law schools. Classes begin the first Monday of each month. Approved by the bench and bar. We also have a Business law course that is not excelled anywhere.

Tuition Reasonable—School Exactly as Represented—The One-Priced School.

WE HAVE A LARGER NUMBER OF GRADUATES IN SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE
THAN ALL THE OTHER CORRESPONDENCE LAW SCHOOLS COMBINED

Write today for full particulars. We send a 48-page booklet which gives a synopsis of the courses, also gives the rules and requirements for the examination for admission to the Bar of the several States and Territories.

CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL OF LAW, 502 Reaper Block, Chicago



**STUDY
LAW
at Home**

PATENTS

C. L. PARKER Attorney at Law and Solicitor of Patents
158 McGIN Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Patents secured promptly. Reports rendered as to patentability, validity and infringement. Hand Book for inventors sent upon request.

DIAMOND GIFTS

20% Down, 10% a Month

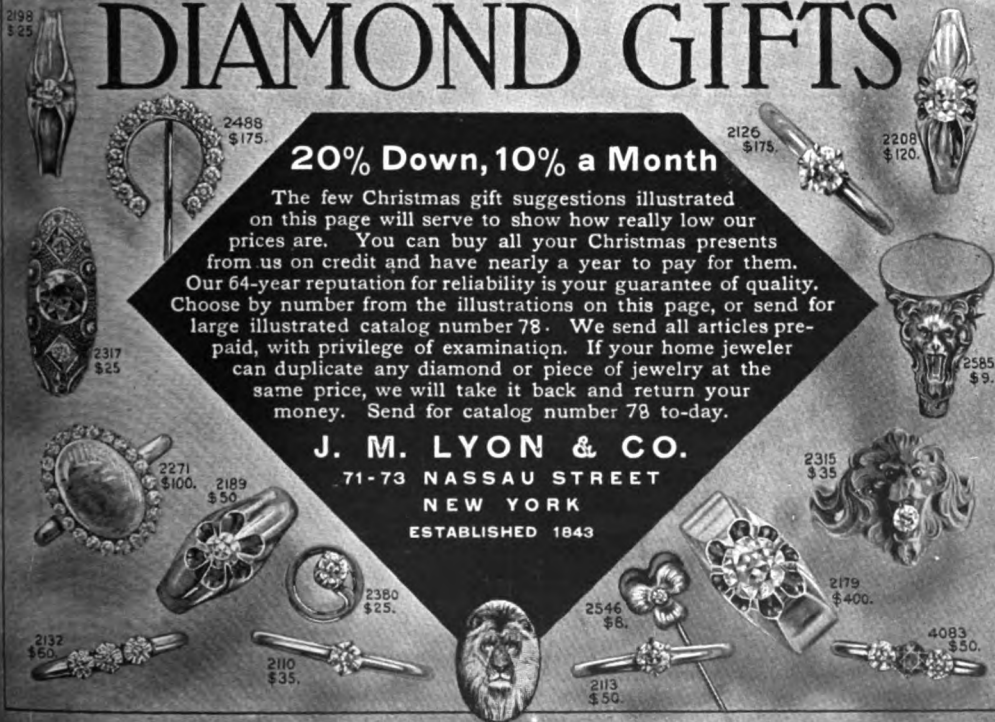
The few Christmas gift suggestions illustrated on this page will serve to show how really low our prices are. You can buy all your Christmas presents from us on credit and have nearly a year to pay for them. Our 64-year reputation for reliability is your guarantee of quality. Choose by number from the illustrations on this page, or send for large illustrated catalog number 78. We send all articles pre-paid, with privilege of examination. If your home jeweler can duplicate any diamond or piece of jewelry at the same price, we will take it back and return your money. Send for catalog number 78 to-day.

J. M. LYON & CO.

71-73 NASSAU STREET

NEW YORK

ESTABLISHED 1843



Taxidermy Book FREE

Mount Birds

We teach you by mail to stuff and mount all kinds of Birds, Animals, Game Heads. Also to tan skins and make rugs. Decorate your home with your beautiful trophies, or command big income selling specimens and mounting for others. Easily, quickly learned in spare time by men and women. Success guaranteed. Write today for our free book "How to Mount Birds and Animals" absolutely free. N.W. SCHOOL OF TAXIDERMV, 1218A Elwood Bldg., Omaha, Neb.



MONEY MAKING EASY

That is what every man who works for us says. We guarantee from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per day and steady employment. We have positions for 250 men right away—delivering and collecting. There is a chance for everyone. We want all the first-class men we can get. Write today—at once. We guarantee success right from the start. Send letter or postal now. G. H. GROUNDS, Manager, Dept. 1217, 200 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill.

Is Your Husband a Drunkard

Is Your Father a Drinking Man?
Is Your Son on the Downward Way?

YOU CAN SAVE HIM

Write to This Woman To-Day

She cured her husband, her brother and several of her neighbors, and now she generously offers to tell you of the simple, inexpensive remedy that she so successfully used. The remedy can be given to the patient unnoticed, so there is no publicity of your private affairs. She is anxious to help others so we earnestly advise every one of our readers who has a dear one who drinks to drop her a line today. She makes no charge for this help, she has nothing to sell (she asks for no money and accepts none) so there is no reason why you should not write her at once. Of course, she expects that you are yourself personally interested in curing one who drinks, and are not writing out of mere curiosity. Send your letter in confidence to her home. Simply write your name and full address plainly in the coupon below and send it to her.



MRS. MARGARET ANDERSON,
777 Home Avenue, Hillburn, N. Y.

Please tell me about the remedy you used to cure your husband, as I am personally interested in one who drinks.

Name

Address

Fine Pocket Knife FREE



To Agents. Send No Money. Your name and address put in handle—no extra charge.

SALESMEN make quick, big profits selling our scientifically tempered **PHOTO-POCKET KNIVES**. Be your own boss. Write at once for good money-making proposition and exclusive territory. CANTON CUTLERY CO., Dept. 22 CANTON, OHIO

Christmas Book Sale



Let us help you select the books you expect to give for Christmas. Write for our Free Christmas Book Sale Catalog, then sit quietly in your library and pick out the very same books that would cost you from two to six times as much elsewhere. This big catalog contains the cream of the city shops—books at all prices, from 5 cts. to \$5.00.

Over a Million Books,

covering 5,274 titles, on sale. Books for the little ones, for father, for mother and for friends, all fully described and illustrated. There are pages of colored books for children, pages of exciting stories for boys and girls. There are 518 beautiful gift books, many of them sumptuously illustrated in colors by Christy, Harrison Fisher and other celebrated artists. Then there are splendid library sets bound in cloth and genuine crushed levant leather, Bibles, etc., all listed at about one-fourth to one-half what you would pay elsewhere for the same books. And if you are not entirely satisfied you can send the book right back and we will promptly refund your money, with all transportation charges.

"The Doctor," 38 Cents.

Send us 38 cents and we will send you Ralph Connor's newest novel, "The Doctor," never before sold for less than \$1.50. (If you want it shipped by mail add 11 cents for postage.) This gives you an idea of the Christmas book bargains we are offering. Whether you want this book or not, be sure to ask for our FREE CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE CATALOG No. 65618.

Sears, Roebuck and Co.
Chicago, Ill.



31 CCY 9 The Operators' Identification Card will run extra

from St. Louis to every member and has right of track over all second-class mail. Your card case is incomplete without it.

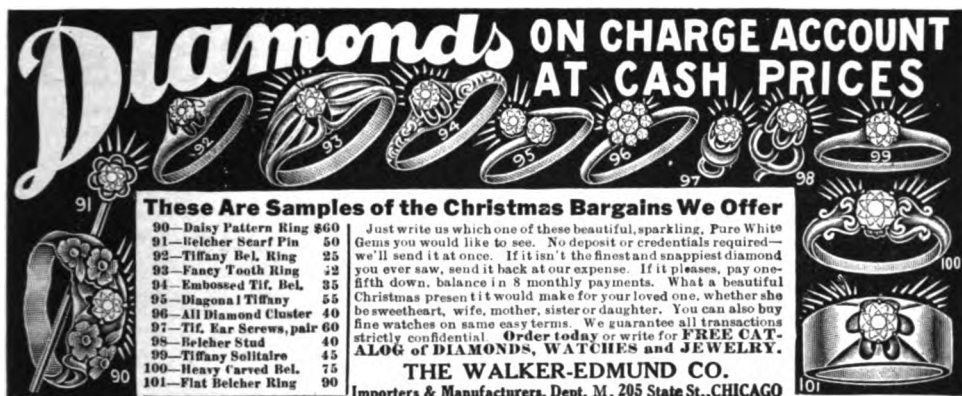
Identification Card Hand Colored, with your name artistically written.....15 cents
Your name written on 1 dozen calling cards.....20 cents
Identification Card and 1 dozen calling cards.....25 cents
Historical Sketch of the O. E. T. 1888 to date, in colors, from Pen and Brush, size 12 by 18 inches.....50 cents



1154 Bayard Ave., ENGROSSING CO. St. Louis, Mo.
Cert. 24, Div. 2

When addressing our advertisers, please mention The Railroad Telegrapher.

Diamonds ON CHARGE ACCOUNT AT CASH PRICES




These Are Samples of the Christmas Bargains We Offer

90—Daisy Pattern Ring	\$60
91—Belcher Scarf Pin	50
92—Tiffany Bel. Ring	25
93—Fancy Tooth Ring	22
94—Embossed Tif. Bel.	35
95—Diagonal Tiffany	55
96—All Diamond Cluster	40
97—Tif. Ear Screws, pair	60
98—Belcher Stud	40
99—Tiffany Solitaire	45
100—Heavy Carved Bel.	75
101—Flat Belcher Ring	90

Just write us which one of these beautiful, sparkling, Pure White Gems you would like to see. No deposit or credentials required—we'll send it at once. If it isn't the finest and snappiest diamond you ever saw, send it back at our expense. If it pleases, pay one-fifth down, balance in 8 monthly payments. What a beautiful Christmas present it would make for your loved one, whether she be sweetheart, wife, mother, sister or daughter. You can also buy fine watches on same easy terms. We guarantee all transactions strictly confidential. **Order today or write for FREE CATALOG of DIAMONDS, WATCHES and JEWELRY.**

THE WALKER-EDMUND CO.
Importers & Manufacturers, Dept. M, 205 State St., CHICAGO

THREE BOOKS FREE




Would you like to succeed in business or secure a good paying life position with the U. S. Government? If so, you should follow the example of hundreds of others who have achieved success through our assistance.

Our Free Books:
 "EXPERT BOOKKEEPER," "THE EASY BOSS,"
 "SUCCESS IN BUSINESS."

tell about courses in Bookkeeping, Civil Service and Shorthand, which you can complete at your own home without loss of time. They are books of intense interest to those who aspire to success. To advertise our Schools and help the ambitious, we are giving these books away. Send your address; name course in which you are interested, and receive the book without any cost to you whatever.

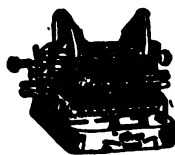
COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS
73 Commercial Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.




TYPEWRITERS, ALL MAKES.

At 1/3 to 1/2 Manufacturer's prices
All the Standard Machines, including

LATEST MODELS.



SOLD OR RENTED ANYWHERE.

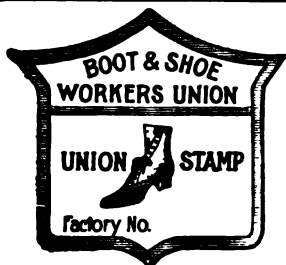
Rental applied on price.

Write for Illustrated Catalogue.

TYPEWRITER EMPORIUM,

92-94 E. LAKE STREET,

CHICAGO



UNDERSTAND BROTHER UNIONIST

That the best made shoes—the shoes made under the best manufacturing conditions—the shoes that best stand wear—bear the **Union Stamp**, as shown herewith.

Ask your dealer for **Union Stamp Shoes**, and if he can not supply you write

BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' UNION
246 Summer Street, BOSTON, MASS.



Get Busy, Boys!

If your townspeople contemplate putting in an exchange, or the farmers in your vicinity build a rural party line, write us about it and we will tell you how you can make a lot of money on the side.

Government experts pronounce our telephones better than all others.

SWEDISH-AMERICAN TELEPHONE CO.

CHICAGO, ILL. Div. 15.

Operators can guarantee fair treatment to prospective customers from the firm. The President and Treasurer is an O. E. C. man in good standing, Div. No. 110, Logansport, Indiana. Salesmanager is a B. L. E. man, No. 129, Pontoon Div., McGregor, Iowa.

Our Safety Three-Wheeler

IS THE STRONGEST, LIGHTEST RUNNING CAR KNOWN.
IT IS THE IDEAL CAR FOR OPERATORS.

"The Rider is Seated Inside of the Rail Instead of Directly over it."

By our original placing of the seat, the rider's weight is borne equally by each wheel. This gives the car the greatest possible strength with least possible weight and renders it absolutely safe in rounding curves at full speed.

It has
BALL BEARINGS
and
RUBBER TIRES
and is practically noiseless.

It can be folded into a package eighteen inches thick and weighs sixty pounds. The

materials and workmanship are all of the best and fully covered by our guarantee.

B. M. Mahoney, B. & O. operator at Leslie, Md., says: "Am still riding my wheel purchased two years ago and it is giving perfect satisfaction."

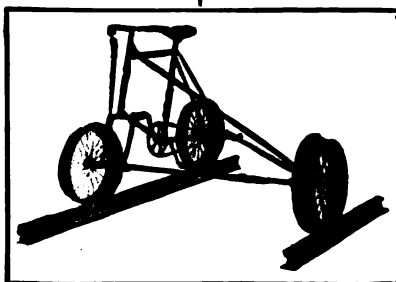
**COULD
YOU WANT
MORE THAN THAT?**

We also make single and double seat four-wheel cars, tandem

four-wheelers, extra front seats—easily attachable to any of these models—and motor cars.

Write to day for catalog and prices.

Light Inspection Car Co., Hagerstown, Ind., U. S. A.



TYPEWRITER BARGAINS.



OLIVER
REMINGTON
SMITH PREMIER

} TYPEWRITERS.
Rebuilt new \$35.00, instead of \$100.00.
Other makes \$15.00.

Free Trial, Free Delivery, Monthly Payments.

ALBRIGHT BROS. REBUILT TYPEWRITER CO.

824 Holland Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. P.O. Box 372, San Francisco, Cal. 81 New St., New York, N.Y.

WOMEN OF ALL NATIONS

A new, interesting, instructive and fascinating work, splendidly illustrated with hundreds of photographs of women of all nations. The complete history of women in every part of the world; their modes of dress; interesting clothing peculiarities; how they are courted and married; the world's only great and standard work on women. A mammoth picture gallery, including a series of plates in colors.

Introductory Offer
"WOMEN OF ALL NATIONS" is published in 24 large quarto sections at 25c per section. Send 25c for Section One. We guarantee satisfaction. Our publications have been standard sixty years.

CASSELL & CO.
57 East 19th Street, NEW YORK



BOYS, SIDETRACK ALL OTHERS

And give me a clear board. Write for my illustrated catalogue of latest patented novelties; it's free and you will find something that you need. I will send you one of our Magic Endless Wire Puzzles for a moment's work. Good proposition to agents. Full particulars for stamp.

DIK MFG. CO., Stockton, N. J.
Cert. 118, Div. 44. Lock Box 100.
NO CARD NO FAVORS IS OUR MOTTO.

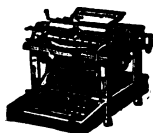
OWN AN ORANGE ORCHARD

On the Texas Gulf Coast; climate equals Southern California or Florida; oranges do especially well, being of better quality and bringing higher prices than the California product. Orange orchards produce \$900 an acre per year; figs \$300 an acre per year; while trees are maturing the truck farmer raises on ground between the rows Bermuda onions, producing \$300 an acre per year; tomatoes, \$300; potatoes, \$160; strawberries, \$400; cauliflower, \$700; celery, \$800.

First year's crop pays for land; produce two and three crops a year off same ground; price \$50 an acre; \$10 cash and \$10 a month buys a 10-acre tract; healthful climate; good schools. Write for map and full information.

RELANCE LAND ASSOCIATION,
598 Reliance Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

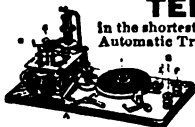
TYPEWRITERS SLAUGHTERED



for you. Tell us what kind you like, and we will send you a list of your choice at prices lower than you ever dreamed that good typewriters could be bought for. Have them all, Remington, Underwood, L. C. Smith, Oliver. If you can sell one to your friend we will make it to your interest.

KNIGHT'S
283 Twelfth St., ST. LOUIS, MO.

TELEGRAPHY



In the shortest possible time. The Omnigraph Automatic Transmitter combined with standard key and sounder. Sends you telegraph messages at any speed just as an expert operator would. Five styles, \$2 up; circular free.

OMNIGRAPH MFG. CO.
41 1/2 Cortlandt St. NEW YORK

IF ITS BADGES

for Organizations or Clubs you are interested in, write for our catalogue and discounts.

STEINER ENGRAVING & BADGE CO.
8 NORTH 8TH ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Credit Tailors

All-Wool
Suits and
Overcoats

\$12.95

to

\$27.50

Sent on

Approval

Your Choice
of 34 Fabrics
Made in the
Latest Styles
Samples Free



Six Months to Pay

The Clement Fall Style Book shows the cleverest clothes made in America. We want to send it to you free. Also 34 samples of cloth. Also a tape line with simple instructions for taking your measurements.

Learn how easy it is to order clothes direct from the maker, saving all middleman's profits. See what a wide choice you get in this way—what stunning metropolitan styles. And see what you save—at least one-third under any dealer's prices.

We sell any suit or overcoat on credit at just the same price as for cash. No other concern will do this. You may have six months to pay—no interest, no security. You don't need to pay for a whole season's clothes in advance.

We send the garments on approval, guaranteeing style, fit, workmanship and price. If not satisfactory in every way the transaction will not cost you a penny.

Every fabric we use is all wool. Every style is up to the moment in fashion. Every garment is made by journeyman tailors in the best manner known to the craft.

Thousands of the best-dressed men in America are buying Clement clothes. They are getting three suits for the usual price of two. And they pay as convenient—a little each month.

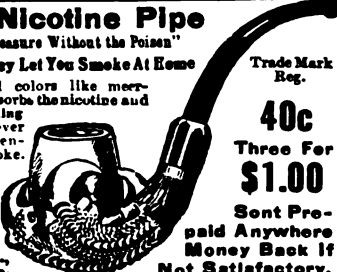
Please send for our Style Book and samples and see if you don't want to join them. Simply give us your name and address. Cut out this ad as a reminder, so you won't forget. (3)

THE CLEMENT CO.

487 Franklin Street

CHICAGO, ILL.

Anti-Nicotine Pipe
 "Get the Pleasure Without the Poison"
 The Pipe They Let You Smoke At Home
 Looks and colors like mers-
 schaum. Absorbs the nicotine and
 keeps on tasting
 sweet. You never
 had such an en-
 joyable smoke.
 Order 3 or
 More Today.
H. MENGES
 The Smokers'
 Friend.
 355 N. 7th St.,
 St. Louis, Mo.



Trade Mark
 Reg.
40c
Three For
\$1.00
 Sent Pre-
 paid Anywhere
Money Back If
Not Satisfactory.

A FLOOD OF LIGHT
FROM KEROSENE (Coal Oil)
 Burning common kerosene the ALADDIN MANTLE
 LAMP generates light that gives a light more bril-
 liant than city gas, gasoline or electricity.
 Simple, odorless, clean, safe and durable.
AGENTS MAKE BIG MONEY
 is revolutionizing lighting everywhere. Needed in
 every home. Every lamp guaranteed. Sells
 itself. Our Sunbeam Burners fit other lamps.
 Ask our nearest office how you can get a lamp
 free or apply for Agency Proposition. **THE**
MANTLE LAMP CO. of America, Desk 130
 Chicago; Portland, Ore.; Waterbury, Conn.; Winnipeg, Canada



GOOD HEALTH FOR

1c

Will you let one cent stand between you and health?
 Send a one-cent postal with your name and address, and
 we will send you a FREE little book that tells how health
 is regained without drugs or food. It tells how to
 cure, brace, exercise or health food. The means employ-
 ed to regain health are scientific, therefore natural. No
 matter what the disease you suffer from, send for the
 book. One cent may save you years of suffering. Address
DR. H. SANCHE CO., Dept. J, 81 Fifth St., Detroit, Mich.

PAY 50 CENTS A WEEK

NOTHING DOWN




I will sell you the best **DROP HEAD**
LOCK CABBINET SEWING MACHINE made by
SEWING MACHINE made by
 me nothing until you get it, try it
 and decide if you want it; after that
 pay me 50 cents a week (or if more
 convenient you may pay monthly).
 To married railroad men I require no
 bond, cash or lease of any kind. Deal-
 ing strictly confidential and, further, I
 will save you one-half in cost. If you are a railroad man
 and can use a sewing machine I will make you a mar-
 vellously low price and liberal terms offer. Just write
 me a postal card and say, "Mail me your offer." No. 106

FRED BIFFAR, 40 Dearborn St. CHICAGO, ILL.

STUDY LAW AT HOME

The oldest and best school. Instruction by mail
 adapted to every one. Recognized by courts and
 educators. Experienced and competent instruc-
 tors. Takes spare time only. Three courses—
 Preparatory, Business, College. Prepares for
 practice. Will better your
 condition and prospects in
 business. Students and
 graduates every where.
 Full particulars and Easy
 Payment Plan free.
 Springs Correspondence
 School of Law,
 708 Majestic Building
 Detroit, Mich.



CAN'T YOU WRITE WELL?

Send **(\$1.00)** for a full set of my **PATENT**
PEN PRACTICE SHEETS
 and if not benefited, return
 to me and get

Walter Thomson
 P. O. Box 55, Fargo, N. D.
 State whether you wish slant

YOUR MONEY BACK

(60°), medial (75°), or vertical

Pay Us Just As Best Suits You

Take your pick of 300 beau-
 tiful styles of all-wool Suits and
 Overcoats offered in our big cata-
 log—"Pay us as best suits you."

We are the world's largest and
 oldest outfitters and positively sell
 all goods at spot cash prices, allow-
 ing our customers long and liberal
 credit. Our garments are all men
 tailored and are distinctive style
 creations, designed by the world's
 foremost clothes craftsmen. Every
 article sold is guaranteed or money
 back.

Use Your Credit

Every honorable person has
 credit—they should use it. We ex-
 tend the invitation to any honest
 person to open an account with us
 and pay as best suits their own
 convenience. We positively make
 no investigation of your employ-
 ers or friends. Your honest word
 is sufficient. You need have no
 hesitancy in buying anything you
 want of us and paying for it as you
 are able. You ought to be well
 dressed and you can be if you buy everything of us.



Special
 Offer

This Spring, all wool,
 vented suit in a variety
 of beautiful patterns—
 magnificently tailored and guar-
 anteed a perfect fit.
 Cash value 50%. Our
 offer on easy terms **\$13.95**

Get
 this
 Book



FREE! Woolf's great En-
 cyclopedia of Bargains for Fall and
 Winter is ready. This
 great book contains 200
 magnificent half-toned il-
 lustrations, picturing as
 many styles of men's and
 women's men tailored
 garments. Every house-
 hold ought to have this
 book and use it as a pur-
 chase guide for clothes.
 We save you about half
 and sell on liberal pay-
 ments—small enough for
 any one to meet.

Get down now—take
 your pen in hand—write a postal for this book.
 We send it absolutely free to everyone.

WOOLF'S (Inc.) CHICAGO, U. S. A.

PATENTS THAT PROTECT AND PAY

Advice and Books Free. Rates Reasonable.
 Highest References. Best Services.

WATSON E. COLEMAN, Patent Lawyer
 619 F St. N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

REGULATION UNIFORM CAP



\$2.50

Express
 Prepaid

BLACK ribbed silk (best quality), heavy patent
 leather visor. Gold embroidered letters, two
 rows gold tape. Mention correct size.
 Prompt shipments. Light weight. Forwarded
 express prepaid on receipt of express or P. O.
 money order. \$2.50 catalogue mailed free.
GOETTLER HAT CO., 1250 S. Broadway, ST. LOUIS, MO.



I WILL MAKE YOU PROSPEROUS

If you are honest and ambitious write me today. No matter where you live or what your occupation, I will teach you the Real Estate business by mail; appoint you Special Representative of my Company in your town; start you in a profitable business of your own, and help you make big money at once.

Unusual opportunity for men without capital to become independent for life. Valuable Book and full particulars FREE. Write today.

NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE REALTY CO.

E. R. HADDEN
President

112 Marden Building
Washington, D. C.

I TEACH Penmanship BY MAIL

I won the World's First Prize in Penmanship. By my new system I can make an expert penman of you by mail. I also teach Book-keeping and Shorthand. Am placing my students as instructors in commercial colleges. If you wish to become a better penman, write me. I will send you FREE one of my Favorite Pens and a copy of the Ransomierian Journal.

C. W. RANSOM,

291 Reliance Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.



Learn Watch Repairing

Be a watchmaker—you can learn this profitable trade by correspondence in a few weeks in your own home by the DeSelms Chart System. After you complete the course you will know a watch from A to Z. You will know just what the matter is and how to repair one. When you graduate you will be a practical watchmaker and repairer and competent to fill any position. Positions for our graduates.

Ask for our Free Book. It explains our system and terms.

THE DeSELMS WATCH SCHOOL
10 Perry St. ATTICA, INDIANA



WRITE ME

for special price list on telegraphers' mills before buying. I give the best values to be had and personally inspect and pass every machine before it goes out of my shop. When writing mention O. E. T. certificate number.

ALL MAKES

W. A. WHITEHEAD

36 LASALLE STREET

CHICAGO

pay Now & Then

Let us send you Watch or Ring upon terms indicated. Remit first payment with order or have goods sent by prepaid express C. O. D. for your inspection.



Write today for Free Catalog No. K-7



1/4 carat commercial white perfect diamond set in any style, 14 carat solid gold mounting..... **\$30.00**
\$5 cash and \$3 per month.

Gents' O. F. 12, 16 or 18 size or ladies' 6 size plain or beautifully engraved 20-year, 14-kt. gold filled case fitted with genuine new Elgin or Waltham movement **\$12.50**

With hunting case, \$16.75.

\$2.00 cash and \$1.50 per month.

Herbert L. Joseph & Co.

Diamond Importers :: Watch Jobbers

217-219 [K-7.] State Street, Chicago

BE A BAND LEADER WE'LL TEACH YOU

to play the cornet or any brass instrument. Pupils everywhere. Several graduates are leading bands. They learned by weekly lessons through the mail. So can you. No previous musical training needed. Pay a little for lessons weekly. We furnish you a high grade

INSTRUMENT FREE

and give it to you after a few lessons. Get our handsome new illustrated catalogue, photos of graduate musicians and testimonials. All free. Write from anywhere.

INTERNATIONAL CORNET SCHOOL
6 Music Hall, Boston, Mass.



Salesmen Wanted

We receive calls for thousands of Salesmen and have assisted thousands of men to secure good positions or better salaries. Hundreds of them who had no former experience and who formerly earned from \$45 to \$75 a month, now earn from \$100 to \$500 a month and all expenses, and some even more than that. No matter whether you are a new beginner or an old hand at the game, our eight weeks course in Salesmanship, by mail will enable you to increase your earning power from two to ten times what it is at present. Our **FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU** will assist you to get a good position. Marshall Field, the great dry goods merchant of Chicago; Ex-Postmaster General John W. Wadsworth, the great merchant of New York and Philadelphia, and scores of other famous and wealthy men got their start selling goods on the road. Your chance is as good as theirs was. Thousands of Traveling Salesmen earn from \$2500 to \$10,000 and up as high as \$25,000 a year.

If you are ambitious and want to enter the best paid profession on earth, fill out coupon and send for our free book, "A Knight of the Grip," today. It will tell you how to do it. Address Dept. 451

National Salesmen's Training Association
Chicago, New York, Kansas City, Minneapolis,
San Francisco, U. S. A.

Name _____
P. O. _____
State _____
R. F. D. _____



Wear This Beautiful Damara Diamond

A WEEK FREE.

Let us send you one of these beautiful, brilliant, sparkling rings in **Solid Gold Tiffany Setting** for a week's free trial before you need decide to keep it.

IT WON'T COST A CENT

To prove that at last a perfect substitute for African Diamonds has been found. Compare it with other Diamonds, give it every test known and then if you are satisfied that it is equal to a genuine \$100. stone for every purpose and want to retain the ring under guarantee to keep its beautiful lustre for 10 years, have the price \$9.00 sent to us. Isn't this a fair offer! Write today.

W. H. HOLLISTER & CO.,

2003 Masonic Temple,

Chicago, Ill.



\$3000 TO \$10,000 A YEAR **IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS**

We will teach you by mail the Real Estate, General Brokerage and Insurance Business, and appoint you

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

of the oldest and largest co-operative real estate and brokerage company in America. Representatives are making \$3,000 to \$10,000 a year without any investment or capital. Excellent opportunities open to YOU. By our system you can make money in a few weeks without interfering with your present occupation. Our co-operative department will give you more choice, salable property to handle than any other institution in the world. Get your name on your own Real Estate Signs—big money in it. **A Thorough Commercial Law Course FREE to Each Representative.** Write for 62-page book, Free.



THE CROSS COMPANY, 3273 Reaper Block, Chicago

Subscribe for _____

... THE ...

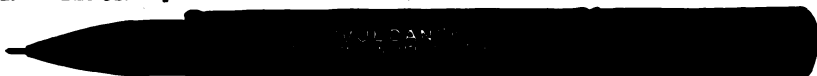
Railroad Telegrapher

Subscription, \$1.00
PER YEAR

When addressing our advertisers, please mention The Railroad Telegrapher.

RED OR BLACK "VULCAN" STYLO PENS

AGENTS The ONLY perfect non-leakable stylo pens at a moderate price. Two sizes, $4\frac{1}{4}$ and $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches.



WANTED

Extra size, 5 in. (black only), \$1.25. By mail, postpaid upon receipt of PRICE **\$1.00**
J. T. ULLRICH & CO., Mfrs. of "Juco", "Independent", and "Vulcan" Stylographic and Fountain Pens, Thames Bldg., 125 Greenwich St., NEW YORK. Est. 1894

Send
No
Money



FREE On 30 Days
Trial This
Fine Razor

JUST SEND US YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

so that we can send you postpaid a Vulcan Razor. Use this fine English crucible steel, oven tempered and bevel edge razor for 30 days. If at the end of that time you can't say it's the finest razor you ever used, send it back and there will be no charge of any kind. If it's satisfactory send us \$1.75 and you'll own the easiest shaving razor you ever used. No matter how good your present razors are you'll find the Vulcan gives the smoothest, easiest shave of any. Remember, it won't cost you one cent to try the Vulcan for 30 days. State whether you want round or square point, wide, medium or narrow blade, whether your beard is stiff, medium or soft and how often you shave. Write to-day.

U. S. CUTLERY COMPANY Department 26 M St. Louis, Mo.

FREE Dollar Bottle Vitaline

YOU PAY NOTHING FOR IT



Dr. Rainey says: "My scientific formula of Vitaline is the sure cure for the diseases and symptoms mentioned below—it's the most certain of all and there is no doubt about this. Vitaline tablets are just the treatment so many are looking



FILL COUPON
BELOW

for, what they should have and must have to be made strong, vigorous and healthy. It makes no difference how weak you are nor how long you have had your trouble, Vitaline tablets will easily overcome it—they will not fail nor disappoint you.

NERVOUS WEAKNESS, DEBILITY—Lost Vitality, Nervousness, Weakness, Twitching, Jerking, Easily Excited, Wornout Feeling, Weak, Aching Back, Lack of Strength, Energy or Ambition, Bad Dreams, Poor Memory, Bashful, Restless at Night, Despondent.

STOMACH TROUBLES—Pain in Stomach, Loss of Appetite, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Bad Taste or Breath, Sick Headache, Bloating, Heartburn, Sour Belching, Spitting Up, Catarrh, Gas, Gnawing, Nervousness.

HEART WEAKNESS—Fluttering, Skipping, Palpitation, Pain in Heart, Side or Shoulder Blade, Short Breath, Weak, Sinking, Cold or Dizzy Spells, Swelling, Rheumatism, Throbbing in Excitement or Exertion.

CATARRH—Hawking, Spitting, Nose Running Up, Sneezing, Dull Headache, Coughing, Deafness; Pains in Kidneys, Bladder, Lungs, Stomach or Bowels may be Catarrh.

BLOOD TROUBLES—General Debility, Paleness, Thin, Weak, Run-Down, Nervous, Rash, Sores, Ulcers, Pimples, Chilly or Feverish, Loss of Flesh and Strength.

by writing your name and address. Send just 10c in stamps or coin to get the bottle packed and pay postage. This is all you have to do to get a \$1 bottle of Vitaline Tablets free. We give you the \$1 bottle without cost or obligation to prove what a wonderful remedy Vitaline Tablets are. We know when you have taken them you'll say with a glad heart that you have at last found the right medicine.

Vitaline tablets act on the Vital Organs that generate vitality and create the nerve force which makes one feel strong, vigorous and healthy, equal to all the duties and pleasures of robust strength and health. They give you vigor and vitality every day and restore you so fast and completely you never knew there was anything the matter.

Vitaline tablets are guaranteed by us under the U. S. Pure Food and Drugs Law by Guarantee No. 3877. You never had anything like them, combining their wonderful curing and strengthening powers.

We send you our illustrated book, "Vitality." You have never seen one like it. Our testimonials from people cured after ten to forty years of doctoring will convince you of all we claim for Vitaline tablets.

Exact size of Bottle containing 120 Vitaline tablets.

ENCLOSE 10 CENTS IN STAMPS OR COIN, for Postage, Packing, Etc.

Dr. Rainey Medicine Co., Dept. 12, 152 Lake Street, Chicago. I enclose amount for postage and packing. Send at once by mail in plain package, \$1.00 bottle Vitaline Tablets, without cost or obligation to me.

NAME

ADDRESS

GET YOU A New Lapel Button

OR Watch Charm

Emblem Buttons

Solid Gold Front

\$1.00 EACH

Ladies'
Rolled Gold Plate
Front

50 Cents EACH

Watch Charms
Fine Rolled Gold
Charms

\$1.50 EACH

Rolled Gold Front Plate

50 Cents EACH

The Official Emblem of the O. R. T. is a Sounder surrounded by a wreath. They are now made up in the latest style with enameled face and screw back, both in solid gold and rolled plate. It is the neatest thing of the kind ever produced.

L. W. QUICK
GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER
ST. LOUIS, MO.

Finest Violins on 30 DAYS' Trial

We sell direct from our Chicago and European shops. Your choice from the finest collection of both old and new stringed instruments in America. Everything the violinist needs. Violins from \$5.00 to \$100.00 and upwards. **30 DAYS' TRIAL** before you decide to purchase. Write to-day for free catalog and Violinist's Handbook.

Wm. R. Lewis & Son (Est. 1869) Mfrs. & Imps.
220 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Our Specialty: Imported wood, varnishes and tools for violin makers.

Brooks' New Cure

Brooks' Appliance. New discovery. Wonderful. No excruciating springs or pads. Automatic Air Cushions. Binds and draws the broken parts together as you would a broken limb. No salves. No lymphol. No Hes. Durable, cheap. Pat. Sept. 10, '01. **SENT ON TRIAL. CATALOGUE FREE.**



MARSHALL, MICH.

PROTECT YOUR IDEAS

NO MATTER HOW SIMPLE the invention, if it's good. Consultation free.

MILO B. STEVENS & CO., Attorneys
907 14th St., Washington, D. C.

Established 1884.

WANTED - RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS. CUSTOM HOUSE EMPLOYEES.

Many Examinations everywhere soon. \$900 to \$1600 yearly. No "Layoffs." Short hours. Annual vacation with full pay. Salary twice monthly. Thousands to be appointed during 1910. Country and City residents equally eligible. Common Education sufficient. Political influence unnecessary. To advertise our Schools we are preparing candidates free. Write immediately for Schedule of Examination dates and free Bulletin. FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, Dept. M11, Rochester, N. Y.

We will MAKE you HEAR!

At last the perfect treatment for deafness. The genuine Pneumo-Oscillating method now ready for use, right in your own home. Our Free Book "Perfect Hearing" tells you how you can treat your own ears, just as well, even better than the highest priced specialist.

Remember, the Pneumo - Oscillating Treatment has cured thousands of cases of deafness. For the first time the treatment is offered you right at home. So write today. Get Our Free Book which tells you all about

THE WHITE CROSS EAR OSCILLATOR

The wonderful machine which gives our famous Pneumo-Oscillating treatments. You should read about this marvelous instrument anyway. The road to perfect hearing is before you. Complete communication with the world. **WRITE TODAY FOR THE FREE BOOK, "PERFECT HEARING."** Sent free for just your name and address. Get details of our Special Introductory Offer, which lasts for a short time only. Just your name and address and we will send "Perfect Hearing."

LINDSTROM-SMITH CO., Dept. 121A. 252 La Salle St., Chicago

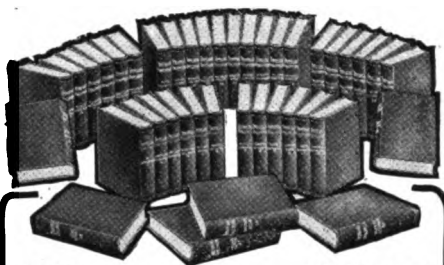


FLASH LIKE GENUINE

Day or night. You can own a Diamond set in brilliancy to any genuine stone at one-thirtieth the cost.

Baroda Diamonds in Solid Gold Rings stand acid test and expert examination. We guarantee them. See them first, then pay. Catalogue Free. Patent Ring Measure included for FIVE two-cent stamps.

THE BARODA COMPANY
Dept. 25. 235 North State Street, Chicago



40 Volumes

Sent Prepaid

SPECIAL!

Limited Sale Offer

Let us send the 40 Magnificent Volumes of the Imperial Encyclopedia and Dictionary to your home, FREE. We want you to see this unrivaled library of reference and here is the reason:

30 Cents on the \$

We are offering this work at 30 cents on the Dollar—positively at 30 cents on the Dollar—because some—a few—of the books are slightly rubbed (very slightly). They are not second hand, but brand new—rubbed only slightly in the shipping rooms—only 2 or 3 volumes—you wouldn't notice the rubbing, perhaps, but we give you the same sale discount we would give to a critical dealer. See the whole 40 volumes for yourself without a cent of expense or a cent of risk. Examine every one of these great volumes FREE. Mail the coupon today or write.

40—Volumes—40

Sent on approval—nothing to pay—nothing to risk. Sent free, prepaid to your own home. Examine them—if not entirely pleased in every way just send them back at our expense. If you are pleased you can buy the set for 30 cents on the Dollar, at \$2.50 a month.

These magnificent volumes compose the complete Imperial Encyclopedia and Dictionary. Contains all dictionary words with their definitions, pronunciations, derivations and synonyms in alphabetical arrangement. Pronounces every word. Incomparable information about every historical person—word—thing—place—event—28,000 pages—7,000 illustrations—covers every subject. Any library is complete with it—No library is complete without it.

History, Science, Art, Mechanics, Geography, Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Literature, Physiology, Astronomy, Geology, Ethnology, Architecture, Archaeology, Polar Exploration and Explorers—every branch of human knowledge. On this great Special Offer it goes at 30 cents on the Dollar.

The Imperial Encyclopedia is acknowledged the HIGHEST and FINAL AUTHORITY

Book Case FREE We have a number of Mission Book Cases made especially to hold these big sets. They are sent to prompt purchasers. A Book Case FREE with first 100 orders.

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS on this coupon or on a postal card or in a letter brings you the books. Send no money. We pay all the charges. But you must act at once. Now only 30 cents on the Dollar. If you wish to keep them after Free examination, send us \$1 and we will then open a charge account with you and you can pay the balance at \$2.50 a month for fifteen months. Write today.

GILBERT PUB. CO.

28 Jackson Blvd.,

Dept. 1218A

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

GILBERT PUB. CO.,

28 Jackson

Bldg. Dept. 1218A

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

You may send me, prepaid, for FREE examination, one slightly rubbed set Imperial Encyclopedia and Dictionary in heavy English cloth binding. If satisfied, I will send you \$1, you may then open a charge account with me for balance at \$2.50 per month for 15 months at your special price. If not satisfied, will notify you within ten days.

Name _____

Address _____

Occupation _____

THE ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Officers and Members, Division No. _____

The Subscriber _____

by occupation a _____ of _____ years

experience, born in _____

voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for initiation into THE ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS, and agrees, if admitted, that he will cheerfully conform to all the laws, rules, mandates and edicts of the Order.

I have not been rejected for membership in the Order within the past year.

Fee enclosed, \$ _____

Signature of Petitioner _____

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 190 _____

*My Postoffice address is _____

Employed by _____ Railroad.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY: That we the subscribers, are personally acquainted with Mr. _____ and, from a confidence in his integrity and the uprightness of his intention, do cheerfully recommend and propose him as a proper candidate for membership in this Order.

RECOMMENDERS.

*Be careful and fill in your postoffice address.

I MADE \$2400.00 IN ABOUT 2 MONTHS

writes one man a few months after becoming my representative in my big CO-OPERATIVE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS. No experience necessary. This man had none. I will teach you the business by mail and appoint you my Special Representative. You can work all or part of the time. A splendid opportunity for men without capital to become independent. Let me explain my offer and send you my FREE BOOK. H. B. HUBB, Pres. Gray Realty Co., 437 Reliance Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

A Golden Opportunity

About to organize a company to operate proven, free milling gold properties. Pre-organization stock very reasonable. Mines located on Mother Lode, Yuba County, California. For particulars, write

THE RED CROSS GOLD MINES CO.,

712 Electric Bldg., CLEVELAND, O.

BLOOD POISON

successfully treated in any stage. If you have ulcers, mucous patches in the mouth, sore throat, eruptions, copper colored spots on the body, falling hair, swollen glands, pains in the bones, or severe continued headaches, our special treatment will cure you. Our DR. PANTER, former chief physician of the original Cook Remedy Co., treated over 20,000 patients of that company in the last fifteen years ending May 12th, 1908, the date that company discontinued taking cases to treat. Booklet on Blood Poison, testimonials and full information about your case, FREE. Write

PANTER REMEDY CO.,

Suite 333, 67 Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.

THE

Phillips Code.

Price, \$1.00

A thoroughly tested method of Shorthand arranged for Telegraphic Purposes and contemplating the rapid transmission of press reports; also intended to be used as an easily acquired method for General Newspaper and Court Reporting.

ADDRESS

L. W. QUICK,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer
ST. LOUIS, MO.

READ THIS, BOYS!

We want to sell 25,000 pairs of half sleeves in the next 30 days. This sleeve is made of good Black Sateen, lettered O. R. T., Agents, or plain, as you wish. Sent to any address for 25c in coin, or express or P. O. order. Send your order today. Address,

M. E. CARTER, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

AGENTS WANTED to secure subscriptions for the NATIONAL SPORTSMAN. Full particulars sent when you answer this advertisement.



If You Like to HUNT, FISH or CAMP

You will enjoy the
National Sportsman

Every month the National Sportsman contains 160 pages or more, crammed from cover to cover with photos from life, stories of hunting, fishing, camping and tramping which will thrill and interest you. This monthly visitor will lure you pleasantly away from the monotonous grind of your everyday work to the healthful atmosphere of the woods and fields. Single copies 15c, yearly subscription \$1.00.

Special Trial Offer

Send us 25 cents, stamps or coin, and we will send you this month's

National Sportsman

together with one of our heavy burnished Ormolu Gold Watch Fobs (regular price 50c), as here shown, with russet leather strap and gold plated buckle. Can you beat this?

WATCH FOB, REGULAR PRICE	- 50c	ALL
NATIONAL SPORTSMAN	- - - 15c	YOURS
TOTAL VALUE	- - - - - 65c	FOR

25c

NATIONAL SPORTSMAN, Inc., 29 Federal St., Boston, Mass.

THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER is published monthly by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Its offices are located on the seventh floor of the Star Building, corner Twelfth and Olive streets, St. Louis, Mo.

PRACTICAL BOOKS FOR RAILROAD MEN

Embracing Every Branch
Written by the Men
Who Do the Work.

Practical, Complete, Reliable and
Up-to-date.

CATALOGUE FREE UPON REQUEST.

SEND FOR IT TODAY.

FREDERICK J. DRAKE & CO.

Ry. Dept. 3

CHICAGO, U. S. A.

Be a R. R. Mail Clerk

R. R. Mail Clerks, P. O. Clerks, City and R. F. D. Carriers receive high salaries for easy work. Many examinations soon. Let us prepare you. Pres't of our College conducted Gov't examinations for years. Write to-day for our Free Book about Government Positions.

OZMENT'S CIVIL SERVICE COLLEGE.

Dept. 33, St. Louis, Mo.

The Man Responsible For the Safe Conduct of the Train.



Terminal to terminal—
safe trip and right on
schedule. This means
good crew—good watches.

The

Elgin

is recognized by the watch inspectors' service of the principal railroad systems as a standard time keeper. The newest Elgin for railroad men is the Elgin with the No. 49 Dial—big, bold figures of inlaid enamel—broad hands.

The "No. 49 Silver" is a silver finish metal dial that is easily read in a dim light.

The "No. 49 Enamel" dial has the same broad hands and large figures on white enamel face. This railroad Elgin has the longest, strongest, most resilient spring ever put in a watch of its size. Runs 42 hours on one winding.

The Railroad Elgin is of four grades.

Grade		20 Year Gold-Filled Case	25 Year Gold-Filled Case
VERITAS	23 JEWELS	\$56.00	\$52.00
VERITAS	21 JEWELS	\$46.00	\$46.00
FATHER TIME (Veritas Model)	21 JEWELS	\$41.00	\$43.00
B. W. RAYMOND (Veritas Model)	18 JEWELS	\$37.00	\$38.00

Screw back and bezel model. Solid gold crowns and solid gold bows. The thinnest 18 size watch made. Cased and timed at the factory.

Write for further information about railroad watches.

ELGIN NATIONAL WATCH CO., ELGIN, ILL.

Note the
broad hands
and bold
figures.



WE SELL ON TIME

TO REPUTABLE OPERATORS



Note the
two lower
sills are
steel tub-
ing.

Buda No. 10 Motor Velocipede.

Many who intend "some day" buying a car put in the "some day" clause because they have not the ready money. Now you need not wait on this account. You can purchase a car from us on monthly installments convenient to you and use the car in the meantime.

If you expect ever to get a car, you need it now just as much as ever you will. Why not, then, arrange to get one now? Why deprive yourself of the advantages of a car until some later time?

Money you would spend in some other way you can apply to a car and no doubt get a good deal more benefit out of it. A car of this kind comes about as near being a business necessity and a luxury at the same time as anything one can think of. It is certainly a boon to the man at a small station. Some of our cars have seat arranged for passengers. We sell lots of these velocipedes to operators, and everywhere they are declared the best. And they are.

Hand Propelled Velocipedes. These cost less of course. Some find they serve their purpose very well. Being ball-bearing they operate easily. We sell them on time also. Get our new catalogue and look them over.

Write today for our New Catalogue N. T. 135. It shows all types of Motor and Hand Propelled Velocipedes.

BUDA FOUNDRY & MFG. CO.
CHICAGO, ILL.



SAVES TIME TO BUY OR SELL THE BOSTON GARTER

KNOWN TO EVERYBODY

WORN ALL OVER
THE WORLD

MADE WITH

Velvet Grip

CUSHION
RUBBER BUTTON
CLASP

OF ANY DEALER, ANYWHERE
or Sample Fr., Cotton, 25., Silk, 50c.

Mailed on Receipt of Price

GEORGE FROST CO.
MAKERS, BOSTON

OVER 30 YEARS THE STANDARD
ALWAYS EASY



WORTH
MORE

THAN ALL
OTHERS

Litholin Waterproofed Linen Collars and Cuffs

always keep their shape. "Others" will and fray. "Others" need to be washed, but "LITHOLIN," when soiled, can be wiped white as new with a damp cloth. "Others" soon wear out, but four Litholin Collars will last you a year. Have the correct dull linen finish, and come in all the latest styles—same as you now wear. For Railroad Men they are invaluable.

Collars 25c. Cuffs 50c.

If not at your dealer's, send, giving styles, size, how many, with remittance, and we will mail postpaid. Styles Booklet free on request.

THE FIBERLOID CO.

Dept. 24, 7 Waverly Place New York

STYLE WATERPROOFED LINEN FIT
ECONOMY LITHOLIN COMFORT
COLLARS & CUFFS



Vose

PIANOS

The tone, touch and magnificent wearing qualities of the Vose Piano are only explained by the exclusive patented features and the high grade material and superb workmanship that enter into their construction. The Vose is an ideal piano for the home. Over 65,000 sold. Delivered in the United States free of charge. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Liberal allowance for old pianos and time payments accepted.

FREE—If you are interested in pianos, let us send you our beautifully illustrated catalog, that gives full information. VOSE & SONS PIANO CO
161 Boylston St. BOSTON, MASS.



After Shaving

USE

MENNEN'S BORATED TALCUM TOILET POWDER

and insist that your barber use it also. It is Antiseptic, and will prevent any of the skin diseases often contracted. A positive relief for Chapped Hands, Chafing, and all afflictions of the skin. Removes all odor of perspiration. Get Mennen's—the original. Put up in non-refillable boxes—the "Box that Lox." Sold everywhere or mailed for 25 cents. Sample free.



Try Mennen's Violet (Borated) Talcum. Sample free.
Gerhard Mennen, Newark, N. J.
Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. 1542

A Clear Track for New Model Oliver "No. 5"

The wonderful new Oliver Model "No. 5" is humming down the track of Popularity.

The clumsy, complicated, "blind" and antiquated typewriters are hugging the sidings.

"No. 5" has the right of way because it's the best machine that ever came down the line.

O. R. T. men everywhere greet the New Model "No. 5" with tremendous enthusiasm.

They like its looks and its smooth, easy-running qualities—its speed and its perfect work.

They like it because of its noiselessness—it doesn't drown the sounder.

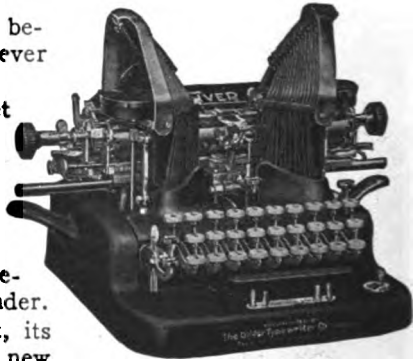
They like its new Balance Shift, its new Disappearing Indicator, its new Ruling Device, its new Non-Vibrating Base.

They like the cut of its new Steel Coat, that keeps its working parts free from dust.

They like its Automatic Spacer, which leaves the "key" hand free.

They like its Visible Writing and its many other Time-and-Labor-Saving Features.

Thousands of "the boys" are using



The **OLIVER**
Typewriter

You can't help liking the Oliver when you see how easy it runs and how it reels off the work.

If you are pounding away on an old-style machine, it's because you never tried the OLIVER.

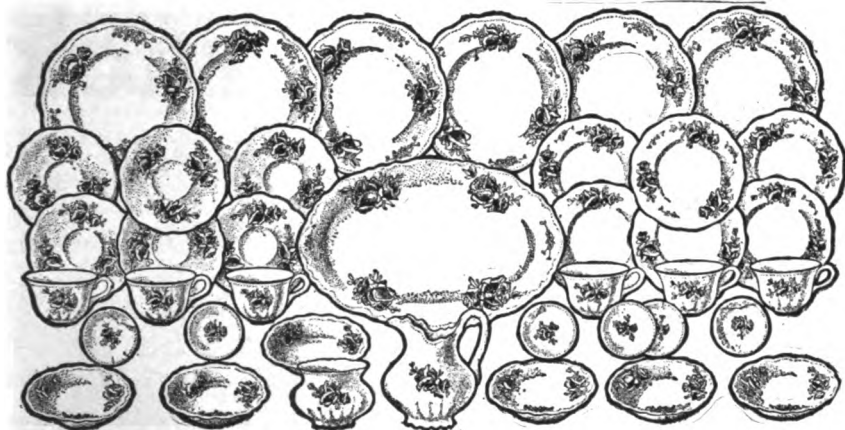
You can buy a brand new, up-to-the-minute Oliver "No. 5" on little monthly payments—not a cent more than you would pay if you rented a new machine.

The Oliver is easy to pay for, easy to understand, easy to operate, easy to keep in order.

Write for the Oliver Book, and mention in your letter that you are a member of the O. R. T. Address

The Oliver Typewriter Company
55 Oliver Typewriter Building, Chicago

FREE 39 PIECE DINNER SETS FREE



I want to give one of these beautiful American Beauty Rose Dinner Sets to every Lady Reader of this Paper **ABSOLUTELY FREE.**

My Offer I will give every lady reader of this paper one of these beautiful 39-piece Dinner sets, decorated with the large, deep glowing American Beauty Rose, the most beautiful rose in the world. I INVITE YOU TO TAKE IT. I ask you only to aid me in the very slightest degree among your friends. Just speak a kind word in my behalf. I really want to place this magnificent dinner set on your table without allowing you to pay me one penny.

Send me no money

Just mail me a postal card or sign the coupon. *But do this Today.* I will then send you, *all charges paid*, 20 packages of my very best high grade post cards. I want you to give a package of post cards *free* to your friends on my 25c introductory offer. Each package contains an assortment of cards, all different, no two alike. These are the very finest gold finished flower and motto post cards, and all your friends will want a package when they see how beautiful the cards really are. When you have given away the post cards on my special introductory offer, the 39-piece American Beauty Rose Dinner Set will be shipped to you at once absolutely free. *There will be no delay.* The dinner sets are packed in strong boxes guaranteed against all breakage.

Special Extra Prize I will give you a whole box of six lovely and beautiful handkerchiefs if you are *prompt* and show me that you mean business. But you must be *prompt*. I insist on *promptness*. Send me your name and address *today*. Let me hear from you at once. Remember, you get the handkerchiefs in addition to the Dinner Set. The half dozen handkerchiefs is an *extra gift*, given you for being prompt. *Don't delay a minute.* Get your pencil and write *today*. *Do it now!* Remember, you get the 39-piece Gold Medal Dinner Set *Free*. And besides an *extra gift* of six beautiful handkerchiefs for promptness. Address

C. E. SMITH, 1496 Virginia St., Kansas City, Mo.

The Decorations are the real genuine American Beauty Rose design, intermingled with the most exquisite traceries of gold. And each piece bears the genuine stamp and *trade-mark* of the great world-renowned Owen Potteries of Minerva. This stamp *guarantees* the quality of the china, guarantees it absolutely. It proves to you that you are getting the real *Gold Medal China*, the "*Ware that Wears*." You should see the rich, deep red of these delicious roses. They are burned into this handsome chinaware by the triplicate process of firing and then glazed with the perfection of knowledge gained by nearly half a hundred years of china making. This is an offer you *must* accept if you want the *most beautiful Dinner Set* ever made.

Sign this Coupon—

Put Your Name Right Here!

Do it NOW! Never before has there been such a startling and wonderful premium offered. Remember it is free to you—**39 pieces free**—no disagreeable work and a grand extra prize of six handkerchiefs if you are prompt. **Sign this Coupon today.** Grasp this great and extraordinary offer—the greatest and the most extraordinary offer ever made.

Sign this Coupon TODAY. Don't Delay. Do it NOW!

CUT OR TEAR OFF ON THIS LINE
C. E. SMITH, 1496 Virginia St., Kansas City, Mo.
 Please send me the 20 packages of post cards to give away on your 25c introductory offer. I want the 39-piece Dinner Set.
 NAME _____
 P. O. _____
 STATE _____
 ST., R. R. or Box _____



Cash or Credit

Don't wait till the "Pay Car" comes if you want a new stove or range.

We make it easy for you to buy one *when you need it*—and have the use of it while you're paying for it.

The "Pay Car" is a once-a-month event. It sometimes means inconvenience, even discomfort, for "the Boys" and their families to put off buying till it comes. It may mean inconvenience to pay out—at once—the entire price of a new stove or range. This is true of all of us.

At such times a charge account with a responsible house is of real service—Same as business firms and manufacturers buy on from 30 days' to 6 months' time.

We believe railroad employes are better pay than the average business concern. So we're going to back our faith in them with this proposition—

Here's Something New From Kalamazoo

When you need a new stove or range of any sort, write for the Kalamazoo Catalogue No. 543—and we'll send you our time-payment terms. You know what the Kalamazoo is—You can't beat it anywhere in the country—You can't find higher quality nor lower prices. Buy on time-payments and you get the same quality that you do for cash—the same saving by our direct-from-factory-to-you selling plan—the same 360 days' approval test—the same guarantee of safe delivery—and

We Pay the Freight

Over 100,000 users of Kalamazoo stoves and ranges in this country will tell you the "Kalamazoo is King." Our catalogue explains everything fully. Better write for it now.

Kalamazoo Stove Co.,
Mfrs.,
Kalamazoo, Mich.



**"A Kalamazoo
Direct to You"**

TRADE MARK REGISTERED

Greatest Clothes Offer Ever Made

Save Half On This \$25 Suit
Made To Order
Guaranteed Fabrics

This is positively the biggest good clothes offer ever appearing in this paper.

To Quickly Introduce Our fine clothes and overcoats in every town, city and State, we will make to your measure, this fine three button business or dress sack suit, cut in the latest fashion of finest high grade goods for only..... **\$12.50**

Sent On Approval
See Before You Pay

We guarantee the perfect fit and satisfaction of every garment. Many tailors would charge \$30 or more. The secret lies in the fact that we enable you to

Skip The Middleman

and sell to you direct from the mill to your back at bed rock mill price. We don't even ask you to accept anyone's word for the better value of our clothes, for we will send our suits C. O. D. subject to your most thorough examination in every particular.



SEND FOR OUR BIG OFFER

free samples, self measuring blank and the handsomest good clothes book published. Remember never before have really good hand tailored, made to measure clothes been sold at the prices we quote. Send now—at once—today for our book.

DIRECT TAILORING CO.,

771 Schiller Bldg.,

Chicago.

TYPEWRITING SPEED PAYS

GET SPEED!
AND THE
SALARY
IS
SURE



TYPEWRITER USERS

Study the Tulloss Touch System. Learn how to use your machine in the best and fastest way; learn to write without ever looking at the keys—in the dark as well as in the light—all at a speed far greater than the best you can reach now. My lessons can be learned in your spare time, and will bring you the speed and accuracy of the expert. Send today for my

72-PAGE FREE BOOK

which describes this fast and accurate method. It is full of valuable helps. Tells how high speed is gained—how errors may be prevented—what kind of practice work is best—how you can master fast touch typewriting in your spare time and make yourself an expert operator, with an expert's salary.

If you want more speed—more accuracy—more salary, send for this Book today. R. E. Tulloss, President.

THE TULLOSS SCHOOL OF TOUCH TYPEWRITING
239 COLLEGE HILL, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO



Hang up your Grandfather's Watch

up in the curiosity
cabinet along with
the hour glass and
the silver snuffers
and get

AN ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE TIME PIECE

The following grades will pass inspection *On All Roads*

18 SIZE

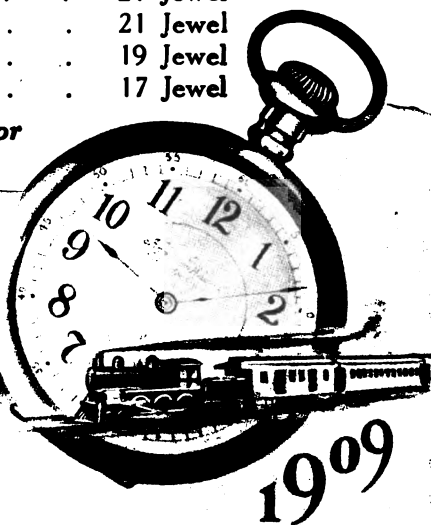
John Hancock	21 Jewel
Special Railway	21 Jewel
John C. Dueber	17 Jewel

16 SIZE

104	23 Jewel
105	21 Jewel
Wm. McKinley	21 Jewel
Railway	19 Jewel
John C. Dueber	17 Jewel

*Ask your local Jeweler for
further information*

The
**DUEBER
HAMPDEN
WATCH WORKS
CANTON, OHIO.**



LIFEBUOY SOAP

The Soap for Railroad Men

The dirt, grease, dust and grime which every trainman encounters every day are often poisonous when there are cuts, scratches or abrasions on the hands.

Lifebuoy Soap cleanses and disinfects at the same time. It removes dirt and heals the cuts and scratches. It is unequalled as a preventive of disease.

For Toilet
Bath and Shampoo

5c

At your
Grocers

LEVER BROS.
COMPANY
Cambridge, Mass.



PRESIDENT SUSPENDERS

Insure absolute comfort and freedom of motion. The sliding cord in the back permits instant adjustment to every movement of your body and takes all strain off the shoulders and trouser buttons.



President Suspenders lie flat on the back and feel so easy you do not realize you have suspenders on. There is never any tugging or pulling when you move, as in the case of the old-style rigid back suspenders.

Light weight for office and dress wear, medium and heavy weights for workers. Extra lengths for tall men. Maker's guarantee on every pair—Satisfaction. Now Fair or Money Back. If your dealer can't supply you, we will, postpaid, upon receipt of price, 50 cents. Convenience suggests a pair for each suit. Get them today.

The C. A. EDGARTON MFG. CO.

748 Main Street

SHIRLEY, MASS.

The Sanford Manifold Pencil

Invaluable in banks and offices and wherever a dependable, serviceable indelible lead pencil is needed. Especially good for expressmen, railway, mail and shipping clerks, stenographers, book-keepers. Makes a clear, legible carbon. Cannot soil fingers or clothes. Combines the fountain pen and lead pencil. Made of hard rubber, absolutely dust-proof—uses either indelible or ordinary black leads. Pencil and set of 3 indelible leads sent post-paid on receipt of 50c. A Big Seller for Agents.

THE SANFORD \$1.00 Fountain Pen Uses Any Steel Pen

A remarkable improvement in fountain pens. Uses any Steel Pen. Patented February 25, 1908.

Made of best hard rubber. In 3 styles, chased, plain barrel and short-hand size—Gives a smooth, steady flow. Positively will not leak or drop ink. Pens easily changed.

10 DAYS FREE TRIAL

To prove that the Sanford Fountain Pen is equal, if not superior, to any high-priced pen made. Mail us one of your favorite steel pens with \$1.00 and we will send you a complete Sanford Fountain Pen post-paid. Try it 10 days—test it thoroughly, and if you are not perfectly satisfied return it to us and we will promptly return your money. POCKET CLIP 10c. Agents wanted. Write quick for terms and territory.

The Sanford Pen Co., Inc.
604 E. 106th St. Cleveland, O., U. S. A.



The Strong Arm

Perfect physical development depends on nerves as well as muscles. The athlete may be paralyzed!

If your nerves are out of order it will soon tell on your strength. Disordered nerves sap vitality in man or woman.

ZELL Nerve Tablets

are the only perfect nerve tonic put on the market with a guarantee. Your money back if they do not produce the desired result.

If you are all run down, if you are losing strength and natural vigor, take Zell Nerve Tablets and regain your perfect physical strength.

50 CENTS A BOX

to any address, in plain package.

THE ZELL DRUG CO., Gallon, O.

O. K. Is the decision of Telegraphers who have used Zell Nerve Tablets. The Remedy that stands every test—and is especially compounded to meet the requirements of Nervous and care worn Telegraphers.



A STITCH IN TIME From a noted painting—By H. Kaulbech

DEC 27

THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE ORDER OF
RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.
L. W. QUICK - EDITOR AND MANAGER.



ENTERED AT THE POST-OFFICE AT ST. LOUIS
MO., AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER.
ENTERED AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER AT THE
POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE . . . \$1.00 PER YEAR.

Vol. XXVI.

DECEMBER, 1909.

No. 12.

EDITORIAL



RAILROAD REVENUES AND EXPENSES.

THE Interstate Commerce Commission has issued bulletins for the months of April, May and June, 1909, showing the revenues and expenses of the principal lines of railways in the United States for those months, and also makes comparisons with the same months of 1908, all of which makes very interesting reading, especially in view of the fact that nearly all of the roads plead "poverty" when approached by committees for an increase in wages or better working hours.

The report for the month of June, 1909, shows the following:

Alabama Great Southern—Mileage, 1,185.50. Revenues: From freight, \$987,985.64; passengers, \$319,119.86; other transportation, \$88,457.23; non-transportation, \$15,354.32; total revenue, \$1,410,917.05.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$160,866.81; maintenance of

equipment, \$271,459.27; traffic, \$41,886.76; transportation, \$446,163.05; general, \$46,748.53; total operating expenses, \$967,124.42; net revenue over operating expenses, \$443,792.63; taxes, \$50,539.29.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$1,317,042. 0; operating expenses, \$911,767.79; net revenue, \$405,274.51; taxes, \$50,967.29.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe—Mileage, 10,053.18. Revenues: From freight, \$5,334,905.70; passenger, \$1,974,817.29; other transportation, \$779,718.65; non-transportation, \$77,234.87; total revenue, \$8,166,676.51.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$1,316,547.46; maintenance of equipment, \$1,019,351.49; traffic, \$179,209.17; transportation, \$2,215,928.87; general, \$190,745.98; total operating expenses, \$4,921,782.97; net revenue over operating expenses, \$3,244,893.54; taxes, \$325,190.08.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$6,373,297.12; operating expenses,

\$3,611,096.86; net revenue, \$2,764,200.26; taxes, \$387,674.38.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic R. R. Co.—Mileage, 642.00. Revenues: From freight, \$107,885.12; passenger, \$40,189.24; other transportation, \$9,236.72; non-transportation, \$1,215.20; total revenue, \$158,526.28.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$24,907.45; maintenance of equipment, \$31,540.79; traffic, \$12,069.16; transportation, \$86,340.57; general, \$6,436.10; total operating expenses, \$161,294.07; net deficit over operating expenses, \$2,767.79; taxes, \$8,000.00.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$134,565.68; operating expenses, \$95,413.75; net revenue, \$39,151.93; taxes, \$4,000.00.

Atlantic Coast Line—Mileage, 11,232.05. Revenues: From freight, \$4,754,375.11; passenger, \$1,595,802.50; other transportation, \$444,888.29; non-transportation, \$64,828.83; total revenue, \$6,859,894.73.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$994,602.72; maintenance of equipment, \$1,030,122.20; traffic, \$171,733.91; transportation, \$2,337,681.64; general, \$209,542.16; total operating expenses, \$4,743,682.63; net revenue over operating expenses, \$2,116,212.10; taxes, \$283,724.82.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$6,534,197.40; operating expenses, \$4,741,805.81; net revenue, \$1,792,391.59; taxes, \$234,737.57.

Baltimore & Ohio—Mileage, 4,490.07. Revenues: From freight, \$5,200,507.79; passenger, \$1,243,482.09; other transportation, \$330,455.21; non-transportation, \$62,489.18; total revenue, \$6,836,934.27.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$979,479.12; maintenance of equipment, \$1,164,834.51; traffic, \$153,432.70; transportation, \$2,174,904.91; general, \$143,852.53; total operating expenses \$4,616,503.77; net revenue over operating expenses, \$2,220,430.50; taxes, \$203,086.86.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$6,052,180.75; operating expenses, \$4,273,114.69; net revenue, \$1,779,066.06; taxes, \$240,804.20.

Bangor & Aroostook R. R. Co.—Mileage, 514.67. Revenues: From freight, \$100,397.94; passenger, \$52,113.17; other transportation, \$8,040.10; non-transportation, \$3,158.81; total revenue, \$163,710.02.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$20,978.23; maintenance of equipment, \$17,333.53; traffic, \$2,801.70; transportation, \$30,096.98; general, \$10,007.43; total operating expenses, \$81,217.87; net revenue over operating expenses, \$82,492.15; taxes, \$2,919.63.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$180,893.71; operating expenses, \$79,859.92; net revenue, \$101,033.79; no taxes.

Boston & Maine—Mileage, 3,593.90. Revenues: From freight, \$2,529,047.12; passenger, \$1,481,659.25; other transportation, \$296,190.89; non-transportation, \$63,871.64; total revenue, \$4,370,768.90.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$548,352.76; maintenance of equipment, \$559,209.34; traffic, \$73,753.46; transportation, \$1,903,815.60; general, \$123,145.89; total operating expenses, \$3,208,277.05; net revenue over operating expenses, \$1,162,491.85; taxes, \$193,289.16.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$3,883,994.58; operating expenses, \$2,923,394.84; net revenue, \$960,599.74; taxes, \$182,525.74.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg R. R. Co.—Mileage, 567.79. Revenues: From freight, \$604,177.12; passenger, \$77,743.44; other transportation, \$18,872.42; non-transportation, \$21,630.61; total revenue, \$722,423.59.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$51,696.08; maintenance of equipment, \$57,038.10; traffic, \$9,068.28; transportation, \$173,334.16; general, \$12,979.08; total operating expenses, \$304,115.70; net revenue over operating expenses, \$418,307.89; taxes, Cr., \$12,000.00.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$586,125.92; operating expenses, \$370,865.02; net revenue, \$215,260.90; taxes, \$10,248.34.

Canadian Pacific Lines in the United States—Mileage, 4,363.01. Revenues: From

freight, \$1,440,275.37; passenger, \$530,-189.77; other transportation, \$97,117.61; non-transportation, \$16,900.53; total revenue, \$2,084,483.28.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$362,433.30; maintenance of equipment, \$248,069.92; traffic, \$51,478.58; transportation, \$677,142.38; general, \$51,-373.25; total operating expenses, \$1,390,-497.43; net revenue over operating expenses, \$693,985.85; taxes, \$132,061.91.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$1,703,172.50; operating expenses, \$1,236,058.46; net revenue, \$467,114.04; taxes, \$108,424.06.

Central of Georgia—Mileage, 2,121.02. Revenues: From freight, \$459,293.87; passengers, \$234,781.15; other transportation, \$62,288.82; non-transportation, \$13,381.13; total revenue, \$769,744.97.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$116,882.60; maintenance of equipment, \$147,002.79; traffic, \$30,288.97; transportation, \$240,869.12; general, \$38,-839.63; total operating expenses, \$573,883.11; net revenue over operating expenses, \$195,-861.86; taxes, \$45,022.68.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$832,242.61; operating expenses, \$641,195.90; net revenue, \$191,046.71; taxes, \$39,919.08.

Chesapeake & Ohio—Mileage, 1,903.00. Revenues: From freight, \$1,820,995.15; passenger, \$404,196.61; other transportation, \$181,930.89; non-transportation, \$10,410.01; total revenue, \$2,417,592.66.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$345,514.98; maintenance of equipment, \$396,733.95; traffic, \$51,910.68; transportation, \$611,448.40; general, \$55,-719.03; total operating expenses, \$1,461,-327.04; net revenue over operating expenses, \$956,265.62; taxes, \$67,100.00.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$1,933,463.85; operating expenses, \$1,373,578.85; net revenue, \$559,885.00; taxes \$48,705.61.

Chicago & Northwestern—Mileage, 9,547.99. Revenues: From freight, \$4,522,-773.68; passenger, \$1,834,944.21; other transportation, \$475,732.21; non-transportation, \$30,897.94; total revenue, \$6,864,348.04.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures \$1,299,850.28; maintenance of equipment, \$927,178.09; traffic, \$125,-543.93; transportation, \$2,387,998.47; general, \$127,045.43; total operating expenses, \$4,867,616.20; net revenue over operating expenses, \$1,996,731.84; taxes, \$288,415.20.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$5,791,962.13; operating expenses, \$3,502,346.25; net revenue, \$2,289,615.88; taxes, \$276,547.23.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy—Mileage, 9,282.82. Revenues: From freight, \$4,132,-761.01; passengers, \$1,752,855.22; other transportation, \$529,903.12; non-transportation, \$72,550.54; total revenue, \$6,488,069.89.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$1,684,146.83; maintenance of equipment, \$1,292,614.49; traffic, \$166,-142.21; transportation, \$1,999,200.07; general, \$179,981.86; total operating expenses, \$5,322,085.46; net revenue over operating expenses, \$1,165,984.43; taxes, \$180,867.52.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$5,797,267.84; operating expenses, \$4,691,196.02; net revenue, \$1,106,071.82; taxes, \$206,915.65.

Chicago Great Western—Mileage, 1,-475.61. Revenues: From freight, \$598,-886.75; passenger, \$207,214.01; other transportation, \$67,178.85; non-transportation, \$5,250.46; total revenue, \$878,530.07.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$147,258.50; maintenance of equipment, \$121,880.49; traffic, \$41,947.74; transportation, \$352,657.01; general, \$35,-290.55; total operating expenses, \$699,-034.29; net revenue over operating expenses, \$179,495.78; taxes, \$34,395.16.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$802,102.27; operating expenses, \$658,585.68; net revenue, \$143,516.59; taxes, \$25,173.24.

Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Ry. Co.—Mileage, 615.75. Revenues: From freight, \$300,586.73; passenger, \$126,508.60; other transportation, \$39,179.10; non-transportation, \$5,964.91; total revenue, \$472,-239.34.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$62,636.53; maintenance of equipment, \$15,375.52; traffic, \$13,778.45;

transportation, \$139,087.96; general, \$15,913.83; total operating expenses, \$246,792.29; net revenue over operating expenses, \$225,447.05; taxes, \$22,314.65.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$428,958.86; operating expenses, \$316,359.04; net revenue, \$112,599.82; taxes, \$21,895.22.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul—Mileage, 7,671.63. Revenues: From freight, \$3,359,624.99; passenger, \$1,211,611.33; other transportation, \$410,452.69; non-transportation, \$22,953.13; total revenue, \$5,004,642.14.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$783,287.77; maintenance of equipment, \$579,344.75; traffic, \$124,548.29; transportation, \$1,797,292.63; general, \$94,405.39; total operating expenses, \$3,378,878.83; net revenue over operating expenses, \$1,625,763.31; taxes, \$208,465.95.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$4,464,788.24; operating expenses, \$2,768,366.44; net revenue, \$1,696,421.80; taxes, \$199,018.00.

Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton—Mileage, 1,086.03. Revenues: From freight, \$476,082.90; passenger, \$102,240.70; other transportation, \$59,836.93; non-transportation, \$17,822.04; total revenue, \$655,982.57.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$147,007.50; maintenance of equipment, \$127,613.06; traffic, \$21,339.28; transportation, \$303,949.37; general, \$21,147.12; total operating expenses, \$621,056.33; net revenue over operating expenses, \$34,926.24; taxes, \$27,790.60.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$654,073.69; operating expenses, \$486,481.26; net revenue, \$167,592.43; taxes, \$17,719.73.

Colorado & Southern—Mileage, 2,408.92. Revenues: From freight, \$860,634.62; passenger, \$300,597.73; other transportation, \$54,176.00; non-transportation, \$6,579.49; total revenue, \$1,221,987.84.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$213,746.03; maintenance of equipment, \$218,202.31; traffic, \$27,083.34; transportation, \$464,203.54; general, \$49,330.33; total operating expenses, \$972,565.55; net revenue over operating expenses, \$249,422.29; taxes, \$36,584.76.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$1,132,066.16; operating expenses, \$860,387.79; net revenue, \$271,678.37; taxes, \$38,177.77.

Delaware & Hudson—Mileage, 876.70. Revenues: From freight, \$1,265,179.07; passenger, \$234,381.39; other transportation, \$41,182.70; non-transportation, \$12,075.51; total revenue, \$1,552,818.67.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$139,827.91; maintenance of equipment, \$242,920.35; traffic, \$14,562.76; transportation, \$535,809.75; general, \$35,001.89; total operating expenses, \$968,122.66; net revenue over operating expenses, \$584,696.01; taxes, \$35,688.98.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$1,505,466.29; operating expenses, \$873,567.06; net revenue, \$631,899.23; taxes, \$35,001.86.

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western—Mileage, 1,053.54. Revenues: From freight, \$2,179,803.93; passenger, \$632,585.29; other transportation, \$193,920.67; non-transportation, \$9,886.06; total revenue, \$3,016,195.95.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$405,887.50; maintenance of equipment, \$386,725.12; traffic, \$71,566.97; transportation, \$767,510.06; general, \$59,798.64; total operating expenses, \$1,691,488.29; net revenue over operating expenses, \$1,324,707.66; taxes, \$104,345.00.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$3,009,636.07; operating expenses, \$1,666,091.24; net revenue, \$1,343,544.83; taxes, \$119,050.00.

Denver & Rio Grande—Mileage, 2,777.20. Revenues: From freight, \$1,428,906.97; passenger, \$432,557.44; other transportation, \$78,687.09; non-transportation, \$5,193.89; total revenue, \$1,945,345.39.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$311,099.68; maintenance of equipment, \$306,255.45; traffic, \$45,874.51; transportation, \$615,767.00; general, \$49,067.89; total operating expenses, \$1,328,064.53; net revenue over operating expenses, \$617,280.86; taxes, \$60,981.41.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$1,662,190.47; operating expenses, \$943,885.77; net revenue, \$718,304.70; taxes, \$67,267.77.

Detroit, Toledo & Ironton—Mileage, 738.80. Revenues: From freight, \$201,511.37; passenger, \$48,874.06; other transportation, \$16,460.68; non-transportation, \$1,248.19; total revenue, \$268,094.30.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$64,457.77; maintenance of equipment, Cr. \$65,511.79; traffic, \$6,909.37; transportation, \$91,868.09; general, \$8,052.98; total operating expenses, \$105,776.42; net revenue over operating expenses, \$162,317.88; taxes, \$15,763.19.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$254,186.85; operating expenses, \$137,837.89; net revenue, \$116,348.96; taxes, \$14,837.99.

El Paso & Southwestern Co.—Mileage, 866.86. Revenues: From freight, \$507,861.44; passenger, \$88,550.35; other transportation, \$20,321.76; non-transportation, \$11,678.67; total revenue, \$628,412.22.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$103,136.10; maintenance of equipment, \$64,238.87; traffic, \$10,951.81; transportation, \$161,670.92; general, \$23,824.91; total operating expenses, \$363,822.61; net revenue over operating expenses, \$264,589.61; taxes, \$17,530.07.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$529,428.89; operating expenses, \$340,556.22; net revenue, \$188,872.67; taxes, \$15,128.35.

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Ry.—Mileage, 777.77. Revenues: From freight, \$616,802.20; passenger, \$3.04; other transportation, \$31,259.92; non-transportation, \$9,894.30; total revenue, \$657,959.46.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$62,208.29; maintenance of equipment, \$113,836.65; traffic, \$3,817.16; transportation, \$181,065.01; general, \$20,709.12; total operating expenses, \$381,636.23; net revenue over operating expenses, \$276,323.23; taxes, \$12,814.91.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$505,511.57; operating expenses, \$329,146.48; net revenue, \$176,365.09; taxes, \$14,592.04.

Erie—Mileage, 2,472.73. Revenues: From freight, \$3,182,886.85; passenger, \$871,896.31; other transportation, \$331,541.02;

non-transportation, \$19,694.88; total revenue, \$4,406,019.06.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$305,567.60; maintenance of equipment, \$849,338.34; traffic, \$107,874.74; transportation, \$1,392,165.47; general, \$117,396.86; total operating expenses, \$2,772,343.01; net revenue over operating expenses, \$1,633,676.05; taxes, \$130,072.50.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$4,308,978.83; operating expenses, \$3,708,709.93; net revenue, \$600,268.90; taxes, Cr. \$19,352.73.

Florida East Coast Ry. Co.—Mileage, 584.07. Revenues: From freight, \$185,239.18; passenger, \$65,740.12; other transportation, \$48,186.96; non-transportation, \$3,582.59; total revenue, \$302,748.85.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$27,398.20; maintenance of equipment, \$34,693.98; traffic, \$3,454.59; transportation, \$84,148.98; general, \$17,124.49; total operating expenses, \$166,820.24; net revenue over operating expenses, \$135,928.61; taxes, \$13,433.37.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$254,616.37; operating expenses, \$237,568.37; net revenue, \$17,048.00; taxes, \$13,046.52.

Grand Trunk of Canada in the United States—Mileage, 1,470.22. Revenues: From freight, \$683,997.88; passenger, \$322,670.45; other transportation, \$80,777.56; non-transportation, \$16,391.57; total revenue, \$1,103,837.46.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$183,403.16; maintenance of equipment, \$91,540.77; traffic, \$42,605.82; transportation, \$426,833.15; general, \$44,778.68; total operating expenses, \$789,161.58; net revenue over operating expenses, \$314,675.88; taxes, \$2,881.76.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$985,010.50; operating expenses, \$337,058.28; net revenue, \$647,952.22; taxes, \$45,951.48.

Great Northern—Mileage, 7,030.03. Revenues: From freight, \$3,339,374.30; passenger, \$1,116,557.04; other transportation, \$287,500.07; non-transportation, \$17,955.75; total revenue, \$4,761,387.16.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$1,033,268.75; maintenance of equipment, \$285,365.82; traffic, \$83,530.25; transportation, \$1,203,729.90; general, \$90,677.66; total operating expenses, \$2,696,572.38; net revenue over operating expenses, \$2,064,814.78; taxes, \$277,891.30.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$3,664,004.26; operating expenses, \$3,280,270.98; net revenue, \$383,733.28; taxes, \$166,535.33.

Hocking Valley—Mileage, 1,056.56. Revenues: From freight, \$781,754.30; passenger, \$150,279.83; other transportation, \$35,920.51; non-transportation, \$3,544.27; total revenue, \$971,498.91.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$197,177.14; maintenance of equipment, \$140,718.90; traffic, \$16,704.98; transportation, \$296,299.92; general, \$26,789.79; total operating expenses, \$677,690.73; net revenue over operating expenses, \$293,808.18; taxes, \$43,182.82.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$1,016,038.87; operating expenses, \$545,709.71; net revenue, \$470,329.16; taxes, \$38,740.86.

Illinois Central—Mileage, 6,124.60. Revenues: From freight, \$3,230,617.70; passenger, \$1,093,672.52; other transportation, \$617,055.10; non-transportation, \$46,524.50; total revenue, \$4,987,869.82.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$638,113.59; maintenance of equipment, \$710,623.48; traffic, \$120,687.54; transportation, \$1,771,184.62; general, \$119,390.34; total operating expenses, \$3,359,999.57; net revenue over operating expenses, \$1,627,870.25; taxes, \$317,853.79.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$4,784,846.00; operating expenses, \$2,916,120.96; net revenue, \$1,868,725.04; taxes \$208,111.35.

International & Great Northern R. R. Co.—Mileage, 1,159.50. Revenues: From freight, \$367,051.82; passenger, \$151,412.09; other transportation, \$43,227.45; non-transportation, \$4,990.90; total revenue, \$566,682.26.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$137,080.88; maintenance of

equipment, \$133,940.47; traffic, \$18,796.38; transportation, \$268,108.36; general, \$21,237.28; total operating expenses, \$579,163.37; net deficit over operating expenses, \$12,481.11; taxes, \$16,244.65.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$555,485.36; operating expenses, \$508,239.04; net revenue, \$47,246.32; taxes, \$24,165.19.

Iowa Central Ry. Co.—Mileage, 558.43. Revenues: From freight, \$186,909.06; passenger, \$44,512.30; other transportation, \$11,488.40; non-transportation, \$906.31; total revenue, \$243,816.07.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$39,056.62; maintenance of equipment, \$59,146.49; traffic, \$9,631.92; transportation, \$102,232.52; general, \$9,691.70; total operating expenses, \$219,759.25; net revenue over operating expenses, \$24,056.82; taxes, \$7,572.52.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$221,595.14; operating expenses, \$187,520.55; net revenue, \$34,074.59; taxes, \$7,339.42.

Kansas City Southern—Mileage, 859.37. Revenues: From freight, \$565,926.80; passenger, \$110,679.55; other transportation, \$66,450.32; non-transportation, \$14,324.40; total revenue, \$757,381.07.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$85,410.50; maintenance of equipment, \$88,730.02; traffic, \$26,142.99; transportation, \$228,867.66; general, \$29,547.28; total operating expenses, \$458,698.45; net revenue over operating expenses, \$298,682.62; taxes, \$25,844.05.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$607,890.57; operating expenses, \$406,856.00; net revenue, \$201,034.57; taxes, \$29,939.13.

Lehigh Valley R. R. Co.—Mileage, 1,441.31. Revenues: From freight, \$2,457,465.10; passenger, \$368,069.80; other transportation, \$85,952.36; non-transportation, \$15,052.26; total revenue, \$2,926,539.52.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$113,486.74; maintenance of equipment, \$440,821.92; traffic, \$80,435.57; transportation, \$814,346.28; general, \$106,344.40; total operating expenses, \$1,555,

434.91; net revenue over operating expenses, \$1,371,104.61; taxes, \$74,776.23.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$3,066,618.65; operating expenses, \$1,496,325.19; net revenue, \$1,570,293.46; taxes, \$85,567.39.

Minneapolis & St. Louis, R. R. Co.—Mileage, 1,027.04. Revenues: From freight, \$220,883.03; passenger, \$106,968.04; other transportation, \$22,143.13; non-transportation, \$2,099.02; total revenue, \$352,093.22.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$44,849.58; maintenance of equipment, \$42,705.58; traffic, \$11,110.10; transportation, \$119,380.45; general, \$12,437.00; total operating expenses, \$230,482.71; net revenue over operating expenses, \$121,610.51; taxes, \$17,550.24.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$288,267.41; operating expenses, \$190,822.93; net revenue, \$97,444.48; taxes, \$13,244.95.

Missouri, Kansas & Texas Ry. Co.—Mileage, 3,072.21. Revenues: From freight, \$1,175,572.52; passenger, \$590,730.83; other transportation, \$87,496.69; non-transportation, \$37,071.12; total revenue, \$1,890,871.16.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$234,881.20; maintenance of equipment, \$214,245.38; traffic, \$53,321.55; transportation, \$735,374.78; general, \$69,085.54; total operating expenses, \$1,306,908.45; net revenue over operating expenses, \$583,962.71; taxes, \$268.35.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$1,730,114.06; operating expenses, \$1,460,794.44; net revenue, \$269,319.62; taxes, \$65,673.49.

Missouri Pacific—Mileage, 7,138.94. Revenues: From freight, \$2,682,014.50; passenger, \$854,262.30; other transportation, \$277,943.10; non-transportation, \$63,466.05; total revenue, \$3,877,685.95.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$716,327.64; maintenance of equipment, \$685,550.02; traffic, \$106,518.22; transportation, \$1,392,994.41; general, \$141,911.96; total operating expenses, \$3,043,302.25; net revenue over operating expenses, \$834,383.70; taxes, \$109,728.49.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$3,410,637.07; operating expenses, \$2,131,307.35; net revenue, \$1,279,329.72; taxes, \$117,295.54.

New York Central—Mileage, 12,471.70. Revenues: From freight, \$11,975,896.90; passenger, \$5,227,578.79; other transportation, \$1,768,185.37; non-transportation, \$159,502.28; total revenue, \$19,131,163.34.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$2,717,504.67; maintenance of equipment, \$2,596,351.70; traffic, \$542,541.96; transportation, \$6,133,230.92; general, \$431,456.58; total operating expenses, \$12,421,085.83; net revenue over operating expenses, \$6,710,077.51; taxes, \$750,162.06.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$16,572,741.35; operating expenses, \$11,382,029.82; net revenue, \$5,190,711.53; taxes, \$683,963.30.

New York, New Haven & Hartford—Mileage, 2,846.69. Revenues: From freight, \$3,140,451.61; passenger, \$2,138,604.05; other transportation, \$385,899.52; non-transportation, \$98,699.70; total revenue, \$5,763,654.88.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$427,590.08; maintenance of equipment, \$240,344.33; traffic, \$54,435.15; transportation, \$2,244,398.97; general, \$229,376.88; total operating expenses, \$3,196,145.41; net revenue over operating expenses, \$2,567,509.47; taxes, \$297,906.21.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$5,269,090.22; operating expenses, \$3,434,973.56; net revenue, \$1,834,116.66; taxes \$383,110.41.

Norfolk & Southern Ry. Co.—Mileage, 581.72. Revenues: From freight, \$150,315.46; passenger, \$54,819.20; other transportation, \$12,337.73; non-transportation, \$1,508.44; total revenue, \$218,980.83.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$33,887.36; maintenance of equipment, \$31,446.11; traffic, \$6,521.10; transportation, \$65,693.64; general, \$14,151.60; total operating expenses, \$151,699.81; net revenue over operating expenses, \$67,281.02; taxes, \$4,899.25.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$201,173.58; operating expenses,

\$168,472.16; net revenue, \$32,701.42; taxes, \$7,809.05.

Norfolk & Western—Mileage, 1,965.68. Revenues: From freight, \$2,217,148.95; passenger, \$448,449.75; other transportation, \$77,019.73; non-transportation, \$5,145.93; total revenue, \$2,747,764.36.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$353,817.17; maintenance of equipment, \$452,257.60; traffic, \$45,287.02; transportation, \$714,962.43; general, \$60,813.32; total operating expenses, \$1,627,137.54; net revenue over operating expenses, \$1,120,626.82; taxes, \$82,484.00.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$2,153,873.16; operating expenses, \$1,295,147.94; net revenue, \$858,725.22; taxes, \$87,742.06.

Northern Pacific—Mileage, 5,947.38. Revenues: From freight, \$3,935,694.27; passenger, \$1,858,899.70; other transportation, \$319,249.18; non-transportation, \$95,001.79; total revenue, \$6,208,844.94.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$844,002.87; maintenance of equipment, \$563,655.29; traffic, \$112,708.47; transportation, \$2,058,378.33; general, \$109,125.25; total operating expenses, \$3,687,870.21; net revenue over operating expenses, \$2,520,974.73; taxes, \$60,731.81.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$4,294,025.39; operating expenses, \$3,866,349.50; net revenue, \$427,675.89; taxes, \$479,793.94.

Pennsylvania—Mileage, 11,259.55. Revenues: From freight, \$17,290,908.67; passenger, \$5,936,080.29; other transportation, \$1,867,387.64; non-transportation, \$167,673.05; total revenue, \$25,262,049.65.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$3,481,000.12; maintenance of equipment, \$4,058,099.97; traffic, \$425,565.73; transportation, \$8,233,844.60; general, \$608,718.76; total operating expenses, \$16,807,229.18; net revenue over operating expenses, \$8,454,820.47; taxes, \$847,251.19.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$23,340,777.68; operating expenses, \$15,448,608.66; net revenue, \$7,892,169.02; taxes, \$681,519.31.

Pere Marquette R. R. Co.—Mileage, 2,335.90. Revenues: From freight, \$770,321.73; passenger, \$317,614.41; other transportation, \$78,725.03; non-transportation, \$29,017.11; total revenue, \$1,195,678.28.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$164,732.04; maintenance of equipment, \$155,804.43; traffic, \$41,483.71; transportation, \$474,573.91; general, \$30,177.35; total operating expenses, \$866,771.44; net revenue over operating expenses, \$328,906.84; taxes, \$41,910.21.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$1,012,131.73; operating expenses, \$774,919.20; net revenue, \$237,212.53; taxes, \$52,345.55.

Reading—Mileage, 2,151.22. Revenues: From freight, \$4,057,688.48; passenger, \$1,118,094.33; other transportation, \$175,720.65; non-transportation, \$110,945.51; total revenue, \$5,462,448.97.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$636,510.14; maintenance of equipment, \$979,206.29; traffic, \$82,358.30; transportation, \$1,566,428.05; general, \$131,204.26; total operating expenses, \$3,395,707.04; net revenue over operating expenses, \$2,066,741.93; taxes, \$324,441.75.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$4,995,923.91; operating expenses, \$3,104,815.67; net revenue, \$1,891,108.24; taxes, \$194,957.87.

Rock Island-Frisco—Mileage, 14,578.08. Revenues: From freight, \$5,763,301.25; passenger, \$2,701,016.06; other transportation, \$98,469.04; non-transportation, \$57,379.15; total revenue, \$9,511,165.50.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$1,159,697.09; maintenance of equipment, \$1,004,595.32; traffic, \$237,042.26; transportation, \$3,185,549.30; general, \$274,969.67; total operating expenses, \$5,861,853.64; net revenue over operating expenses, \$3,649,311.86; taxes, \$364,446.55.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$7,569,294.57; operating expenses, \$4,720,046.18; net revenue, \$2,849,248.39; taxes, \$313,268.06.

St. Louis, Southwestern—Mileage, 1,579.96. Revenues: From freight, \$566,201.47; passenger, \$183,824.15; other trans-

portation, \$40,457.86; non-transportation, \$7,814.85; total revenue, \$798,098.33.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$125,174.19; maintenance of equipment, \$122,800.22; traffic, \$35,129.10; transportation, \$244,883.45; general, \$36,312.28; total operating expenses, \$564,299.24; net revenue over operating expenses, \$233,799.09; taxes, \$24,490.33.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$751,219.63; operating expenses, \$669,322.83; net revenue, \$81,896.80; taxes, \$25,254.66.

San Antonio & Aransas Pass Ry. Co.—Mileage, 727.00. Revenues: From freight, \$176,440.42; passenger, \$80,326.40; other transportation, \$15,919.15; non-transportation, \$1,634.67; total revenue, \$274,320.64.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$41,022.81; maintenance of equipment, \$39,205.62; traffic, \$4,768.52; transportation, \$119,996.59; general, \$8,592.30; total operating expenses, \$213,585.84; net revenue over operating expenses, \$60,734.80; taxes, \$8,559.14.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$294,925.90; operating expenses, \$192,358.14; net revenue, \$102,567.76; taxes, \$10,757.08.

Seaboard—Mileage, 2,989.96. Revenues: From freight, \$944,869.17; passenger, \$285,946.89; other transportation, \$112,217.85; non-transportation, \$31,888.31; total revenue, \$1,374,922.22.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$200,570.38; maintenance of equipment, \$199,120.57; traffic, \$49,921.30; transportation, \$472,890.56; general, \$41,971.88; total operating expenses, \$964,474.69; net revenue over operating expenses, \$410,447.53; taxes, \$58,790.64.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$1,247,860.99; operating expenses, \$965,876.26; net revenue, \$281,984.73; taxes, \$60,785.87.

Southern—Mileage, 9,437.32. Revenues: From freight, \$3,349,997.27; passenger, \$1,332,283.59; other transportation, \$511,568.92; non-transportation, \$28,563.63; total revenue, \$5,222,413.41.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$571,872.10; maintenance of equipment, \$765,164.12; traffic, \$163,196.51; transportation, \$1,902,022.24; general, \$208,982.24; total operating expenses, \$3,611,237.21; net revenue over operating expenses, \$1,611,176.20; taxes, \$206,794.83.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$4,993,316.07; operating expenses, \$3,584,587.64; net revenue, \$1,408,728.43; taxes, \$226,494.71.

Southern Pacific—Mileage, 9,918.52. Revenues: From freight, \$5,710,445.16; passenger, \$3,148,091.62; other transportation, \$548,163.74; non-transportation, \$151,805.93; total revenue, \$9,558,506.45.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$1,295,348.90; maintenance of equipment, \$1,359,994.81; traffic, \$149,945.11; transportation, \$2,770,119.12; general, \$279,605.97; total operating expenses, \$5,855,013.91; net revenues over operating expenses, \$3,703,492.54; taxes, \$347,505.04.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$8,585,789.36; operating expenses, \$5,644,829.06; net revenue, \$2,940,960.30; taxes, \$428,565.05.

Texas & Pacific—Mileage, 1,990.64. Revenues: From freight, \$644,773.16; passenger, \$299,546.34; other transportation, \$57,905.21; non-transportation, \$9,326.37; total revenue, \$1,011,550.08.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$180,400.49; maintenance of equipment, \$195,262.98; traffic, \$16,436.04; transportation, \$447,845.36; general, \$32,070.27; total operating expenses, \$872,015.14; net revenue over operating expenses, \$139,534.94; taxes, \$39,601.66.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$858,762.72; operating expenses, \$754,452.18; net revenue, \$104,310.54; taxes, \$28,620.65.

Toledo, St. Louis, & Western—Mileage, 1,448.80. Revenues: From freight, \$793,667.37; passenger, \$362,203.54; other transportation, \$96,426.17; non-transportation, \$6,464.13; total revenue, \$1,258,761.21.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$123,778.43; maintenance of equipment, Cr. \$47,111.15; traffic, \$49,-

255.98; transportation, \$373,787.24; general, \$34,561.88; total operating expenses, \$534,272.38; net revenue over operating expenses, \$724,488.83; taxes, \$49,777.09.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$1,238,198.05; operating expenses, \$749,418.68; net revenue, \$488,779.37; taxes, \$40,805.44.

Union Pacific—Mileage, 7,351.37. Revenues: From freight, \$4,915,556.66; passenger, \$1,879,533.95; other transportation, \$642,833.54; non-transportation, \$58,833.61; total revenue, \$7,496,757.76.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures \$757,972.17; maintenance of equipment, \$630,083.45; traffic, \$189,549.89; transportation, \$1,711,782.36; general, \$193,984.30; total operating expenses, \$3,483,372.17; net revenue over operating expenses, \$4,013,385.59; taxes, \$249,042.97.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$6,647,692.79; operating expenses, \$3,237,893.00; net revenue, \$3,409,799.79; taxes, \$234,073.39.

Wabash—Mileage, 3,104.93. Revenues: From freight, \$1,906,394.58; passenger, \$622,122.27; other transportation, \$344,108.16; non-transportation, \$19,617.65; total revenue, \$2,892,242.66.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$327,282.30; maintenance of equipment, \$454,744.05; traffic, \$88,458.08; transportation, \$1,041,495.80; general, \$94,225.04; total operating expenses, \$2,006,205.27; net revenue over operating expenses, \$86,037.39; taxes, \$95,583.86.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$2,742,622.06; operating expenses, \$1,841,255.28; net revenue, \$901,366.78; taxes, \$90,900.38.

Western Maryland—Mileage, 576.58. Revenues: From freight, \$401,275.78; passenger, \$74,323.02; other transportation, \$21,802.39; non-transportation, \$4,158.71; total revenue, \$501,559.90.

Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, \$83,076.69; maintenance of equipment, \$56,414.55; traffic, \$9,107.77; transportation, \$163,057.61; general, \$13,188.01; total operating expenses, \$324,772.03.

844.63; net revenue over operating expenses, \$176,715.27; taxes, \$17,400.00.

The total revenue for the month of June, 1908, was \$436,229.92; operating expenses, \$289,804.94; net revenue, \$146,424.98; taxes, \$17,490.18.

U. S. SUPREME COURT WILL DECIDE.

THE application of the attorney of Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell, respectively president, secretary and vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, to the United States Supreme Court, for a writ of certiorari has been granted, which means that the whole case will be reviewed by the highest judicial tribunal in the land.

It will be remembered that on December 18, 1907, the Buck's Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis, obtained an injunction from Justice Gould, of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, against the American Federation of Labor and its officers, forbidding them from publishing or otherwise communicating the fact that that company was unfair to organized labor and to prevent publication of that firm's name in the "We Don't Patronize List" of *The Federationist*. The injunction became effective on December 23, 1907, and was made permanent on March 26, 1908. An appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. While the appeal was pending, it is stated at the instance of the attorneys for the plaintiff, Messrs. Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell were cited for contempt of court for having alleged to have violated the provisions of the injunction. Much testimony was taken in these proceedings, and in December, 1908, Justice Wright adjudged Messrs. Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell guilty of contempt of court, and imposed a sentence of one year, nine months and six months imprisonment respectively upon them.

In commenting on the action of the court in the contempt proceedings and the testimony introduced therein, President Gompers summarized the causes for which they were adjudged guilty of contempt of court, as follows:

"Vice-President Mitchell, it was alleged, violated the injunction by allowing certain acts to be performed by the officers of the American Federation of Labor, and also, that while presiding at a convention of the United Mine Workers of America, a resolution, regularly introduced by a delegate, calling upon the members of that organization not to bestow their patronage upon the product of the Buck's Stove and Range Company was submitted by Mr. Mitchell to the delegates for a vote.

"Secretary Morrison was charged substantially with having violated the terms of the injunction in so far as that he sent, or caused to be sent out, copies of the printed official proceedings of the previous convention of the American Federation of Labor containing officers' and committee reports and resolutions of the convention relative to the Buck's Stove and Range Company's injunction and copies of the *American Federationist* containing similar references, circulars, appeals for funds, and editorials written by me on the injunction abuse.

"The allegations charging me with violating the terms of the injunction were that I did, or authorized, or directed to be done, these things; because, by authority of the convention and of the executive council I sent to our fellow-workers and friends an appeal for funds in order that we might be in a position to defend ourselves before the courts in the very injunction case involved; because in lectures and on the public platform, during the presidential campaign I made addresses to the people giving the reasons for the vote as a citizen I was to cast at the then pending presidential election, and because I dared editorially to discuss the fundamental principles involved, not only in the injunction pending but the entire abuse of the injunction writ."

In March, 1909, the Court of Appeals, of the District of Columbia, handed down its decision upon the appeal from the original injunction. That court modified the terms of the injunction, holding that no publication could be forbidden, except in furtherance of a "conspiracy" to boycott. It will be some time before a decision is had from the United States Supreme Court in this case.

THE STEEL TRUST.

THE American Federation of Labor at its convention held at Toronto, in November, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The United States Steel Corporation is waging a war of extermination against organized labor in its mills, and on its transportation lines, and has committed itself to the policy of operating all branches of its business non-union, and

WHEREAS, In carrying out this policy it can only be a question of time until every union man in its employ must either forfeit his union membership or his employment, thereby weakening materially several affiliated organizations, and encouraging other corporations to begin conflicts with organized labor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this convention recognizes the United States Steel Corporation as the most formidable and aggressive enemy that the movement has to contend with; that we believe the thorough organization of all branches of its business is the most important and necessary work that could engage the attention, time and effort of the American Federation of Labor and its affiliated national and international organizations, and that we recommend that a meeting be held during the sessions of the convention of the executive officers of all organizations represented, together with the President and Secretary of the A. F. of L., to consider and outline a campaign of organization among the employes of the United States Steel Corporation, and to consider and devise ways and means of making the strikes of the affiliated organizations, now pending, more effective, to the end that they may be brought to a successful conclusion."

Pursuant to the provisions of the resolution, a meeting of the leaders of the various international organizations was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., which was largely attended, President Gompers of the A. F. of L. presiding.

The grievances of organized labor against the steel corporation were set forth in resolutions adopted by the meeting, copies

of which will be handed President Taft and all United States senators and congressmen by a committee appointed for that purpose. The governors of states in which the United States Steel Corporation own plants or has interest, will also be furnished with copies of the resolution.

The resolutions are in part as follows:

"A crisis in the affairs of labor has arisen. The gigantic trust, the United States Steel Corporation, is using its great wealth and power in an effort to rob the toilers of their right of American manhood and of the opportunity to resist its further encroachments. Grown rich by the consent of the people of our country, this corporation in its mad greed for still greater riches, sweeps aside, make and un-makes law, its enactors and executors and is now engaged in an effort to destroy the only factor—the organizations of its employes—standing between it and unlimited, unchecked and unbridled industrial, political, social and moral carnage.

"If there exists any virile power in our time and life to check the absolute autocratic domination of civic, industrial and political life of our people and our republic, it must be found in the indomitable will and mission of the much misunderstood and misrepresented organizations of labor.

"The United States Steel Corporation has declared war on labor. In its secret councils this corporation has decreed that the only obstacle to its complete sway—organized labor—shall be crushed. The labor organizations consist of its employes, the workers—their wives and little ones, human flesh and blood. It is by their labor that they live; they have no purpose other than safeguarding their lives, their character, their future, the safety of the republic and humanity.

"These factors now confront each other. By their purposes, attitude and actions must they be judged.

"On June 1, 1909, the United States Steel Corporation proclaimed its decree of hostility toward labor. The right of the workers

to associate for their common protection was no longer to be recognized or tolerated. Accompanying that decree the notice of a further reduction in the already scant wages of the workers. The decree went into effect July 1, 1909. We therefore urge that an earnest effort be made to thoroughly organize all employes in the iron, steel and tin plate industry and subsidiary co-related trades. Owing to immediate pressing necessity caused by the present strike and the indefensible hostile attitude of the United States Steel Corporation, we earnestly call upon all national and international unions of America to send at least one organizer to assist in this work. We further urge and recommend that in all places where mills are located the central labor organizations appoint special committees, with instructions to co-operate in this work.

"For educational purposes we recommend that this manifesto be made a special order in all central labor organizations at the first meeting in January, 1910.

"We recommend that the executive council of the American Federation of Labor issue a circular to all unions of America, an appeal for financial contributions to aid the striking iron, steel and tin-plate workers.

"We further recommend that the amount of such contribution should not be less than ten (10) cents per member.

"In view of the great wrongs perpetrated by the United States Steel Corporation, not only against the workers, but the public generally, we recommend that a committee be appointed by this conference to wait upon the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and all members of either house of Congress as may be deemed advisable for the purpose of laying before them the grievances from which labor suffers at the hands of this corporation.

"At the instance of the United States Steel Corporation, officers of local, municipal and state governments have unwarrantably tyrannized over citizens, invading the constitutionality, guaranteed right of free assemblage and free speech. We

recommend that committees be appointed by this conference to wait upon the governors of states and such other official representatives of counties and municipalities as are in control where the United States Steel Corporation has plants located for the purpose of presenting to these officials the great wrongs inflicted upon the people of these communities and that the committees demand an investigation, and when charges made are substantiated by evidence the officers responsible therefor be removed and the wrongs immediately righted.

"We appeal to all liberty-loving Americans for their moral and financial support.

• Signed,

"JAMES O'CONNELL,
"T. L. LEWIS,
"W. D. MAHON,
"GEO. W. PERKINS,
"J. W. HAYES,
"FRANK M. RYAN,
"T. HEALY,
"SAMUEL GOMPERS,
"P. J. MCARDLE,
"CHAS. E. LAWLER."

EDITORIAL NOTES

No cards, no favors.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends its best wishes to all its readers for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nine hundred and eighty-five new members were initiated into the Order during the month of November.

C. M. & St. P. Railway System, Division No. 23, contributed five hundred dollars for the benefit of the Cherry (Illinois) mine sufferers.

A head-end collision between two passenger trains on the Canadian Pacific Railway near Orangeville, Ont., was caused by "a mistake in an order given over the telephone."

According to Wall street reports and press dispatches, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company have acquired controlling interest in the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Members of the Mutual Benefit Department should not overlook the fact that assessments in that department are now payable, six months in advance.

All of the old officers of the American Federation of Labor were re-elected at the Toronto convention, including President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and Treasurer Lennon. H. B. Perham, President of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, was re-elected eighth vice-president.

The statements issued by the Bureau of Immigration, for the month of August, 1909 were 59,777 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States, during that month; that there were 1,646 debarred from entrance classified as follows: Idiots, 22; insane and epileptics, 29; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 271; likely to become public charges, 919; contract laborers, 96; mentally or physically defective, 61; accompanying aliens, 43; under 16 years of age, unaccompanied by parent, 41; assisted aliens, 1; criminals, 49, polygamists, 1; prostitutes and procurers, 69; without passport, 8; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 36. The report also shows that there were 252 aliens returned after landing.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Labor held a special convention at Harrisburg, Pa., on December 9th, which was largely attended by delegates from the bona fide

trades unions of that State, to protest against the continuation of "Government by Injunction," the "Denial of Free Speech and Free Assemblage," the "Assumption of Undelegated Powers by Governmental Functionaries," and the "Total Disregard of all Moral and Statute Laws by Overgrown Corporations, who Blazently Declare that they are a Law to Themselves."

The recent labor troubles at McKees Rocks, New Castle, Pittsburg and other points, and the action of the Chief Burgess of Vandergrift, in prohibiting the Labor Day parade at that point, were the incidents which occasioned the call to be made from this extraordinary convention at a conference of prominent labor unionists of the State held at Pittsburg, on October 3, 1909.

A press dispatch from Austin, Texas, contains the following cheering information:

Austin, Tex., Nov. 23.—It seems that the union label will adorn all of the state stationery and reports. Permission has

been granted by the State Printing Board to the Department of Labor Statistics and the State Mining Inspector to have the union label placed on their stationery, and State Expert Printer Richardson today received formal application from the State Library, the Department of Public Buildings and Grounds, the Adjutant General, the Department of Insurance and Banking, the Department of Agriculture, the State Purchasing Agent, the Comptroller, the Department of Education, the Pension Commissioner and the Railroad Commission to have the union label placed on their stationery and reports. It is understood that the State Treasurer, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, members of the State Printing Board, all desire the same label on their stationery.

"The agitation for this move was brought about by Deputy Labor Commissioner H. G. Wagner, acting in the capacity of Secretary of the Joint Labor Legislative Board.

"Montana and Nevada have laws compelling the heads of the department to have the label on all stationery, while a number of other States use it at all times."



PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. M. G. Harper, of Bristol, Tenn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. F. Heslep, of Wynedale, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Karn, of Oakland, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Davis, of Callery, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. F. Rush, of Claxton, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. M. Callicod, of Dewey, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. L. Kiser, of Spotswood, N. J., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Kirkpatrick, of Blakely, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. R. Lemieux, of Sherbrooke, Que., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Meador, of Waurika, Okla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. A. Bick, of Pittsburg, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Oscar Lowery, of Hancock, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Mont Fulton, of Folks, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Dahl, of Austin, Mont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Morris D. White, of Toledo, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. D. Garrison, of Macon, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. A. Whalen, of Hillsboro, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. G. Bishop, of Nestoria, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. M. Eppinger, of Harmarville, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. James Costello, of Vernon Junction, Conn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Bramlet, of Dupont, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. D. Harrington, of Iroquois, S. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. A. L. Genoway, of Wendt, S. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Henry, of Winter Havem, Fla., a boy.

To Bro. J. L. and Sister Jennie Martin, of East New York, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. W. Price, of Rogers Pass, B. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Talley, of Poplarville, Miss., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. Q. Ebert, of Lavelle, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. H. Robinson, of Markstay, Ont., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. C. G. Sullivan, of Div. 138, to Miss Gertrude Bost.

Bro. J. M. Colson, of Div. 93, to Miss Stevenson.

Bro. M. Casey, of Div. 29, to Miss Mae Lee.

At Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, Bro. C. E. Honsinger, of Div. 70, to Miss Mabel Richardson.

At New York City, Bro. Frank Horsch, of Div. 44, to Miss Elizabeth R. Gray.

Bro. F. M. McCutchen, of Div. 132, to Miss Minnie Pardue.

Bro. Otto C. Tabbert, of Div. 23, to Miss Gladys Gould.

At Green Bay, Wis., Bro. G. C. Brown, of Div. 23, to Miss Minnie Richter.

At Thomasville, Miss., Bro. R. H. Odon, of Div. 93, to Miss Mary L. Hines.

At Monroe, La., Bro. W. H. Allen, of Div. 93, to Miss Louise DeLee.

At Ridgeway, Pa., Bro. Earl Johnson, of Div. 108, to Miss Pearl Crosby.

At Enid, Okla., Bro. J. A. Boyle, of Div. 126, to Miss Belva Jeffries.

At Enid, Okla., Bro. Earl Hoover, of Div. 126, to Miss Flora McKinkay.

At Rea, Mo., Bro. E. L. Reed, of Div. 96, to Sister Jessie Smith, of Div. 96.

At Conception, Mo., Bro. W. T. Nish, of Div. 96, to Miss Mary Guiger.

At Charlotte, N. C., Bro. D. P. Stowe, of Div. 59, to Miss Aurelia Hand.

At Belvue, Kan., Bro. F. W. Klasse, of Div. 6, to Miss Laureene Weeks.

At Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y., Bro. F. McManus, of Div. 8, to Miss Mary Ryan.

At Kenova, W. Va., Bro. D. W. Crabtree, of Div. 14, to Miss Inez Webb.

At Portsmouth, Ohio, Bro. H. K. McElroy, of Div. 14, to Miss Carrie Kramer.

At Commerce, Tex., Bro. R. F. Menke, of Div. 2, to Miss Maggie Cameron.

At Buena Vista, N. C., Bro. S. O. Johnson, to Miss Effie Cox.

At St. Paul, Minn., Bro. L. J. Lentsch, of Div. 54, to Miss Elizabeth Leuer.

At Canton, N. Y., Bro. M. Meng, of Div. 8, to Mrs. Edith Fitzgerald.

Bro. O. W. Bledsoe, of Div. 46, to Miss Goodman.

At Kaaterskill Junction, N. Y., Bro. H. Krom, of Div. 113, to Miss Flossie Parkes.

At Brownstown, Ill., Bro. Harrold W. Weaver, of Div. 27, to Miss Minnie Turner.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, Bro. Frank E. Mann, of Div. 49, to Miss Edna M. Williams.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. I. W. Davis, of Div. 31.

Bro. Grover C. Davidson, of Div. 33.

Wife of Bro. G. C. House, of Div. 75.

Sister of Bro. W. T. Nagle, of Div. 85.

Wife of Bro. B. E. Crouch, of Div. 76.

Father of Bro. Roscoe C. Zink, of Div. 130.

At St. Louis, Mo., Bro. J. E. Johnson, of Div. 2.

Little daughter of Bro. Edw. Welch, of Div. 76.

Father of Bros. Seth and John Welford, of Div. 16.

At Riverside, R. I., Bro. R. A. Brown, of Div. 35.

At Burnside, Pa., Sister A. M. Lindsey, of Div. 8.

Daughter of Bro. A. J. Fitzpatrick, of Div. 42.

At Brainerd, Minn., Bro. T. H. Line, of Div. 54.

At Alcatraz, Cal., Bro. Thomas Mullally, of Div. 31.

At Elwood, Iowa, wife of Bro. C. W. Hall, of Div. 23.

At Salem, Va., Cecil, son of Bro. W. A. Vest, of Div. 14.

At Niagara Falls, Ont., wife of Bro. H. L. Oliver, of Div. 16.

At Ramsey, Idaho, infant son of Bro. J. A. Lukanitsch, of Div. 54.

At Barnesville, Ohio, little daughter of Bro. P. Ferguson, of Div. 33.

At Tekowah, Neb., infant daughter of Bro. James Mathews, of Div. 76.

At Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Miss William Haughey, daughter of Bro. J. A. Haughey, of Div. 8.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of C. A. Petit.

M. S. Dew.

College Station, Tex.

Present address of R. L. Woods, last heard of working for E. J. & E. at Hobart, Ind. Write your wild West pal at Princeton, Mo., Box 36.

W. L. CAZEL.

Present address of C. G. Whitesal, last heard of on Wabash Ry.

A. D. COLLIER,

528 S. Cannon St., Spokane, Wash.

Present address of W. M. Selman, last heard of was with G. C. Ry.

J. M. McCLENDON,

C. R. I. & P., Peyton, Col.

Present address of P. P. Hopper, last heard of at Cadiz, Ky., March, 1908. Would like to hear from you, Perry. Write me, Box 36, Princeton, Mo.

W. L. CAZEL.

Present address of Chas. Sherlock, conductor Pere Marquette R. R. Any information as to his whereabouts will be greatly appreciated.

B. J. SHERLOCK,
Wellington, Wash.

Present address of Watkins Moorman Taylor, last heard of at Butler, Pa. Please write; news for you.

F. B. BILLUPS,
Pittsburg, Pa., Gen'l Del.

To know whereabouts of Wm. Shields, of Dayton, Ohio. "WM," if you see this, write me; have good news for you.

D. F. SMITH,
Hilliard, Ohio.

Present address of Geo. F. Milan, track foreman, last heard of with Mo. Pac. at Newellton, La., 1908.

GEO. REDDING,
Care C. M. & P. S., Whitehall, Mont.

Present address of J. C. Price, last heard of was with United Wireless Tel. Co., Seattle, Wash. "JC," if you see this write.

J. M. McCLENDON,
C. R. I. & P., Peyton, Col.

Present address of D. P. Chiles, last heard of was with Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad, Fairview, Okla.

C. C. HAZEN,
Portland, Col.

Present address of Grover C. Land, last heard of playing ball for league team at Paducah, Ky., in 1904. Any brother knowing his address kindly write me.

H. O. PERRYMAN,
Box 494, Brawley, Cal.

Present address of James P. Hacker, last heard of at Winslow, Ariz., five years ago. Supposed to be now working for some Southern Ry. Important.

L. C. WILSON,
Atwood, Kan.

Present address of J. M. Shea, last worked on C. M. & St. P. on C. & M. Division. Any brother knowing his present location will confer a favor by notifying me at once.

E. R. DERRICKSON,
804 Security Bank Bldg.,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

J. C. Sale, Archer, Fla.

A. E. List, Blandurg, Pa.

W. E. Pearl, Winnemucca, Nev.

K. G. Kennedy, 291 North Main St.,
Rocky Mount, N. C.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 29666, Cert. 527, Div. 91, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 30077, Cert. 3126, Div. 93, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 30243, Cert. 2711, Div. 130, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 19381, Cert. 2295, Div. 126, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 13774, Cert. 59, Div. 146, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 29066, Cert. 252, Div. 14, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 20471, Cert. 2677, Div. 126, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 31053, Cert. 2388, Div. 33, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 4805, Cert. 3252, Div. 2, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 1536, Cert. 105, Div. 52, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 21092, Cert. 3612, Div. 2, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 30662, Cert. 1183, Div. 76, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 12540, Cert. 2814, Div. 53, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 27011, Cert. 6, Div. 56, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 21754, Cert. 93, Div. 56, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

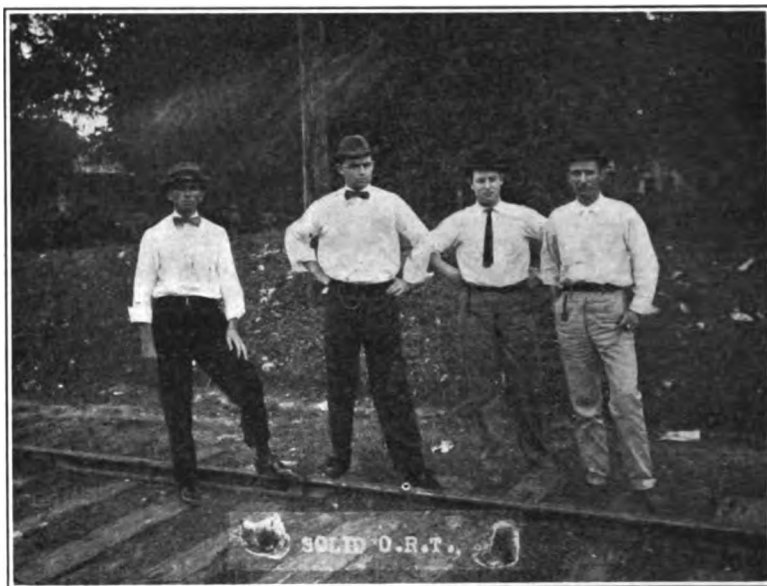
Card 2235, Cert. 105, Div. 82, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 23314, Cert. 3070, Div. 93, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 17347, Cert. 2584, Div. 93, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 30073, Cert. 3122, Div. 93, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Card 30076, Cert. 3125, Div. 93, for term ending Dec. 31, 1909.



W. L. Hatchell. C. W. Green. J. C. Sale. W. H. Stephens.
O. R. T. GROUP—ARCHER, FLA.



F. E. Wall. Z. Wall. M. R. Bruster.
B. E. Scott. V. F. Lyons.
O. R. T. GROUP—BIG FOUR RAILWAY—NEW DOUGLAS, ILL.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

DIRECTORY.

MRS. E. B. SMITH.....President P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.	MRS. J. J. CAMPBELL....Third Vice-President North Bay, Ontario, Canada.
MRS. G. W. MALONE, Grand Secretary-Treasurer 580 East Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.	MRS. HENRY HURR.....Third Vice-President Engle, Texas.
MRS. E. L. MATHIS.....First Vice-President Greenfield, Tenn.	MRS. CHAS. M. SANFORD...Grand Chaperone Hobart, N. Y.
MRS. W. J. LIDDANE...Second Vice-President 227 West Central Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	MISS DITA MAY WEST, Assistant to President 319 E. Ga. Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mrs. J. F. Brady, Chairman, No. 1 Pond St., Auburn, R. I.	Miss Frances E. Edwards, West Port, Pa. (Clinton County).
Mrs. W. F. Denton, Sterling, Neb.	Mrs. L. E. Crandall, Chrisney, Ind.
Mrs. Chas. M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.	

All correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER must be addressed to the President, so that it will reach her not later than the 20th day of the month.

NOTICE.

All those who have articles, letters or communications for the Ladies' Auxiliary Department of the TELEGRAPHER *must submit it first to the President*, Mrs. E. B. Smith, P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga., or it will not appear.

Any matter for the Department must reach the President not later than the 20th of each month, in order that the matter may be edited in time to get to the publisher in time.

MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

By MRS. E. B. SMITH, President.

THROUGH the generosity of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and their interest in the growth of the Ladies' Auxilliary, the Secretary-Treasurer and the President of the L. A. received a letter from Grand Secretary-Treasurer Quick, of the O. R. T., stating that they had had 1,000 gold emblem buttons made, which have since been received. These but-

tons are gold of diamond shape, with the wreath and sounder in the center, with the lettering "L. A. O. R. T." thereon, and are beautiful pins, which the ladies will be proud of. These pins will be issued by the Secretary-Treasurer to every member of the L. A. and then to all those who join up to the 1,000th mark.

Join now and get one of the gold pins, which are issued without charge, as the initial pins. Let's see who will get in the race first, they cannot last long, as it will take but a few more to strike the 1,000 mark. Get busy now, stop putting it off, and join now. Get in the organization and help the boys along, by your influence and gentle persuasion, if nothing more. There is plenty for willing hands to do. If you can't find anything to do in the Auxiliary, write any of the Officials and they will arrange something for you to do that will count for something and mean the general building up of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, which means eventually the raising of the standard of wages for the operators, as well as their conditions generally.

Ladies, when you get time for sober thought from your daily round of duties, sit down and give awhile to the thought of what you would do if your husband had to work 12 and 18 hours like he used to have to do, and drew at the end of the month the measly sum of \$40.00, and out of that had to pay a man to clean up the waiting rooms and office or clean them himself. This is just the very ditch out of which the Order has brought the majority of the operators, and it is just the ditch into which the operator is again going to fall, if the O. R. T. is allowed to go backward. The ladies of the household are as much or more interested in the conditions of the operators of the country as the operators themselves. If this is the case, then why not the ladies join the L. A. and assist the boys in their splendid struggle for a solidity which can never be broken down.

It is to your interest, and the interest of the children, and your children's children, that you take a hand NOW in assisting in the solidifying the membership of the O. R. T. and the L. A. into one grand body, where the families and the relatives of the operators will all be brought together in a bond of brotherly love.

TO THE LADY MEMBERS OF THE O. R. T.

SOME of you lady members of the O. R. T. seem to think that, while the Ladies' Auxiliary is a splendid thing for those who are ineligible for membership in the O. R. T., it is superfluous for you. In one way, this is true—but there are other ways. We who are members of both organizations, have found much pleasure and profit in the Ladies' Auxiliary, and do not think either your time or money wasted.

Then there is your duty to the Order. All of us must admit that the Ladies' Auxiliary will be of material benefit to the O. R. T., this being true, now is the time to do something for your Order by joining the Ladies' Auxiliary and helping to organize a local division.

The Grand division is a necessity, but the crying need of the Ladies' Auxiliary in local divisions, where every woman can

have something right at home to interest her. If she holds an important office in her local division, or is interested in some special feature of it, do you think she is going to let her husband drop out of the Order, and so put her out? *Not much.*

Just think what a power this can be made for holding the O. R. T. together. Just this one thing, sisters, should make you anxious to organize the Ladies' Auxiliary; and when you think of the many ways in which the Ladies' Auxiliary will benefit the Order, I do not see how you can afford not to help. Self interest, if nothing higher, should prompt you to push this organization. The path of duty lies plain before you: I hope to hear that more of you have taken it.

DITA MAY WEST.

Assistant President.

LOCAL No. 4 HOLDS A ROUSING MEETING.

Local No. 4, Division No. 35, held their first meeting in the new hall October 23. The ladies certainly felt very important with a hall all their own, and are so proud of the meeting that it was voted to have a sign outside on meeting nights, just like the "boys." So interesting did the evening prove that time passed away very quickly and some hasty exits were made, most of the members coming quite a distance. I am sure that when the ladies "outside" hear of our enjoyable meetings the applications will come in faster than ever. At present there is a good deal of business, but as we grow I hope to have more items of our sociability, which will help make it interesting for the sisters to read our columns.

CERT. No. 11.

Providence, R. I., Oct. 30, 1909.

ST. PAUL, MINN., SUGGESTIONS.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Nov. 8, 1909.

Mrs. E. B. Smith, President, Atlanta, Ga.:

DEAR MADAM AND SISTER—In reply to your favor of recent date requesting suggestions as to the best method of increasing the membership of our organization, it seems to me that the most feasible way would be through the local chairmen of the

different system divisions and through the officers of the local divisions of the O. R. T. If you could procure a list of the local chairmen from Bro. Quick and then take the names of the secretaries of the local divisions from the O. R. T. Journal and send a circular letter to each one of these officers, soliciting their assistance in organizing the ladies on their respective divisions, I think it would bring good results. I also think that this circular letter should be accompanied by a bunch of application blanks to each local chairman and division secretary.

Yours fraternally,

Mrs. W. J. LIDDANE,
Second Vice-President.

OAKLAND, OREGON, MAKES GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

OAKLAND, ORE., NOV. 2, 1909.

Mrs. E. B. Smith, President L. A. of O. R. T., Atlanta, Ga.:

DEAR SISTER.—I am enclosing herewith a notice which I thought might do some good to have published in the Journal. If you think it is worth while you may send it in for publication.

If we can get a start by getting a few interested enough to join and push a little toward getting others to join, I believe we can get quite a number in during the next few months. Of course, it is more thinly settled here than in the Eastern States and we have to do all of our work by correspondence, which makes it much slower. However, we are going to do the best work we can for the L. A. Fraternally yours,

Mrs. T. M. BOYD.

*"To the Ladies of Members of O. R. T.,
Sou. Pac., Div. 53, Lines in Oregon:*

"Having been appointed local chairman and organizer of the Ladies' Auxiliary for the Lines in Oregon, I would be pleased to receive the application of any eligible lady on our lines. Those eligible are wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of an O. R. T. member who have an up-to-date card. You know the boys on the Southern Pacific are very proud of their schedule, but who should be more proud and who receive more benefit of that schedule than do their wives,

mothers and daughters. You may think that you take as much interest in the O. R. T. and do them as much good out of the Auxiliary as if you were a member, but you don't. A lady friend said to me before she joined the W. C. T. U.: 'Oh, I'm a temperance woman and can do just as much out of the W. C. T. U. for temperance as I can in it;' but after she joined she said she felt a great deal more interest in promoting temperance than ever before. And, ladies, if you will get an up-to-date card in the Ladies' Auxiliary and get busy, your interest will be increased one hundred per cent more than it is now in the O. R. T. Let us show our husbands that we have an interest in their Order and that we appreciate the efforts that they put forth that we may have more 'bread and butter,' as Sister Smith says. This will help our husbands to feel more enthusiastic and to do better work for the Order than ever before. Try it and see. If you haven't an application blank drop me a card and I will see that you are supplied. Mrs. T. M. BOYD."

NOTES.

By Mrs. E. B. SMITH, President.

Secretary-treasurer Malone reports that on November 28th her division expects a big meeting.

Talk to the farmers and get them to demand the operators' union button on the agents and operators of the country.

Nothing has been heard from the Big Division in the South yet—old Division 59 of the Southern Railway. Let's hear something from them.

From the manner in which the East seem to be taking up the Ladies' Auxiliary, the South and West are going to have to hustle.

The officials of the Ladies' Auxiliary are in receipt of complimentary tickets to the Thanksgiving Eve ball, given by Division No. 8, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in Empire Hall, Syracuse, N. Y. We are certain that we would have had a

most delightful time had we been near enough to attend, but wish to thank the chairman, Bro. Elimor Gorman, as well as the others of the division, in their kind remembrance of us. We trust it was a success in every sense.

Mrs. Adah A. Egleston has been elected general chairman of the L. A. to O. R. T. Division No. 8, and no doubt under her leadership this division will soon grow into one of the largest and strongest divisions in the Auxiliary.

More charters are coming in every week, which looks like a substantial build, which will mean an organization build upon a firm foundation, which it will be impossible to shake.

Appoint your correspondent and send in your news items or any articles or suggestions which you may have. The President will be glad to get them and you will be glad to see something there from your section. Forward the same to President Smith.

Prepare some kind of a social affair at the next meeting of the O. R. T. on your division and let all the ladies go. See how quick the boys will make arrangements to be on hand. They won't have an engagement with their girls, or their wives won't be sick, or they will not make any of the old-time excuses. They will be there. Try it. Then when the ladies all get there, and while the boys are busy in their meeting, let the ladies gather together at some given place and organize an Auxiliary. Seven of you, or more, make up your minds to join the L. A., send in your names and receive the charter for your next regular O. R. T. meeting. It's easy, and will become a habit if you just try it long enough.

President Smith has returned again to Atlanta from Macon, where she placed on exhibit at the Georgia State Fair one of the largest union label departments which has ever been in the State of Georgia. Over 10,000 pieces of literature were given out

during the ten days, while something like 8,000 souvenirs were distributed. The campaign for the union label was waged in splendid shape for ten days, and a great deal done toward educating the visitors to the fair along the label lines. She had on exhibit in one of the glass cases a large box of O. R. T. initial buttons, and the attention of the farmers was called to the union button of the operators and station agents, and a plea was made for them to demand these on the agents and operators and to see that they had an up-to-date card. A number of the September issue of THE TELEGRAPHER were also distributed. President Smith is again back at her desk and ready to give prompt reply to all correspondence.

Without authority, the President is using a letter which she received just as she was about to send to press the matter for the department. Pearls are seldom kept under cover, therefore, as this is just a sample of many pearls, in the shape of letters, which the Secretary and President are receiving daily, Ye Editor takes the liberty of here giving the readers of the department a little idea of the splendid manner in which the O. R. T. membership all over the country are supporting the Ladies' Auxiliary. The N. & W. Division bids fair to be one of the strongest divisions organized. Congratulations. God speed.

TROUTVILLE, VA., Oct. 18, 1909.

Mrs. G. W. Malone, G. S. & T., 580 E. Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.:

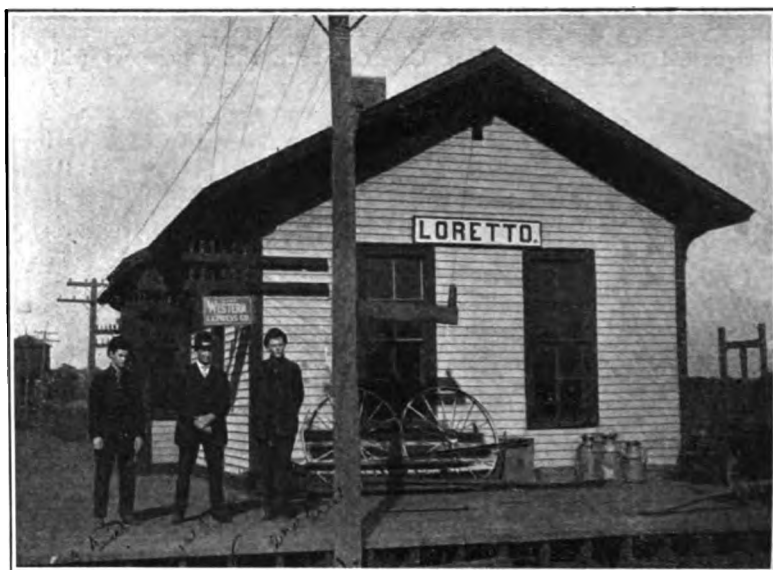
DEAR SISTER.—I am pleased to advise you that we organized a branch of the Ladies' Auxiliary at Roanoke, Va., Saturday night, the 16th, with the following charter members: Mrs. C. E. Layman, Troutville, Va.; Mrs. T. O. Magann, Thaxton, Va.; Mrs. G. C. Caboniss, Forrest, Va.; Mrs. C. B. Lane, Crewe, Va.; Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, Salem, Va.; Mrs. M. W. Atkins, Ridgeway, Va.; Mrs. B. S. Gregory, Wertz, Va.; Mrs. M. G. Harper, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. E. P. Newcomb, Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. W. A. T. Overstreet, Vickers, Va.; Mrs. A. B. Cord, E. Radford, Va. The first three

mentioned are already members, having joined at Atlanta, Ga., during our last convention. I enclose fees and dues for the rest to January 1, 1910, amounting to \$5.60, and was requested to recommend Mrs. C. B. Lane as president and Mrs. M. W. Atkins as secretary. Really, I suppose, as it was the desire of the members present that these sisters be made president and sec-

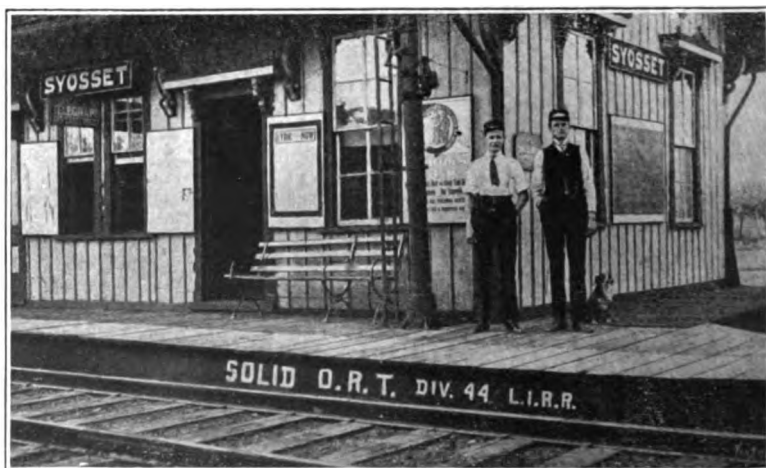
retary, you would consider them duly elected to those positions, and you can, therefore, communicate with them accordingly. Some of our sisters are very enthusiastic, and I hope we will have a fine Auxiliary on the N. & W. by the first of the year. Wishing you and Sister Smith much success, I remain, yours fraternally,

C. E. LAYMAN.





Left to Right—Earl E. Blair. C. W. Spurzem. W. B. Conger.
SOLID O. R. T.—LORETTO, MINN., SOO RAILWAY.



C. H. Meredith, Opr.; G. D. Carnes, Agt.; "Teddy R," Mascot.
SYOSSET, L. I., N. Y.

GLEANINGS

A kindly word and a pleasant smile often goes a long way in bringing sunlight into the lives of others. Life at best for the average wage-earner is none too good, and a kindly word costs nothing and often does great good.

* * *

Trades union work is doing more for the uplift of the workingman than perhaps any other institution. There is nothing ennobling in labor itself. Some persons saw ennobling qualities in the work of the slave and serf. The ennobling comes from the conditions under which labor is performed, when a man who performs labor finds enjoyment in his work.

* * *

Unionism should not be judged by its worst features, but by its general characteristics. It does not ask to be judged by its best qualities. There is good and bad in all institutions. Their real value lies in their general attributes. Unionism has objectionable features, but even these, when properly understood, lose much of their objectionableness.

The real test of an institution lies in its helpfulness to those who need help. The union stands for the progress of the plain people. Its word is personality. Its aim is to lift the standard of toiling manhood and womanhood. It has done much and will do more to make the multitude happier and better. To criticise it apart from a recognition of this purpose is to do it an injustice.—*The Chronicle*.

* * *

Some union men who are lax in their duties as members of their organization often excuse their own negligence by expressing doubts as to the loyalty of others who are also inactive. Such men usually resent any implication against their own

loyalty, however. The fact is that they themselves are lacking in true unionism. Men have often gone wrong for no other reason than that they feared others could not be relied upon. The indifferent, inactive members of a labor organization really discourage themselves by their own groundless doubts and fears. They frighten themselves by creations of their own imagination. Active participation in union affairs is the best and surest cure for such feelings.—*Joshua Blunt*.

* * *

Are you a worker for the success of your local? Do you attend the meetings regularly? Do you take part in the discussions when attending, or do you stop at home and growl like a grizzly bear because everything is not done to your liking? Do you study your condition and formulate plans for its betterment, or do you chew the rag because the other fellow don't do it?

In the labor movement there is no room for the man who hangs back in the traces—the load is so big that it requires the constant tugging of all to make headway. When all pull and pull altogether our best efforts are reached. Pull forward and not backward if you would the better enjoy life. Contempt is only felt for the man who does not do his share in the battle of life. He is looked upon as a hindrance and sinks below the respect that active, earnest and intelligent workers have for each other.

You must be one or the other. Choose the position in life that will entitle you to respect and admiration for your efforts, and shun the path that brings reproach upon you. Don't think your labor is not needed or desired; that is a mistaken, foolish idea. There is room and work for all; let us do it.



Wm. Chrisman, Wm. B. Parker, H. B. Atkins, L. B. Verhine.
O. R. T. GROUP—ILLINOIS CENTRAL AND MOBILE & OHIO RYS.
BEECH RIDGE, ILL.



P. J. Meighen. H. E. Olsen, *Local Chairman*.
O. R. T. MEMBERS—NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY—GRAND FORKS, N. D.

MISCELLANY

THE AGENT'S BUSY DAY.

"NO, no more railroading in mine," said the hungry reporter, as he tilted his chair back and elevated his heels on the desk that the city editor called his when he was there. "There are some things in this world that I'm not adapted for. That's one."

The rest of the "Late Watch" gathered around with exclamations of amazement and surprise, and he continued:

"You see, I once applied to a division superintendent for a job, and was assured my application would be considered the very first vacancy that occurred. Then I waited. The suspense was not especially trying to me, but I could see I was wearing on the friends with whom I was boarding considerably.

"One day, however, the 'caller,' the man that rounds up the trainmen when they are wanted to go out on a special, came around with a note requesting me to call at the superintendent's office. Of course, I complied with the request, and was told they wanted me to act as assistant agent for a day or two at a place called Beaufort, or something like that.

"I wanted to know if I would have time to go and pack my grip, but they seemed to think such a delay would materially prejudice the prospects of the road, so I grabbed the pass and made for the train, which I managed to catch after a brief but exciting chase. Then my 'grief,' as the railroad men call it, began.

"This train don't stop at Beaufort, young feller," said the conductor, as he pocketed my pass and proceeded calmly on his rounds. I would have liked to have asked him what I was expected to do about it, but his countenance was so stern and forbidding I did not dare.

"We were rapidly nearing my destination and something had to be done, so I informed a brakeman of my predicament, and he very kindly volunteered to ask 'Fatty Duff' to slow down a little at Beaufort and let me off. I presume he did so, yet if there was any reduction in the speed of the train it was too slight for my unpracticed eye to detect. The brakeman encouraged me, however, and as there appeared to be no other alternative, when we were nearly abreast of the platform I let go and dropped.

"I did not alight right away, but when I did land the concussion was something awful, and as I rolled over and over it seemed to me I must have gathered up about all the splinters there were in that platform in different portions of my anatomy. I was still gyrating when the last car whizzed by, but I heard the 'hind man's' timely warning:

"'Look out, young man, you'll tear your clothes!'

"It was a rickety old station, the walls frescoed with mashed tomatoes. Empty chicken coops, fruit boxes, berry chests and watermelon rinds scattered about the platform exhaled a faded and depressing odor, and the only visible indication of life or death were the swarms of flies buzzing drowsily in the hot sunshine. I picked my way to the office and presented my credentials to the agent, a tall, lank man with a long neck, careworn features and a stiff hat that looked out of place in the midst of such rural surroundings. He was absorbed in a newspaper, and it was some time before he noticed me. At length, however, he threw down the paper, read my letter, and invited me to make myself at home. Then he unbosomed himself:

"'I'm sick and tired of this business,' he said. 'The work's enough to kill a mule,

but it's the injustice and lack of appreciation that makes me hot. You can not pick up a paper without seeing a lot of 'rot' about the heroism of locomotive engineers and the terrible responsibility that makes train dispatchers hump-shouldered before their time, but never a single, solitary word about station agents. Why, to read the papers, a person would think an engineer went through life with his eyes glued to the rail and a death-grip on the reversing lever, and that the train dispatcher had to put in all his spare time sopping his head with hair vigor to keep from turning gray in a single night! and he disappeared in the direction of a saloon about half a mile down the road.

"When he returned he gave me an idea of my duties as assistant agent.

"You're familiar with the interstate tariffs and the trans-continental classifications, I suppose?" he said.

"I was obliged to confess my ignorance.

"That's bad," he replied. "You'd better sit right down and familiarize yourself with them. You'll find 'em all in those files. Besides the tariffs, there's 724 supplements and 1,647 amendments, in addition to 2,286 circulars that you should post up on. Then there's the special as applied to the different tariffs and the new rulings—there's 489 of 'em—that have appeared since the last classification was issued. After you get all these down pat, it would be well to devote a little time to the local classification and tariffs—learn the terminal points and get the routing instructions committed to memory. Hello! There's that freight coming at last. Tell 'em there's nothing for 'em. I've got to go across the street and collect some bills—you can check out any freight they've got." And he again withdrew.

"The conductor walked in and said: 'Ask 'im if he's got anything for No. 23.'

"I put the question to the train dispatcher over the wire, and he answered 'No,' very plainly and distinctly. After a while the train pulled out, and I was looking for the 'soup ticket' to report them, when the train dispatcher began calling the office.

"I answered, and he said: 'Get No. 23.'

"They're gone."

"Stop 'em."

"I say they've gone."

"Fetch 'em back."

"They're gone, I s—"

"Shut that key and go and bring that train back for orders!"

"I closed the key and wandered aimlessly out on the platform in the vague hope of seeing the agent or that something might happen. To my surprise I saw that the freight had stopped at the other end of the yard, about three-quarters of a mile away. I could still hear the dispatcher calling, and knew by the vicious sound of the instruments that he was mad. Thoughts of collisions and the possibility of being responsible for a terrible accident flashed across my mind, and I started for that train on a run. The distance was greater than I had imagined, and I was completely blown when I came up with it. The conductor was lying on his back under a car fixing something about the air-brake. I managed to gasp out that the train dispatcher wanted him for orders.

"Tell him to go soak his head" shouted the conductor, and then calmly continued his labor. As there seemed nothing else to be done I started back to the station to deliver that message, and had gone but a short distance when the engine passed me backing up to the office. It was going too fast for me to board it, so the conductor and engineer had been waiting ten minutes or more when I eventually reached the station.

"If it's all the same to you, partner," said the conductor, with freezing politeness, "we'd just as soon get out of here. We've got families at the other end of the run, and 'ud like to get there before they grow out of our remembrance."

"I walked into the office and told the dispatcher I had stopped the train.

"Why don't you be all day about it?" he answered. "There's nothing for them—it's too late to help 'em any now."

"I was afraid of the conductor when I told him this. His jaw fell, and for fully a minute he gazed at me in round-eyed horror, then rushed from the office and yelled to the engineer: 'Git a move on

yourself! Get out of here before he has another fit!

"After that it was comparatively quiet for a while. I made a feeble effort to understand something of the classifications, but soon gave up the attempt as hopeless. One or two lots of freight and express came in, and a couple of trains passed without accident. I was beginning to think I was getting onto the business when the agent returned. He looked more careworn than ever as he sank wearily into the one chair the office afforded.

"'Well, how you makin' it?' he asked, and I stated so far the progress seemed satisfactory.

"Next he looked at the way-bills, and wanted to know if I had unloaded that cow yet.

"'No,' I answered; 'not yet.'

"'Not yet!' he shrieked. 'Great Scott, man, what does Sections 4,389, 87 and 88 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and Section 2, Chapter 3, of the act of April 3, 1878, say?'

"I was about to confess my ignorance but he stopped me.

"'Don't waste any more precious time; git that critter unloaded before anyone sees her. She's been in the car over thirty-six hours, and we're liable to \$500 fine.'

"The cow was unloaded immediately. When I returned to the office he called my attention to a bill of 98 cents I had collected on a washing-machine.

"'You corrected that bill before you collected it, I hope?'

"'Corrected it? No. What's wrong?'

"'Oh, a mere trifle, that comes under the Interstate Commerce Law, and by overcharging 13 cents you've laid us liable to a fine of \$5,000, or two years in the penitentiary, or both—that's all. See what Circular 2,201 says: 'Agents who violate any of the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Law will themselves be personally liable to the penalties imposed thereby. Ignorance of the law is no excuse for its violation.' That's soothing, ain't it? 'And here's a case of brandy you have forwarded to Kansas, a prohibition State. That's another misdemeanor, but, thank God, we will

probably escape to the hills before the authorities get onto it.'

"He sprang from his chair and began pacing the floor, muttering to himself: 'Oh, no; there's no heroism required to run a station—no responsibility attached to the position. Fines are laid up for you, jails and penitentiaries yawn for you; but that's nothing—that's merely the every-day routine.'

"He caught sight of the express book and stopped short.

"'Those quails,' he faltered, looking at me imploringly. 'You examined each bird as the law directs, to see that it had not been captured by a net, pound, weir or trap? You know Rule 86 says agents must acquaint themselves with and be governed by the game laws of their State and territory.'

"I could not speak, but he read the answer in my downcast face. He extended his hand to me while a look of sublime exaltation transfigured his homely countenance.

"'As the agent' he said, and his voice had the terrible calmness of despair, 'I am responsible for your crimes—I am forever undone, but I bear you no malice, it was fate and whatever happens, remember, I forgive you, but,' and he jammed his hat down over his ears and his eyes, glared wildly, 'they will never take me alive!'

"Then he strode out of the office and disappeared.

"The sun sank below the western horizon and twilight and mosquitoes invaded the melancholy landscape.

"Presently a freight train came along and halted for water. It so happened that an empty box-car stopped right opposite the office, and as I gazed into the hospitably open door, a great homesickness and a yearning for other climes stole over me. For a moment I hesitated, but a scream of mortal anguish reached my ears from the direction of the saloon and decided me.

"Softly closing the office door, I crept into the untenanted car, and when the engineer had 'taken up the slack' and pulled out of Beaufort my career as an assistant agent was at an end."—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

ENVIED NERVE.

"I HAVE been held up twice by road agents," said a New Yorker, who has had a wide range in the field of Western experience, "and although hundreds of other men have had to look into the muzzle of a Henry or a Winchester rifle in the hands of a desperado under similar circumstances, I do not believe any one ever had his nerves put to anything approaching the strain mine were subjected to during one of the seances I was a party to.

"The first time I had to hold up my hands, with the request that I kept them up until further notice under penalty of a bullet through my heart if I let even one hand fall below my head, was down in New Mexico. It was just before the war and a party of us were on our way to Pueblo. The United States mail coach was carrying us to that place, and the general impression in those days was that the overland mail was generally well loaded with valuable matter. This seemed to have been the opinion of three enterprising citizens of New Mexico about that time, as we learned when the stage came to a sudden stop in one of the wildest spots in all that country, and the muzzles of three rifles appeared at the stage windows, with a rough and tough-looking man at the butt end of each rifle. One of the men ordered us to tumble out on the double-quick. Then we were ordered to stand in a line, front face and close dress, and to hold our hands above our heads, all of which was done with military promptness.

"I guess we had stood there five minutes and the strained position was beginning to tell on me, when I saw something, as I rolled my eyes toward the ground, that drove all thought of heavy and painful upheld arms out of my head. Moving directly toward me, and not more than a yard away, was one of those terrors of that region, a centipede. This one was a hideous-looking fellow, at least eight inches long. He kept straight toward me, and I never moved my eyes from him. He drew nearer and nearer, until he was at the very tip of my shoe. I didn't dare to move, for I knew the muzzle of a Derringer was only

a rod away, ready to drive a bullet through my heart. The centipede stopped for a second or two when he came to my shoe, and then turned and passed on by. I raised my eyes and breathed easier. The robber guard didn't seem to be aware of the existence of anything else on earth except us and himself, and he seemed to have us all under his eye at once.

"Slowly the creature crept up my leg, stopping now and then as if pondering over his next movement, and then climbing on again; all the time leaving his itching, burning track along my leg—something in itself almost intolerable. I did not know how soon the irascible, creeping devil would take umbrage at something in his course and vent his spite at it by socking his long rows of stingers into my flesh; and then the thought that the robbers would soon be through with their work at the stage, and begin their search for our personal belongings, came with added terrors. In going through my clothes they would of course disturb the centipede, and that meant only one thing.

"So I was just about to tell him, quickly and without waste of words, the unpleasant situation I was in, and beg him to let me give the centipede its quietus while I had the chance, when the devilish thing moved back to my leg again and resumed its march. It crept along, turning when it reached my waist, and moving across my back toward the other side. The nervous tension was terrible—a deadly creature liable at any moment to bury its venomous claws in my flesh, the muzzle of a pistol warning me that instant death awaited my slightest move. The centipede, although most deliberate in its movements, reached my other hip by and by, and, to my joy, started down that leg.

"My heart seemed throbbing in my very throat and almost suffocated me. A moment later it seemed to quit beating altogether, and it was only by the most strenuous assertion of my will that I saved myself from falling limp to the ground. The centipede had turned and was going up my leg again! I was almost on point of dropping my hand, that a bullet might relieve me from this misery of that frightful situa-

tion, when the capricious centipede turned and started down again, moving with more celerity than he had used since he began that appalling trip. I don't know what started him, but he kept up his run all the rest of the way down my leg, and presently dropped to the ground and scurried away. I just shut my eyes and gave one long breath, and was on point of relieving my pent-up feelings with a yell, regardless of consequences, when the tough and watchful customer with the derringers exclaimed:

"I'll be good and darned, pardner, if you hain't got more nerve than that stage could hold! But say," said he consolingly, "if the p'ison cuss had dipper yar, I wouldn't a let yar suffer. I'd run ball into yar and let yar out of it from the goit!"

"That bloodthirsty wretch had seen the centipede go up my trousers' leg, had known all the time what I was suffering, and had been coolly watching to see what the outcome would be!"—*Exchange*.

PULLING THROUGH.

"**D**ID ye see that?" A stage coach which had been pushing along the old Overland Trail in Western Kansas, is suddenly pulled up by the driver, who rises in his seat, points to the broken ground on the right and ahead, and turns to the two outside passengers to repeat:

"Did you see that? Thar's Injuns ambushed in the dry ravine ahead!"

Two passengers on top—five inside—seven in all, but two of them are women—wives of army officers. Five men with guns and pistols. The driver won't count unless a bullet brings down one of his horses.

"Ready inside, thar?" he asks. "Tell them wimen-folks to crouch down on the floor and keep quiet. Throw open them doors and fasten 'em back. One of you better cum up yere. Now, then, thar' may be ten or fifteen, or thar' may be fifty or sixty of the varmints. They've got their ponies, of course. They'll make the rush jest whar' the road bends to'rds the river. They'll cum whoopin' and yellin' like lunatics broke loose, but don't let the noise rattle ye. I'm goin' to put my horses on the dead run and keep 'em goin' at that,

and I expect the rest of ye to do the shootin'. Everybody all ready? Then here we goes!"

Two women crouching on the floor of the coach praying to God—five pale-faced men with teeth hard-set gripping their rifles and determined to make a good fight of it. With a shake of the lines the driver breaks the four horses into a run, and then braces his feet and looks straight ahead. The spirited animals will be terror-stricken at the first yell and run away. He must keep the coach in the road or a wipe-out is certain.

Yes, the Indians are there—half a hundred of them. They have been in ambush for an hour. This is the first stage to the west for three days; it will be the last for a fortnight. It is another Indian outbreak and Custer's men will ride over the Smoky Hill section to find mutilated corpses at every relay-house for a hundred miles. The bend in the road is reached, and of a sudden fifty ponies rush out of the dry ravine, which spread out there like the fingers of a human hand, and fifty Indian warriors whoop, shriek and yell at the top of their voices. They fire their rifles and discharge their arrows as they charge, but it is a wild fusilade.

"Steady, now!" calls the driver, but keeping his eyes on his flying horses. "My little trick has knocked 'em out. They'll hev' to swing in behind us, and you fellers want to take it cool and not waste your lead. Gee-whew, but ain't them horses cuttin' out the pace?"

The Indians fired at the men on the roof—they urge their ponies to overtake the swaying, bounding, flying coach—they yell like devils let loose. Crack! crack! crack! go their rifles. A pony falls—a warrior throws up his hands and tumbles to the earth—the driver gets a firmer grip on the lines and mutters:

"Splendid! splendid! Couldn't ask 'em to do better! If them fellers inside has got sand, we'll pull through!"

"It's a straight run now, and the Lord help us!" whispered the driver, as he shifted all the lines to his left hand and drew his revolver and opened fire. "Take that, ye painted devil! Down ye go, ye spotted

cayuse! That's the last arer you'll ever shute, my yellin' buck! Revolvers is the thing, boys—down with your rifles and use them barkers!"

"Oh, God; have pity on us!" prayed the women between their sobs, but the white-faced men firing through the open doors over their heads heard them not. Thud! splash! whizz! came bullet and arrow. There was the jingle of broken glass—splinters flew about—drops of blood fell upon the up-turned faces and burn like fire. All at once pandemonium ceased and silence reigned. The Indians had abandoned the attack. On that three-mile stretch lay a dozen dead and wounded bucks—more than that number of dead and wounded ponies.

"Whoa! my beauties!" called the driver, as he laid aside his pistol and separated the lines. "This ere fout is over, and ye needn't throw any more shoes off. Easy, now—whoa! How is it with you fellers back thar?"

As the frightened horses began to slacken their pace he cast a swift glance over his shoulders. The three men were lying down on the roof. Half a mile further on he brought the horses to a halt and called to those inside. A man with blood on his face and hands stepped out and asked:

"Are they gone?"

"Yes—licked 'em in a fa'r fout. Anybody hurt down thar?"

"Women all right—men all wounded. How is it up thar?"

"Whoa, horses! Lemme sec. This feller's dead—that one's dead—t'other one only hard hit, I guess. That'll do. That's a heap better'n the seven who was clean wiped out Monday afternoon. Git in and chirk up the wimen. We've passed the danger p'int, and it's only two miles to No. 4. Sumbody must hev bin prayin' to God to pull us through, and He's dun it in purty good shape".—*Express Gazette*.

Case for a Desperate Remedy.

The Proud Mother—This boy do grow more like 'is father every day.

The Neighbor—Do 'e, pore dear? And 'ave you tried everything?—*Sketch*.

A PATRIOTIC TRIO.

"GEE WHIZ!" sighed Punks, "th' cop said 'twus ten miles out here to th' cem'try. More like twenty, ain't it, Lonesum?" The yellow dog whom Punks addressed beat his tail affirmatively upon the sidewalk, as the boy dropped to the curb for a rest. "When it's dark," continued Punks, "we'll shin th' fence."

Punks had a vague idea that his undertaking must be carried out under a charitable mantle of darkness; he might not be permitted to enter the cemetery, he feared, because he had no "folks" there and had not come with a funeral. He was glad to rest, anyway, for he was very tired, and the dog was, too. When Punks had started out that afternoon there had been a small hole in his shoe. By the time he had reached the cemetery, the whole bottom was off, and his foot had been scraped raw in places. He had meant to flip cars all the way out, but shortly after leaving the downtown district the yellow dog had claimed fellowship with him, and persisted in keeping up with him. Punks flipped twice after that, but it made him feel sorry when the dog ran so hard to keep even, so he decided to walk along with his new companion, whom he dubbed "Lonesum" when he noted the appealing look in the dog's eyes.

Suddenly Punks jumped up and peered over the fence. "Yep, that's it. It's right next that big monumint with th' ball on top where Johnny and his old man is. Straight south o' this fence post. We'll find it all right in th' dark. Say! th' flowers look kinder tired." Punks looked ruefully at the big bunch of carnations which he held. He had spent forty cents of his day's income on them, and that, coupled with the fact that he had missed the evening's sale of papers on account of this trip, meant that he would have no supper.

When it was quite dark, Punks dropped Lonesum and his flowers over the fence and followed. Carrying the direction well in mind and followed by Lonesum, who kept a discreet silence, Punks came to his haven. It was a grass-grown and weed-decorated lot in an almost abandoned part of the cemetery. To find the wooden head-

boards that marked the resting places of Johnny and Johnny's grandfather, Punks had to strike several matches; in the flare of the third he was startled to see a man sitting on a wire bench but a yard or two away. Lonesum, too, saw the man, and for the first time in his acquaintance with Punks, showed fight. He bristled and growled so threateningly that the stranger, who had been asleep, awoke in bewilderment.

The match had burnt quite down to Punks' fingers before he realized that the man was old and quite harmless in appearance, and then the visions of arrest that had momentarily floated before Punks' eyes faded away.

"Cut it out, Lonesum," he commanded. "Th' old feller's all right."

The man sat up. He wore a frayed and faded gray suit and big soft hat, which, though Punks did not know it, we would have recognized as the Confederate uniform. Where his left foot should have been, the end of a wooden leg appeared.

"Why, what you doing here, boy?" the stranger inquired.

"Same to you," answered Punks, grinning. "'Suppose you tell me what you're doin'."

The old man laughed. "That's fair," he said. "I'm Isaiah Riddon, of Tennessee, sir. I've an old comrade sleeping here and I came to put a few flowers there to show that the South remembers her boys. Being a Confederate, I feared his grave would go unmarked tomorrow, and I am the only one to do this for Tom Morton. Tom and I were comrades and fought with Thomas in Tennessee. We shared blankets and rations and Tom sometimes did sentry duty for me; said I was young and frail and he was big and strong. Tom had no people and I had none; we were everything to each other, but Tom was killed and I was left. This is all I can do for him. I live at an old people's home and manage to get enough together each year for a few posies. It's a right smart walk out here; that's why I went to asleep, I guess."

"Say, shake!" exclaimed Punks, holding forth his hand. "You're a dandy if you

walked. I did, too, but I'm young and strong."

The boy on his knees, was now dividing his flowers into two bunches. "I come 'count Johnny and Johnny's grandfather. This is Johnny, this little one; next his grandfather. Johnny, he was me side partner. I come here to his fun'el. That's how I knew the place."

"We both came on the same mission, then; to decorate a comrade's grave," said Isaiah.

"Well, I'm not doin' this all. Johnny gave me some money before he died. He'd saved it up for this, and he told me not to forget his grandfather Decoration Day. So I put some more with it and got enough for Johnny too. Johnny did it three years after his grandfather died. Said he knew no one else would 'cause his grandfather was Confederate."

"Why, let me help you, sir! Another Confederate!" exclaimed Isaiah. He knelt painfully down by Punks, and the two tried to bring the matted grass and riotous weeds into order.

"Johnny was mighty proud of his grandfather bein' a soldier. We'd talk nights 'bout it—we bunked together—had a box in summer and went to th' newsboys' home in winter. Johnny's grandfather was th' bravest man you ever heard of. Carried the flag right up to th' enemy onct."

And so they went on, the old veteran and the young hopeful, fighting old battles and winning again great victories, until, their task completed, they arose, fired to the heart's core with patriotism. But the hero of the past and the one in the making, when it came to leaving the cemetery, and passing the caretaker's house at such a forbidden time of night, felt rather dubious. Punks and the dog could overcome the fence, but Isaiah had to give up after several attempts. "A wooden leg's good as any other to stand on, but in a case like this, it's useless," said Isaiah. "I'll just have to go down the main road and out the gate. You go on over the fence."

"Yes, and let you get caught? Not much!" declared Punks. "I'm going to stay by you till you get home." The two were making their way toward the cemetery gate, fol-

lowed by Lonesum, who came to heel like a high-bred hunter. But Isaiah's wooden leg would go thumpty-thump on the gravel and just as they passed the caretaker's office, that functionary darted out, calling, "Halt!" Lonesum again showed fight, but Punks bade him be quiet, and the three were driven before the caretaker toward the office, the captor threatening shrilly that he was going to have the culprits locked up. As they reached the porch a young man in the uniform of a colonel of cavalry stepped out and asked:

"What's the trouble, Matthews?"

"Caught them this time—two desperate characters," answered the caretaker.

Colonel Horton smiled as he inspected the crippled old man and thin, ragged boy, before whom a hungry looking dog stood in an attitude of defiance, as one who says, "Who touches these fellows gets hurt."

"Came for flowers, that's what," complained the keeper. "Do it every year and sell them over. I'll make 'em pay for it, now they're caught. Thieves!"

Isaiah Riddon drew himself up very straight. "The boy is all right," he said. "I know his story. You wouldn't do anything to a little fellow like that. And I sir," addressing himself to Colonel Horton, "am no thief. You'd call me a Rebel, sir; that I was once, but never a thief."

The colonel gazed at Isaiah. His eye took in the meaning of the stripes on the sleeve of the old man's uniform; he noted the wooden leg; "I believe you, sir," he said, and then he did that which brought the color to Isaiah's cheek. As a subordinate to his superior officer, Colonel Horton saluted Isaiah Riddon.

The colonel soon had the story of the adventure. Punks insisted on telling how the old man had walked miles and miles to put flowers on an old comrade's grave; Isaiah declared that Punks, in carrying out his promise to Johnny, had showed a soldier's spirit, and finally the colonel took the old man, the boy and the dog, in charge.

The following morning, in the Memorial Day parade, the spectators marveled to see an old, white-haired man, in the uniform of a Confederate soldier, riding in one of the foremost carriages as the guest of the

colonel of the regiment. They had already noticed, by the side of the colonel, a boy who rode his horse as though it was an old story to him; it was a boy who had been appointed the colonel's special aide for the day, and if any one had asked him his name he would have answered "Punks." And also, close to the heels of Punks' horse, there trotted a yellow dog, a good meal within and a happy look in his eyes. The spectators couldn't know, however, that these were not the last of the good things that were to fall to Isaiah and Punks and Lonesum; there were in fact many more good times to come for the colonel was rich but better than that he had a heart of gold.—By MARGUERITE E. GOOKINS, in *Ram's Horn*.

"ON THE WINGS OF FATE."

TRAIN number sixty-one, with twenty-five empties and one load, was four hours and twenty-five minutes late, as she laboriously puffed and pawed her way, out of Koch. Mike, the engineer, who was just making his first trip after a lay-off of ninety days, while convalescing from a severe illness, was giving the twelve-sixteen the steam with accustomed sureness; the fireman was handling the scoop rather lively, and Slawson, the conductor, climbed listlessly up behind the engineer, while the brakemen stood at their wonted places, on top of the cars, swinging the usual high-balls.

"Wonder what that operator was doing in our caboose while we were repairing that air-hose at Koch?" Slawson queried, wiping the perspiration off his forehead.

"Getting some ice, I suppose, while you fellows were working on the hose," Mike returned disinterestedly, giving the throttle another pull.

"I believe you've guessed pretty close. Mike; but the poor devil can't be blamed for taking ice this kind of weather."

Slawson got down from his seat and walked over to the fireman's side in order to get a better view of his train as they rounded the first half of a reverse curve.

"I don't feel just right, Mike. I'm afraid something is going to happen," he remarked as he resumed his seat.

"Oh, that's because you'r all nerves on your wife's account—another thing, too, that adds to your nervousness, is, because you've been off so long, things seem a little strange. You'll get over that pretty soon," Mike returned reassuringly.

Mike liked Slawson very much because he was always sincere in every act toward his fellow workers, and never tried to take advantage of any one. They had always been the best of friends, and had come from the same foreign road; and had both applied for their respective positions on the same day. Both were old veteran railroad men without a blemish on their records, in the official eyes, with twenty years of service to their credit.

"I guess you're right again, Mike. I do get the blues pretty easy now, since everything has gone wrong," Slawson admitted slowly, as he took his right foot and kicked furiously at a large lump of coal that had rolled off of the fireman's shovel.

They were about to round another curve; everything was apparently moving smoothly enough; and neither had uttered a word for several minutes. The conductor sat staring moodily ahead seeing nothing; and the fireman had returned to his seat for another breath of fresh air.

"Jump!" Mike shouted, jerking the air-lever back in the emergency notch and reversing the engine; but the conductor and fireman had seen the demon-like eye of a head-light flash around the curve; and, ere Mike had rasped out that command, were flying through space in an endeavor to cheat the grim monster out of their lives.

Mike did every thing that mere man could do to stop the train; and believing, an accident was inevitable, followed in the wake of his two companions.

Things turned out really better than they had expected. Both trains came to a standstill with the pilots of the engines not three inches apart. There they stood, the two garnished pieces of iron, their frantic air-pumps helping one to fancy them two demonical maniacs held at bay, glowering out of their head-light-like eyes, a terrible hatred, which had seemingly led them to try this means for avenging some alleged wrong; and yet, at the last moment some

freak of providence had stayed their mad rush to what would have been a mighty destruction.

Just a few minutes after the grinding of brakes had ceased two dark forms might have been seen creeping up on the right-hand side of the south bound engine; and at the same time another dark form silently stealing up on the left-hand side until it reached the steps of the panting mountain of iron. All of these dark objects came to a halt at the steps, on their respective sides, for a moment and hesitating, as if pre-arranged, all climbed up into the cab at the same juncture.

"No one hurt here after all, I guess?" queried Mike, as soon as he could release his personal air and start his own pumps so he could get his breath.

"I'm all in one piece yet," the fireman replied carelessly, taking his seat.

"I am, too; but what is this, Mike?" the conductor asked excitedly.

"It's sixty-four. What did we have on them?"

"Nothing," gasped the conductor, almost falling upon his seat.

"It's up to us to back up then," suggested Mike, releasing the brakes and whistling back up.

For some unknown reason the brakemen were at their posts, and readily answered the signal.

"Yes, Mike, let's get started before the crew on sixty-four get over here. I don't want to have a word to say to them."

"I'm not overly anxious myself," grimly admitted Mike.

The engineer then started the heavy train backwards, and kept it moving pretty lively until they were in the siding at Franklin. Neither said anything on this part of the trip as they were busy watching the brakemen for signals.

Number sixty-four followed them as close as possible; and as soon as they were in the siding sailed by. For some singular reason the crews wished to avoid each other.

One hour after they had met sixty-four on the main-line they were again flying over the same rails and ties where they had so suddenly stopped; Mike, as was his cus-

tom when in trouble, was humming, "Home Sweet Home"; and Slawson sat moodily behind him, apparently thinking deeply.

"Thinking about where we can find a new job?" Mike questioned, glancing at Slawson.

"Yes, Mike. I'm all broke up over this. It's our first mistake."

"True Pard, but that doesn't straighten matters—our jobs are gone."

"I know that, Mike; but think of the trouble it is going to cause us."

"We've no way out of it though, that I can see. I guess you're worse off than I am. I've got a little money in the bank up home that I can live on; but since this sick spell it's going to be a little low when I pay off my bills; but if you need a few dollars, I'll try and loan you some until we can find another job." Mike spoke softly, and when Slawson replied there was a trace of a tear in each eye and a slight catch in his voice.

"Mike, I can't thank you like I'd like to because I don't know how. You know when you make this offer that I can give you nothing but my word for its return. My wife has been sick for almost three months; my grocery bill, and every other bill, are, as yet, unpaid; and my wife not fairly over that last operation for appendicitis. I don't I can't, believe the "Old Man" will fire us for this. It's our first break; and we have been here a long time. I'm not trying to make a baby of myself, but things look pretty black just at present."

"I don't want you to thank me for an accommodation to a friend; and I don't think we had better build any hopes on our age in the service, because he fired Jackson, and he'll fire us."

They had very little time for further conversation as they were at this moment entering the outskirts of the terminal where "the Old Man" was located.

"You will come back to the caboose for your smoke as usual, won't you, Mike?" Slawson asked as he prepared to drop off.

"Yes, I'll be there as soon as I put this train away," Mike shouted, as Slawson dropped off on the platform at the bill-clerk's office.

They were separated for about half an hour while Mike pulled the long string of cars into the yard according to the yard-master's directions.

Slawson caught the caboose when it came by, having deposited his bills on the clerk's desk, thereby giving up charge of the train; but did not enter; and sat down upon the rear platform to await the coming of his friend.

"Why didn't you go in and get busy to keep your mind off of this?" kindly questioned he, coming up.

Slawson laughed shortly and paused before vouchsafing a reply. "It seems like I'm about as fanciful as they make them, eh? Well, I'll tell you, Mike. It didn't seem like I had any right to enter it any more. It didn't seem like it belonged to me. It's—"

"Why, your lamp is out!" Mike broke in, as they entered the caboose.

"Yes, the confounded thing isn't much good. Sit down and I'll light it and get my work done in a jiffy while you smoke. Then we'll talk."

The light grew brighter presently, and he picked up a bunch of reports, which he intended to mail. As he did so he let his gaze rest for a moment upon two green sheets of tissue-paper, which had evidently been weighted down with the reports to prevent them from blowing away. Grasping them he hurriedly read them through once; and then, as if to make sure, again perused each copy separately. The last reading evidently satisfied him that he was not dreaming, for, turning toward Mike, he shouted: "Whoop-e-e, whoop-ee! It's all right, Mike. It's all right. Do you believe in the fates?"

"Not much; but what's all right," the much puzzled Mike managed to edge in while Slawson stopped his shouting long enough to wave the train order above his head; and try to go through the intricacies of an Indian war-dance.

"Look at it, Mike. Read it out so I can hear it," the elated Slawson commanded, handing the train-order to the bewildered engineer.

"Well, please stop long enough to listen:

"Train-order number seventy-one; to conductor and engineer number sixty-one at Koch—period—Number sixty-one engine twelve-sixteen will meet number sixty-four engine twelve-thirteen at Linwood."

Mike studied the order for a few seconds and asked:

"Where did it come from, Slawson?"

"You remember my speaking about that operator at Koch being in our caboose when we were leaving there?"

"Well, I'll be d—! We were rather accommodating to that crew on sixty-four, eh? According to this we should have made them back up to Linwood and let us by instead of us backing up to Franklin. That's the only mistake, I can see, we are to blame for now."

"We won't worry over that, Mike. We can explain that sixty-four had an extra heavy train, which they did; and that we backed up to save time. We have certainly rode through this mistake of ours on the Wings of Fate. Come on, we'll go up to Brown's and see if we can't eat something," Slawson concluded; and they tumbled out of the caboose arm in arm just as the sun popped up into view over the roof of the "Old Man's" residence which stood on a hill to the east of the yards.—By **GERALD W. MILLS.**

THE DRIVER'S STORY.

"**Y**ES, sir, I wear the blue, as you see, and I have done now for something like twenty years. There are some persons who regard the blue ribbon with contempt, and say a man can be an abstainer without signing the pledge. That's right enough; we could run trains without head lights, but it's much safer with them."

The speaker was an engine-driver that I had entered into conversation with while waiting for a train at a station in the North.

"True, my friend," I replied, smiling at this practical analogy; "but how came you to sign the pledge and wear the blue, for you have not always done so, seeing that you have only worn it for twenty years?"

"Ha!" he answered, pulling out a little plug of cottonwaste from a hole in one of

the cylinders and filling it up with oil, "the old Book says something about giving a reason for the hope that is in us, and it's no trouble for me to give a reason for being an abstainer, although, if I told you of the cause that led me to take my stand on the side of Temperance I should have to spin you a yarn, and yarning is not in my line," and he pushed the plug back into its former position.

"Fire away!" I replied, becoming interested. "I am always pleased to listen to any new experience."

"I am afraid you would find mine rather dull and uninteresting," he answered.

"Nonsense," I replied; "it is always interesting to learn the reason for men changing their opinions, and it is not every man that can give a reason for so doing."

"Well, we have a few minutes to spare, and if you care to listen I'll give you my reason for signing the pledge, although, as I said before, I'm no good at spinning yarns.

"Well, sir," he continued, "it's just twenty years, come the first of next month, that I put my name on the card.

"At that time I had just been promoted to driver, and worked the trains to and from Tarfside to the junction at Chalford.

"Tarfside is a quiet little place even now, with a service of about eight trains a day, and a population of about four or five thousand. It is a favorite place for beginners, because, being a branch from the main at Chalford, there is not much traffic, and it gives them a chance to learn a thing or two before coming on the main.

At the time of which I speak, I used to take a glass of beer whenever I felt so disposed, and could never see any harm in it; and, as for suppressing the sale of drink—I scorned the idea. Don't rob one man of his glass of beer because another drinks to excess—that was the pitch of my argument at that time, sir, and I hurled it at anyone who ventured to speak to me of total abstinence.

"One afternoon, while standing in the station at Tarfside, an old gent, who had been conducting a Temperance mission in the town, came along the platform. I had seen the old chap on two or three occasions

during the week that he had been in the district, and when I saw him approaching the engine I knew that he was on the warpath, for the result of his visit had been a revolution in Tarfside, and an invitation to stop for another week.

"I was busy oiling up at the time, and for some minutes no word passed between us. At last he asked me in a very quiet manner whether I had been to the mission during the week. I replied that I had not, adding that I had no time for attending such meetings. That was enough for the missionary; he had taken my measurement by the manner in which I had answered his question, and the next moment he was trying with all the eloquence at his command to pull me into the Temperance net.

"I laid down my principles of let men do as they please,' and turned a deaf ear to all the old man's entreaties.

"At last, as we were on the point of starting, he placed one hand on my shoulder, and gripping my black, grimy hand with the other, he said, 'Young man'—I was young at that time, you know sir—you have all your life before you. Your success in your present position depends upon the amount of confidence your superiors can place in you. To play with drink is dangerous. I cannot convince you of the danger, but there is One who can; I will ask Him to do so.'

"Well, sir, I laughed at the old man at the time, although I was conscious that he had spoken the truth, but I little thought that his prayer would be answered quite so speedily. I know that as we were rushing along to Chalford that afternoon, the thought that in all probability one individual—and he an old man—was grappling with the Almighty for my welfare caused me a little uneasiness, but it soon passed away, and in a few hours I had forgotten the missionary and his words of friendly warning.

"We used to run a train into Tarfside in those days just before ten at night; returning a little before eleven to meet the last through train at Chalford.

"In the interval between coming and going, we made it a practice of taking a walk

in the town; and not infrequently of turning into The Lion for a 'nightcap.'

"On this particular evening—the evening after my talk at the station—I met Ned Benson, one of the porters at Tarfside, who was off duty at the time, and together we went into The Lion.

"I was always careful not to take above one glass when on duty, but on this occasion we met a number of our fellows who had come down for a picnic, and, although I kept within bounds myself, when we left the house, Benson was the worse for drink. I don't mean by that that he was incapable, but he was rambling in his speech, and somewhat confused in his judgment.

"We walked up to the station together, and when we arrived at the head of the train I wished him good-night.

"Ned lived in a little cottage about half a mile from the station, and as the rail ran by the top of his garden, he made it a practice of going home along the line. He went this way both day and night, as it cut off a considerable distance by reason of the roundabout way of the road.

"It was twenty minutes after Ned had started for home that night before we left Tarfside, and if I had thought anything about him I should have concluded that he would be home and almost in bed by the time we passed his cottage. But from the time that I wished him good-night until we arrived at Chalford no thought of the man entered my head.

"When we reached our destination, I jumped down from the engine, and went to examine a pin that had been rather troublesome during the day. I carried a hand lamp, and as I jumped down on to the line the glare from the lamp fell on the driving rod, and what I saw seemed for the moment to stagger me—the rod was smeared with blood. It may seem strange, sir, but while I stood looking at that rod, trying to account for it being smeared with blood, there flashed through my mind the words that the old man had spoken that very afternoon—'To play with drink is dangerous.' And yet, though the words flashed through my mind several times during the short time that I stood there, they furnished me with no theory that would

account for the presence of blood on any part of the engine.

"I called to my mate, and he came round with another lamp. 'What's the matter?' he asked 'that pin gone wrong again?' I pointed to the wheel and the rod. 'What do you make of it?' I asked. 'A dog,' he replied, and continued his inspection of the wheels. The next minute he turned upon me, his face as white as a sheet. 'Good Scot, Rogers!' he exclaimed 'this is no dog; it's a man. Look here!' and he turned his light along the side of the engine.

"I don't want to horrify you, sir, with a description of the sight that I saw; I can only say that it looked as if the side of the engine was a machine for tearing flesh to pieces.

"'Who can it be?' I asked, and then there came to my mind the only man that it was likely to be, and I answered my own question before my mate had time to reply. 'If it's a man,' I said, 'it must be Benson.'

"Well, sir, you can guess how I felt, and how I clung to the one possibility that it was a dog or some other animal that had got on the lines; but all the time I felt convinced that it was the porter at Tarfside, and, if so, what an important part I should play in the investigation! It was I who had invited him into The Lion—he was on his way home at the time, but I pressed him to step in to have a glass to show there was no ill-feeling between us. I had been the last to wish him good night, and now it seemed almost certain that I had run him down.

"A message was sent to Tarfside to send a search party to meet the one from Chalford; but we had hardly got a party together at Chalford, and ready to start, when a wire came from Tarfside saying that a man—supposed to be Benson—had been found cut to pieces at Broughly Bridge, about three hundred yards from the station.

"Well, sir, we start in about three minutes, and I have no time to tell you about the inquest or the funeral of poor Benson, the only explanation that could be given was that he must have stumbled over one of the sleepers on his way home, and, be-

ing unable to rise, he was cut to pieces as we passed over the bridge to Chalford.

"That was Monday, sir. We buried him on the following Saturday in the little graveyard at Tarfside church; and as I stood there and saw the mangled remains of an old comrade lowered into the grave, and saw the tears of the widow mourning for him who had been her husband and the look of curiosity upon the face of the little girl by her side, who did not seem able to grasp the meaning of the ceremony—for there was some twenty or thirty of our fellows present in uniform—I made a vow that by the help of God I would never again touch the stuff that had brought about this terrible tragedy. I had learnt during that week that 'to play with drink is dangerous.' I am an abstainer now, because I know that while the evil is about some weaker brother may fall."

"But did you never see the old missionary again?" I asked, as he climbed on to the footplace.

"Yes," he replied; "the Monday following the funeral I saw him on the platform at Chalford. He came over and asked me whether I was driving the train that ran over the porter the previous week. I replied that I was; and the old man was about to make it the occasion for another attack upon the drink, when I cut him short by asking him if he had a pledge card by him. 'Plenty,' he replied. 'Will you give me one?' I asked. 'Certainly,' he replied, pulling a case from his pocket, while a look of astonishment was on his face.

"I took the card and, holding it up to the side of the tender, I wrote James Rodgers along the line that commences with—'I—'

"'Thank God,' said the old man, when I showed him the card, and taking a piece of blue ribbon from his coat he pinned it on to my white jacket, and I have worn a piece ever since, sir."

A shrill whistle came from the end of the train, I had just time to grip my driver by the hand, the next moment he was off, and I watched him disappear round a bend in the road, his white jacket fluttering like a flag in the breeze.—From *The Home Magazine*.

SOLDIER TOLD SOME BIG YARNS.

DRAWING the long bow is confined to no people or class. The army is no exception, and the yarns of some of its raconteurs lose nothing of their entertaining qualities because their authenticity might reasonably be doubted, says Army and Navy Life.

Years ago there was one particular cavalry officer who was endowed with qualities rivaling those of Munchausen. Though he was not old, those who kept account of the time he had consumed in his various experiences could not escape that he had been actively engaged in man's pursuit for over a century at least. His yarns were unique. For instance: At one time he was in Scandinavia with his father, who, according to the story, was head forester for the king. Part of his duties was to select and send to the royal shipyards especially fine ship timbers. One monarch of the forest had long challenged his admiration. But year after year he felt obliged regretfully to pass it by for want of transportation facilities. At last he could resist no longer. The king must have this pride of the forest. After carefully preparing a bed to prevent its breaking in the fall, the splendid tree was felled. As an agent of the monarch he requisitioned oxen to haul it. So heavy was the log that when the great number of oxen required to move it were yoked up they strung out for miles. The long and tedious journey began, and, in crossing some of the valleys, it frequently occurred that the leading teams would be on one hilltop and the log on another, while miles of oxen were suspended in midair, like a great centipede with legs dangling, hundreds of feet above the ground beneath them.

Again, he was in Cape Colony with his father, who this time was an agent of the British government and in charge of the great government warehouses. Increasing needs made an additional warehouse necessary. All building material had to be brought from England. It took a year to get them. At last the long delayed material arrived and, following the custom of the time and place, everything in readiness, all the men in the vicinity were in-

vited to the "raising." When, lo and behold! through some blunder one of the principal timbers had been cut eighteen inches too short. Unless remedied it meant a delay of another year. "My father," said he, "thought a moment and then ordered one end, of the timber chained fast; to the other end he hitched a pair of strong young African oxen and began to pull and, by the Lord Harry, before he could stop them they stretched that timber twenty-two inches!"

Again, he was in Glasgow, this time on his own account and at the head of a great shipyard. The place was infested with rats. So destructive were the rodents that they gnawed great holes in the hulls of new vessels and felled their masts. How to get rid of them was a question. Many attempts had been made, followed by as many failures. In the midst of the distress appeared a vagabond, who claimed to have discovered a means of banishing rats. But little attention was paid to his claims. He was persistent and confident. Finally he was permitted to make a trial. All openings to the yard but one were tightly closed. The tramp entered and sprinkled throughout the premises a mysterious white powder, his secret, tasteless and odorless. Then he emerged to await results. Long and patiently he, with the shipyard officials and the assembled and curious crowd, waited and watched until ready to proclaim another failure. Wait a moment! A squeal! Another instant a great rodent hoary with age came out. No one molested him. Off he moved, followed by another and another—faster and faster. For four days and nights incessantly the rats poured out and marched away in single file. Whither they went no one knew. At last the long procession ceased. A moment more, a little scratching—then emerged two young rats with a straw in their mouths leading an old blind rat between them. Never again was a rat seen in the yard. The tramp vanished and with him his secret.

But back to the tall timber; it seemed to inspire him:

Standing in the midst of some magnificent pines in the Wind river country reminded him of being in Southern Russia

with his father, who had become a trusted and highly esteemed forester in the employ of the czar. There had just been felled a superb walnut. From it a log over 100 feet in length, without a knot or twig had just been cut. So perfect was the tree that the log was the same diameter at the top that it was at the bottom. But his father was deeply chagrined that in felling it a sliver was sprung out at the base of the trunk. He thought to break it out, but so straight was the grain that the sliver ran on and on clear to the top, and there it lay, perfectly square and exactly four inches on each side through its entire length.

He was a Nimrod, too. Shortly after joining the army, he was hunting in Indian Territory; his army carbine was his weapon. Wild turkeys were the game. But none could he sight. Discouraged and disgusted he mounted his horse, fired all his ammunition away to amuse himself by shooting larks on the wing as he rode along toward camp. Just as the sun was sinking a rustling caused him to look back, and following, not fifty yards in the rear, was a huge gobbler followed by a dozen or more hens, all apparently mocking him in his helplessness. Oh, for a cartridge! A hasty search of belt, box and pockets! Only a single blank cartridge. But an idea: "I'll try shooting my ramrod!" Instantly the act followed the thought, and, said he: "Quickly but carefully I aimed at the gobbler's throat, and, will you believe it, I strung eleven birds on that ramrod and took them into camp."

At one time he was stationed at a small isolated post in Wyoming. Said he: "There was little to do and I was in command and slept late. I never cared for early breakfast. My quarters stood alone. My bedroom was on the ground floor in an 'L.' Just out the window of one side ran a beautiful brook, clear and cold. Quite as near on the other side was one of nature's curiosities—a boiling spring. How the two existed so close one to another will ever be a mystery to me. But I took advantage of the situation. I kept in my room my fish rods and flies. For my breakfast it was my custom to cast out into the brook and pull in a trout; without removing it from

the hook, toss it out the other window boil it in the spring and then sprinkle it with salt and pepper, which I kept on my dressing table, and eat it. Ah! (smacking his lips) that was living!"—*Kansas City Journal*.

THE SAD FATE OF AN EXPRESS SHIPMENT.

"MINNIE," he said hilariously, and in a way that seemed to Mrs. Cavendish to be rather forced, "Minnie, we're going to make a fortune."

Mrs. Cavendish looked at him.

"All right," she said; "let me know when we make it."

"I will," said her husband. "Want to know how I'm going to do it? Well, I'm going to raise chickens."

Mrs. Cavendish stopped her work and stared at him.

"Why," she said, "we've been raising chickens ever since I can remember."

Mr. Cavendish waved an impatient hand.

"Those," he said, scornfully; "why, those are common, every-day chickens! I mean to raise fine stock. Why, some people pay as much for a single bird as for a cow. You can sell eggs at \$5 for a sitting any time, instead of 12½ cents a dozen; and as for some of the finer birds—why, look at that \$7,000 hen we were reading about!"

Mrs. Cavendish continued to pile up the dishes.

"Then," continued Mr. Cavendish, warming up to the subject, and bracing himself against the table, for sometimes Mr. Cavendish had decided opinions and a forcible way of expressing them, "good birds lay as well as poor ones, and the only way is to start right. I have ordered a sitting of eggs from the best known breeder—"

Mrs. Cavendish took immediate interest.

"You did?" she said; "by express?"

"Certainly," said Mr. Cavendish, rejoicing that she took it so nicely; "why?"

Mrs. Cavendish sat weakly in a chair.

"What's the matter with you?" demanded her husband.

Mrs. Cavendish coughed.

"Nothing," she said; "only they came, and—"

"Where are they?" exulted Mr. Cavendish. "I must unpack 'em and let 'em rest before I set 'em."

"In the ice box," said Mrs. Cavendish. "All but six I used for this cake."

"Holy, suffering grandson of a bilious grasshopper! wailed Mr. Cavendish, or words to similar effect; "I paid \$10 cash for that sitting of eggs!"

"Then," remarked Mrs. Cavendish, icily, "perhaps you'll enjoy a fifty-cent slice of this \$5 cake!"

But Mr. Cavendish had his head in the ice box, and did not hear her.—*Galveston News*.

A RIDE ON THE PIANO.

"I WAS loitering around the street last night," said Jim Nelson, one of the locomotive engineers running into New Orleans. "As I had nothing to do, I dropped into a concert hall and heard a sleek-looking Frenchman play a piano in a way that made me feel all over in spots. As soon as he sat down on the stool, I knew by the way he handled himself that he understood the machine he was running.

"He tapped the keys up one end, just as if they were gauges, and he wanted to see if he had water enough, then he looked up as if he wanted to know how much steam he was carrying, and the next moment he pulled open the throttle and sailed onto the main line as if he were an hour late.

"You could hear her thunder over culverts and bridges, and getting faster and faster until the fellow rocked in his seat like a cradle. Somehow I thought it was old '36' pulling a passenger train and getting out of the way of a 'special.' The fellow worked the keys on the middle division like lightning and then he flew along the north end of the line, until the drivers went around like a buzz saw, and I got excited.

"About the time I was fixing to tell him to cut her off a little he kicked the dampers under the machine wide open, pulled the throttle way back in the tender and how

he did run! I couldn't stand it any longer, and yelled to him that he was pounding on the left side and if he wasn't careful he would drop his ash pan.

"But he didn't hear. No one heard me. Everything was flying and whizzing. Telegraph poles on the side of the track looked like a row of cornstalks, the trees appeared to be a mud bank, and all the time the exhaust of the old machine sounded like the hum of a bumble bee. I tried to yell out, but my tongue wouldn't move.

"He went around the curves like a bullet, slipped an eccentric, blew out his soft plug, went down grades 50 feet to the mile, and not a controlling brake set. She went by the meeting point at a mile and a half a minute, and calling for more steam. My hair stood up straight, because I knew the game was up.

"Sure enough, dead ahead of us was the headlight of a 'special.' In a daze I heard the crash as they struck, and I saw cars shivered into atoms, people smashed and mangled and bleeding, and gasping for water. I heard another crash as the French professor struck the deep keys away down on the lower end of the southern division and then I came to my senses.

"There he was at a dead standstill, with the door of the firebox of the machine open, wiping the perspiration off his face, and bowing to the people before him. If I live to be 1,000 years old I'll never forget the ride that Frenchman gave me on a piano."
—*Illinois Central Employees' Magazine*.

A SURPRISED CAT.

OF all cat stories the best is one told by Theophile Gautier, the French novelist. He kept many cats, the favorite being "Madame Theophile," and she was the constant companion by day and night. One day a friend, who was going away a short time, brought Gautier a parrot, to be taken care of during his absence. The bird, finding itself in a strange place, climbed up to the top of its perch in a rather frightened manner. Madame Theophile had never seen a parrot before and regarded the creature with manifest surprise.

After a period spent in profound meditation, summoning up all the notions of natural history she had picked up in the yard, the garden and on the roof, she plainly came to the conclusion that the newcomer was a green chicken. This result attained, the next proceeding of Madame Theophile was to lay herself flat on the floor, like a panther, watching her prey. The parrot did not like this at all; it ruffled its feathers and rattled its chain uneasily. Then Madame Theophile came creeping nearer, her nose quivering, her eyes half closed, while slight thrills of pleasure ran along her backbone at the idea of the meal she was about to make. Another moment and she sprang upon the perch.

The parrot instantly straightened up and said in a deep bass voice, "Have you breakfasted, Jacko?"

This utterance so terrified the cat that she sprang backward. All her ornithological ideas were overthrown.

"And on what?" continued the parrot gravely. "On sirloin?"

The cat cast a glance at her master as if to say: "This is not a bird. It is a gentleman. It talks!" And then she promptly hid herself under the bed, and from that refuge she could not be induced to stir during the whole day.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

"TYRANNY" OF LABOR.

A FAVORITE expression of those who are opposed to organized labor is the "tyranny of unions." Everybody should read the following logical, concise and clear argument on this subject. It appeared in the *Pittsburg Evening Leader* some time ago:

"They invariably present one side of the case only and offer one-sided testimony to support the charge that they made against the unions. That is deemed sufficient by them, and it is sometimes accepted as sufficient by persons who do not take the trouble to look upon the other side.

"It is probably true that workingmen who have no sympathy with unionism or who object to certain of its rules that directly apply to themselves have felt that the unions are tyrannical. They may have hin-

dered some one from working as he pleased for wages he was willing to accept or as many hours as he chose to work. He regarded that as tyranny.

"But he gives no thought to the tyranny there would be without the labor union, the tyranny of capital. That tyranny would make him work as some other man decreed he should, for wages that he was unwilling to accept, but had to take or starve, and so many hours that his health might be ruined, his life shortened and he deprived of all opportunities for the enjoyment of even the small reward of his toil.

"It is to prevent this tyranny of capitalists that labor unions are forced to make rules and laws that may seem to be burdensome and oppressive to some workingman and which undoubtedly do restrain personal liberty to an extent.

"But if restraint of the liberty of the individual is tyranny, then all laws are tyrannical. In fact, the anarchist declares they are, and can give just as good and convincing testimony to prove that as does the class that talks about the tyranny of labor unions give to prove the despotic oppression of the workingman.

"The labor union question is whether workingmen through their own organizations shall restrict their own personal liberties or whether they will without organization subject themselves to any restriction of these liberties that capitalists may desire to impose upon them.

"And the right answer to that question is that the man who governs himself is free, while he who is governed by another man is a slave.

"How much would labor get if each individual workingman was left to deal for himself with organized capital, which was in possession of the goods of which the individual wanted a share?

"Each man would then be free from the tyranny of the labor unions. He could demand as large or accept as small a share of the products of his labor as he pleased. He would be a free man.

"But he would be dealing with a man or with a combination of men, likewise free, in possession of both his share and theirs and with final authority to make the divi-

sion. Unless he had back of him a power at least equal to that of the man or men who held the products he would have little hope of getting anything nearly equal to the share he was justly entitled to.

"To get the power he needs he and his comrades in toil must give up to their labor unions their right to independence of action in the sale of their labor. As individuals they must sacrifice this for the material welfare of all, and it is this sacrifice that is demanded of them that is denounced by the anti-unionists as 'tyranny.'

"It is the kind of 'tyranny' upon which are founded all of the free governments of the world. It is a tyranny that must even prevail if the whole social fabric of civilized government is not to fall to pieces. The individual must surrender part of his personal liberties for the common good, and it is only when he selfishly declines to do so willingly that this is tyranny to him."

FIRST SHALL BE LAST.

I WAS at work on my Sunday sermon when my wife opened the door. She was laughing.

"There's a young fellow downstairs who says he wishes to see you about marrying him."

I didn't like to break off from the thread of my discourse, but, laying down my pen, I went into the parlor. There stood the youngster, six feet in height, strong as Samson, light-haired, blue-eyed, red and brown complexion, shock hair. His trousers were in his boots and were supported by a pair of country store galluses over a woolen shirt; no coat; a felt hat in his hand. He had come in with an ox whip over his shoulder, which he placed on the mantel. Evidently he regarded the furniture as too good to sit on; at any rate he was standing.

"Be you the parson?" he asked.

"I am."

"Say, parson, if I figger roun' today an' git things fixed, could I come up here 'long with a gal an' git married?"

"Certainly. I shall be here all the morning. I have some parochial duties for the afternoon, but if I know the hour you would be here I would be on hand."

"I ain't done it all yet. I done it except one thing. I got my license. That's already. I got it more'n a week ago."

"That's the only really important matter," I replied, to help him on.

"'N you got a certificate, hain't you?"

"Lots of them, in blank."

"Well, that's two things—the certificate and the license."

"You're right; that's two very important things, one indispensable, and the other convenient."

"'N here's a place to get married in."

"Has your fiancee got her trousseau?"

"What's them?"

"The first means sweetheart, the second the clothes brides usually get together so they won't have to call on their husbands for some time after the wedding for such articles."

He stood thinking for a moment then looked up and said with animation:

"By crackey, parson, that's a good idea. Never thought o' that?"

"Has she got it?"

"Oh, I don't know nothin' 'bout that. 'Twouldn't be fust rate for me to talk about that. 'Twould be dead mean cheap."

"There are more important things for the man to say, I grant, and more becoming."

"What are they?"

"Well, the first thing is the proposal."

"That's just the trouble with the whole business."

"Did you find it difficult?"

"Difficult? You bet. I hain't got through with it yet."

"Phew!" I looked at my wife. She sat behind the young man and was cramming her handkerchief into her mouth to stop an outburst of laughter. My explanation was made under my breath, but the youth saw it.

"Just you hold on, parson," he said. "I'm good for it yet. Just gimme time. But I'd rather drive my ox team up a stone wall, I would. She's in town today. I seen her in a store buyin' some stockin's. That's why I came up here."

"Don't you think you'd have better settled the matter with the girl first?"

"Well," he frowned, "there's different ways of doin' things. Ef I'd asked her

and she'd said 'yes,' what in thunder would I a done with nothin' fixed?"

"Are you sure you have the pluck—"

"Now, parson, don't you worry 'bout that. I'm going right off to find her. You'll be here when I get back, will you?"

"I'd stay in all day to marry such a fine fellow as you. Go ahead. Remember what General Grant said when he first marched a brigade against the Confederates."

"What'd he say?"

"That he remembered the enemy would likely be as much frightened as he."

"Oh, she won't be frightened. Gals don't skeer worth a cent."

He grabbed his whip and in a jiffy was out of the house and striding down the street.

I went back to my sermon and wrote for an hour, when my wife threw open my study door, exclaiming:

"They're coming!"

"Who?" I asked, not so readily turning from my subject.

"The young ox driver and his girl. Come."

I went downstairs, and there in the parlor were the pair. They had just come in. The man looked as if he were in a battle and was looking for an enemy and an enemy was looking for him. The girl, a little country beauty, was all smiles and blushes, with struggling tears.

"I done it, parson," said the ox driver, proudly.

"So I perceive."

My wife stood them up before the mantel and had more trouble to get them placed properly side by side than a pair of skittish horses. Then I married them.

My wife gave the bride a kiss which opened her heart and her lips as well, for she told all about it. She had loved him a long while, but, although she had often tried hard, she could never infuse courage enough in him to induce him to propose. Which goes to prove that when he said "gals don't skeer worth a cent" he was right.—*Farmington Times-Hustler*.

A DELAYED LETTER.

THE vagaries of the postal service are sometimes beyond the understanding of the layman. In March of last year a man in New York received a letter from a friend in England, written when on the point of sailing for Philadelphia, urgently requesting him to return a loan of \$10. The man who wrote the letter needed funds and would the debtor kindly send the money to him, care of the steamship line at Philadelphia? The man in New York saw that his friend would reach Philadelphia within a day or two, so he promptly clapped a ten dollar bill in an envelope and addressed and mailed it. A week later he was apprised by mail that the money had not arrived. Both men made a diligent search for the missing letter. But it could not be found. So the debtor gave his friend a check and forgot about his \$10, setting down its loss to the dishonesty of some intermediary who had handled the envelope.

Imagine his surprise when one day eight months later he received his letter from the dead letter office in Washington. It was covered with postmarks and much battered, for it had traveled many thousands of miles, back to England, around the United Kingdom and to America again, but the money was safe inside.

Chuckling, he met his friend a few minutes later and showed him the ten dollar bill.

"How's that for luck?" he queried.

"Great," replied his friend. "Say, old man, you couldn't lend me that for a day or two, could you? It's like picking money up in the street for you, and I could make use of it just now."

Sadly the bill was handed over. "What's the use of such wonderful occurrences?" ruminated the "lucky" man.—*New York Post*.

Your up-to-date card is a passport among union men.



FLOAT IN LABOR DAY PARADE, ATLANTA, GA.

POETICAL

Christmas Bells.

Christmas bells are sweetly ringing
For the rich and poor as well,
Sweetest music from the hilltops
To teach snowy mead and dell.
They are bidding all be joyous
As we journey on through life
Longing for a little mission,
Easing other's pain and strife.

Christmas bells are sweetly ringing
To atone for all the pain
That has left our weary spirits
With a deadly crimson stain.
There is none so great or humble
But can win a kingdom here!
God is dwelling in the sunbeams
Where the skies are bright and clear.

Christmas bells are sweetly ringing
For each soul in sin today;
Lay aside all care and worry,
Kneel before the cross and pray.
Be a soldier firm, for manhood,
Fearing not the Tempter's dart,
God will fit you for the battle
When you give to Him your heart!

Christmas bells are sweetly ringing
O'er the land from sea to sea,
Teaching us to lead our brothers
From the Dark eternity.
So while all the world is joyous,
Don't forget this holy hour,
Gird the armor on securely,
God will give you strength and power!
—BY ADELBERT CLARK.

A Sprig of Mistletoe.

Encased in paper soft and white, tied with a
scarlet bow,
Within a grim old trunk there lies a sprig of
mistletoe.
Old guns, the hilts of broken swords and rusted
spurs declare
That no white hand of dainty dame had placed
the love-gage there.
Oh, strange it looks, that relic of a far-off Christ-
mas Day,
Among the souvenirs of war so deftly laid away!
Who were the twain it favored when its leaves
with silver sheen
And berries of a pearly hue shone out 'mid holly
green?

I seem to see them dancing in a grand colonial
hall—

Her, dark-eyed, grave and haughty; him, gray-
eyed, gay and tall.

I see the startled crimson sweep up to her ebon
hair,

As he whirled her 'neath the mistletoe and boldly
kissed her there!

I hear the call of bugles, the tread of marching
men;

I see him pause beside her, and kiss her once
again;

Her face, as white as snow-flakes, sinks on his
blue-clad breast,

The while her heart turns traitor, and hails him
as its guest!

How ends the tale, I wonder, of that fateful long
ago?

In grief, I fear, since he it was who kept the
mistletoe.

And still it holds the secret of some heart that
bore a scar—

A waif of love and Christmas joy 'mid souvenirs
of war!

ADELA S. CODY.

Forgive and Forget.

Forgive and forget—it is better
To fling all ill feeling aside
Than allow the deep cankering fester
Of revenge in your breast to abide;
For your step o'er life's path will be lighter,
When the load from your bosom is cast,
And the glorious sky will seem brighter,
When the cloud of displeasure has passed.

Though your spirit swell high with emotion
To live back injustice again,
Sink the thought in oblivion's ocean,
For remembrance increases the pain,
Oh, why should we linger in sorrow,
When its shadow is passing away—
Or seek to encounter, tomorrow,
The blast that o'erswept up today?

Our life's dream is a varying river,
And though it may placidly glide,
When the sunbeams of joy o'er it quiver,
It must foam when the storm meets its tide.
Then stir not its current to madness,
For its wrath thou wilt ever regret;
Though the morning beams break on thy sadness,
Ere the sunset forgive and forget.

—ROBERT GRAY, in *Success*.

The Brakeman's Effort.

The brakeman travels through the train
And calls out every station,
And when he's through you have a guess
You're somewhere in creation.
To what he says in singing voice
You try to take a tumble,
But only get a blur of noise,
Some words in ragged jumble.

"Next stop," he cries, "is Boo-oo-oo;
Change cars for Rumpy Dumpty.
All passengers take car ahead
Who go to Umpty Umpty!"
And then he passes through the car
The same weird sounds repeating:
"This place is Hi-lo-jack-itee."
Ten minutes here for eating."

The language that he lightly sings.
Is really quite a wonder,
A cross between a crosscut saw
And very distant thunder,
And if the passenger can guess
The station he is lucky,
Or know if he's in Idaho
Or down in old Kentucky.

Where does he get these swisted sounds
To primal noise returning?
Not in the dictionary, sure,
Or any book of learning.
He must throw in the melting pot
Weird words from all the nations
And draw out several yards of sound
With which to call the stations.

Like Mother Made.

You can talk about your Christmas in the gay
and festive town,
With its crowds of Christmas strollers promenad-
ing up and down;
With its lavish decorations, and its music sung
and played,
But the Christmas to my notion was the kind that
mothef made.
As to mother's bread and doughnuts I shall
simply pass them by,
Not a word about her cookies or her golden
pumpkin pie;
Not a line about her puddings or her jams or
marmalade,
But a volume in the praises of the Christmases
she made.

Oh, the presents they were simple and devoid of
tinsel bright,
And were fashioned by her fingers while we
calmly slept at night;
And the stories that she told us were as true as
true could be,
'Cause she'd heard her mother tell them Christ-
mas times the same as we.
Oh, the place where mother "fitted," leaving
others in the shade,
Was the genuine, old-fashioned, bang-up Christ-
mases she made.
—Joz Konz.

Otto and His Auto.

'Tis strange how fashion makes us change the
objects we admire;
We used to sing the tireless steed, but now the
steedless tire.
So Otto bought an auto, so' as not to be an-
tique;
But the thing was autocratic, as well as auto-
matic,
And the auto wouldn't auto as it ought to, so
to speak.

He thought to hire an auto-operator for the
work,
And first he hired a circusman, and then he
hired a Turk,
For he knew the circusman drove fifty horses
with success,
And if a man be shifty enough to manage
fifty,
'Tis palpable enough he ought to manage one
horse-less.

As for the Turk, 'tis also plain, deny it if you
can,
He ought to run an auto, for a Turk's an Otto-
man.
'Twas all in vain; so Otto moved to Alabama,
purely,
That he might say: "I'm Otto from Mobile, and
my motto:
'A Mobile Otto ought to run an automobile,
surely!'"

So Otto fought the auto and the auto it fought
Otto,
Till the auto also got too hot to auto as it
ought to;
And then, Great Scott! that auto shot to heaven—
so did Otto—
Where Otto's auto autoes now as Otto's auto
ought to.

—E. V. COOKE, in the *Book of the Royal Blue*.



FACETIOUS



Natural Advantages.

A few hours after the very elaborate Christmas dinner little Marie was taken violently ill, and her cousin Elizabeth, who had been unhappy all day on account of Marie's prettier dress, was heard to whisper in an awed voice: "Marie's got the prettiest clothes, all right, but I've got the strongest stomach."

Their New Year's Wishes.

Wearry Wraggles—If I wuz only back at me old home, what a spread I'd have dis New Year's day! Oh, fur de wings uv a dove!

Hungry Hank—Oh, fur de wings uv a turkey, wid some plum puddin' to come afterward!

All Talked Over.

Mistress (hiring servant)—I hope you know your place.

Servant—Oh, yes, mum. The last three girls you had told me all about it.—*Boston Transcript*.

He Needed It More.

A minister meeting a neighbor's boy who had just come out of a fight on New Year's Day with a fearful black eye, put his hand on the boy's head and said:

"My boy, I pray you may never receive another black eye."

"That's all right," said the boy. "You go home and pray over your own kid. I gave him two of 'em."

Suspicious.

Mama—Willie, there is no such thing as Santa Claus. We just told you that for the pleasure you might get out of it.

Willie—Well, I always thought there was something queer about it. Now the next thing I am going to investigate this Christ business.

Better Still.

Knicker—Can you guide me down the side of a precipice?

Bocker—No, but I can sit tight on a bluff.—*New York Sun*.

An Unreliable Dog.

"Come right in, Sambo," the farmer called out. "He won't hurt you. You know a barking dog never bites."

"Sure, boss, ah knows dat," replied the cautious colored man, "but ah don't know how soon he's going to stop barkin'."—*Success Magazine*.

A Pleasant Outlook.

A butcher of a certain village, being a devout Christian, whenever he sent a business note invariably accompanied it with a text.

A certain lady, wishing him to kill some of her pigs, sent him a letter to notify him of the fact, to which he sent the following reply:

"Dear Madam—I will call on Friday to kill your hogs, without fail. Yours, Mr. B.

"N. B.—Be ye also ready."—*Tit-Bits*.

The Party He Belonged To.

A matron of the most determined character was encountered by a young woman reporter on a country paper, who was sent out to interview leading citizens as to their politics.

"May I see Mr. —?" she asked of a stern-looking woman who opened the door at one house.

"No, you can't," answered the matron, decisively.

"But I want to know what party he belongs to," pleaded the girl.

The woman drew up her tall figure. "Well, take a good look at me," she said. "I'm the party he belongs to!"—*Universal Leader*.

Shifting Responsibility.

A youthful versifier sought the judgment of a well-known critic.

"Sir," said the poet indignantly, when the expert had advised him to burn his lines, "poets are born, not made!"

"Young man," replied the critic, smiling, "do not try to shift the blame on to your parents!"—*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Not Appius Claudius.

At a pageant given in an English town commemorating Britain at the time of the Roman occupation a young woman spoke to a tall, burly and shivering man whose Roman toga hardly protected him from a raw, penetrating east wind.

"Are you Appius Claudius?" she asked, eagerly.

"Me, miss?" he replied dismally. "Me 'appy as Claudius? Oh, no, miss; I'm un-'appy as 'ell!"

Christmas Sweets.

A newly-engaged couple were enjoying some blissful moments alone after the Christmas dinner. They had broken the wishbone at the table.

"Tell me what you wished," she asked, shyly.

"Tell me what you wished," he returned.

"Well—I will if you will."

"I hate to do it—it might not come true."

"But maybe it would. Now, you promised, you know."

"Well, I—er—I wished you'd let me kiss you. Now, what did you wish?"

"Oh, I daren't tell!"

"But you promised."

"Well—I wished you'd get your wish!"

Had an Answer.

This story is being told on a Swede in Central Kansas who was given to excessive use of the bottle. He was working at a certain house, doing odd jobs, and the daughter of the house knew of his reprehensible habits. She thought it time for some one to remonstrate with him on the error of his ways.

"Why," she asked, "are you not ashamed to spend all your wages and make your

wife take in washing? Why don't you give her some money?"

"Well," he answered, "I have an income besides my wages."

"Oh, is that so?" said the daughter, somewhat mollified.

"Yes," he said, "I have an income from the Queen of Sweden."

"What for?" asked the girl.

"For minding my own business," answered the Swede, going on with his work.

Under the Mistletoe.

She stood looking at him so innocently from under a sprig of mistletoe that had been left hanging in the parlor since Christmas. She was so pretty, and she was under the mistletoe, and he couldn't help it—he had kissed her. It was an ungentlemanly and unkindly thing to do. He knew that now, as he remembered her frightened, startled look and the miserable excuse he tried to stammer out—yes, and the tears in her eyes, and the little choking sob with which she had received his stumbling apology.

"Who could think she would feel like that about it!" he thought. "Dear little innocent!"

And she, after he was gone—she lay down on the sofa and cried:

"I like him so much, and now to—to think he should kiss me at last and then say he didn't mean anything by it! What does he think that I stood there for, the idiot?"

The Wrong Foot.

It was a Pullman sleeper, and just across from the bachelor's berth was a handsome little woman and her three-year-old boy. Early in the morning the two were laughing and playing together, and the good-natured bachelor smiled to himself as he arose to dress. Suddenly a little foot peeped out from the curtains of the opposite berth, and, with a twinkle in his eye, the bachelor grabbed the plump toe and began: "This little pig went to market, this little—"

"That is my foot, sir," said the indignant voice of a woman.

The silence that followed could be heard above the roar of the train.—M. C. B.

Our Correspondents



GOD'S SIMPLE INFALLIBLE LOGIC.

THE November issue of *The Railroad Trainmen* contains an editorial on the question of wages. Among its many important thoughts we recapitulate as follows: "The duty of the employer is often that of refusing employment on the plea that, when over the age of thirty-five, men have been squeezed out of their best energies by previous employers, and it pays better to employ younger men." That barbarous conception of human life was unknown until about fifteen years ago. It is hardly yet known anywhere else outside the land of the free. Our beloved corporations and trusts have alone discovered that wonderful fact. Even if we had no other data to prove the absurdity of our industrial conditions, even then we would have reason enough to condemn the march of modern progress. It is utterly impossible to conceive anything worse in the ramifications of human life. Even the vilest forms of slavery could use men with considerable advantage up to the age of sixty-five or seventy. Is it possible that modern education actually suppressed about thirty or more years of full usefulness in the lives of most men? If so, then our age is far more cruel in some of the aspects of human life than any previous historical period.

We manage, of course, to have some kind of a job for most of the men whose lives we have exhausted in certain directions after the age of thirty-five; but why should any man be ever exhausted for full use in some indispensable activities? It happens that none of the supposed choice jobs could exist for any length of time without the supposed inferior ones. It happens also that under a sensible civilization no man at the age of twenty-five, if not before, would need to ever beg for any job. Why so? Because, between the ages of seventeen and

twenty-four, he would have accumulated capital and skill enough to be his own employer, in co-operation with other workers, if that was more satisfactory to him than alone by himself.

The preceding assertion looks to most people an utter impossibility. We have, for so many and many centuries, become accustomed to the absurdities of monopoly rule that we lack faith in the simple and natural operations of the forces and processes of God's universe. The monopolist, the gambler, the financier, the capitalist, etc., they have taken the place of the Universal Father in all that appertains to the wealth production and distribution of modern nations. The simple logic of natural causes and natural effects, the inevitable manhood of every child of God, if he is allowed to develop under divine freedom, * * * we don't believe in any such conceptions of healthy development for all. We prefer the farcical freedom of monopolistic adjustments. Our whole education is practically atheistic, because it does not teach us how to apply divine law to the bottom industrial activities by which alone men can exist on the face of the planet.

That planet of ours has always been handled in defiance of all principles of brotherhood. Is not that an emphatic repudiation of God as the Father of all of us? Can we conceive of any worst collective sin in space infinite? And century after century that sin is bound to grow and become more fatal to all of us. The reason is simple enough, because, as long as we keep piling up population on the same fixed terrestrial area of the planet, the control of which we give to the few, the rest of us remain with less natural freedom of action for our industrial activities. Then, the tribute from monopoly rule, exacted from us by the controllers of the planet, rises up unceasingly

in forms visible or hidden, in proportion as population increases. Hence, the increasing poverty of all of us tribute payers in relation to increasing needs, unsanitary many of them, imposed upon us by the artificial conditions of the artificial progress we all prefer to have. And there is nothing more artificial or fatal to all of us than great inequalities in wealth distribution. They demoralize the whole race, rich or poor.

Besides our big monopolists we have a large class of small ones, tribute collectors on a small scale. Most of them remain poor and very poor, with harsh lives besides. Their combined income, representing as an average about two-thirds labor earnings and one-third monopoly profits, that constitutes the most marvelous combination we can manage to have so that to prolong the kingdom of monopoly rule. An honest civilization would give to all the plain workers far more income, from labor alone, than obtained by most workers from labor and monopoly earnings. On top of that it would give to all of us a healthy, enjoyable life, just what none of us can have under the artificial and fanciful social conditions we seem to prefer because that is progress, we say.

All human disturbances arise today, as ever before in historical development, from the same identical cause, which is—a rotten political machinery in every national combination. That political machinery fixes on one side the kind of perplexing, agitated, distorted life of all of us; on the other side it determines the very abstruse and confusing religious conceptions by which we fail to apply, to our combined development, the simple, plain and emphatic morality of all divine laws. That establishes and prolongs a war to the knife between humanity and God.

It is thus that rebellions, social upheavals, turmoils and revolutions come and go. They may partially clear up the skies from some of our incidental deformities, while the cause of all sin in each national group remains untouched, because most of us wish that cause untouched so that to keep getting on top of each other in the industrial fabric of each social organization. We, most of us, anyhow, wish to keep God's

planet under monopoly rule, and that means a wretched existence for all of us, under forms more or less visible and emphatic.

The only battle worth fighting is the one men have always refused to fight. We still refuse to live in a planet free from monopoly rule. We are willing to do everything except that. No wonder that we are all so busy, with so many jobs in our hands, with so many wrongs to suppress, with such piles of good to be done on top of the mountains of good we have been doing for so many centuries. Don't you see that we still decline to commence our good job at the beginning? Don't you notice that we still insist upon the crazy job of doing good by mixing good and evil? And we don't realize that the mixture in question is what prolongs the kingdom of wrong all over the earth. How can it be otherwise if God has any simple, infallible logic of His own? And nobody can escape the penalties from our combined wrongs. JOSE GROS.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND WOMEN IN INDUSTRY.

By the REV. CHARLES STELZLE

That the church is not negligent in responding to an earnest appeal from labor in its contention for better conditions was recently made evident in Illinois.

The Presbyterian State Organization of Illinois, representing 618 ministers and a membership of something like 100,000, recently took the following action:

"Preamble: The workingwomen of Illinois are fighting for a ten-hour day in the mills and factories of the State. They believe that they should be able to make a living wage in a ten-hour day.

"The legislature of Illinois has passed such a law. The Supreme Court of the United States has declared constitutional a similar law passed in other States. An effort is now being made by certain factory owners in Chicago to have the Illinois law ordered unconstitutional, so that they may work the women in their employ an unlimited number of hours.

"At the last meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor the delegates, for the first time in the history of that organization,

made an appeal to the churches for help in behalf of these women.

"WHEREAS, The contention of these workmen and workingwomen is a laudable one, in that it has for its aim the protection of womanhood, the safeguarding of workmen's homes and the consequent building up of our common humanity; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That the Synod of Illinois, in annual session assembled at Lake Forest, heartily express its conviction that the fight now being made by the workingwomen of our commonwealth is just and fair, and that it is our earnest hope that they shall be successful.

"*Resolved*, That the members of the Presbyterian Church in the Synod of Illinois be requested to exert their utmost influence in behalf of the women who have appealed to us, through the Chicago Federation of Labor, with respect to their securing the ten-hour work-day for women."

SABBATH DAY.

The origin of the Sabbath as an institution is lost in the mazes of antiquity. It antedates Moses and the giving of the law to the ancient Hebrews, and goes in all probability back to Babylonian times, and from the Babylonians came to Moses. At any rate it is the only one of the commandments in the Decalogue where the people are merely reminded to "remember" and observe.

The Sabbath is properly a "rest day" and is legislation in favor of the toiling masses. Its sacred quality is due to the fact that it is so intimately connected with the sacred side of human nature. The observance of the Sabbath gave man an opportunity to cultivate the higher side of his nature. It was the day when he worshipped and remembered that he had a destiny beyond this world.

As the institution arose because of the demand of human nature for a time to worship, so its preservation has depended on that sacred longing of the heart for a time to worship God. Except for this sacred demand the Sabbath as an institution would long ago have perished from the earth. To the Jew it was sacred because the time

of the Sabbath belonged to God. So long as the day had such sacred authority as that of their national Deity there was no fear of its being lost.

Jesus put the idea on a higher basis, and one that can be more readily understood by the modern minds. "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." The sacredness of the day lies in its usefulness and helpfulness to mankind. Indeed, that is the only reason for treating any law as sacred—its usefulness to serve man. In breaking with the regulations for observing the day Jesus made all regulations to depend on whether they were of service to humanity. That is a test easily applied today.

How ought the day to be spent? It ought to be so spent that a man would be better mentally, physically and spiritually than when the day began. It is a day of rest and recuperation. It ought to make the Monday find us in better shape for the day's task than Saturday night left us. To accomplish this one ought to come to the day with some set plan.

(1) One ought to have something to read that is worth while. Something that will give him a broader view of life, and helpful in his own life to make him a fitter man.

(2) A second source of reading is that kind which will give a man a better grip on the hopeful side of human nature. To have hope in men we must believe in them. To read some literature that restores or increases faith in our fellow-beings is necessary if we are to react on them for good.

(3) The hard things of life are not easy to face, and some find their courage at the ebbing point with the end of every week—or at least often enough to make one fear. Some part of the day ought to be devoted to restoring courage. Monday ought to find us with courage renewed.

(4) The social side ought to be developed, and must be if we are to enjoy life. The relaxations of social enjoyment gives a contentment that carries its own medicines.

(5) The church and the Bible offers all these, as they can not elsewhere be found. The Bible is the first of English classics.

A thorough mastery of its contents gives a broader view to life than any other book. It gives a stronger grip on one's own life and a greater hope and trust in man as such than any other literature. It saves one from himself, and out of himself helps him to find a better and truer self. The church offers the social opportunity nature must have. The service and the sermon ought to give the inspiration sufficient to make the rest of the week free from all feeling of mere mechanical routine. It ought to so relate a man to God that he could never be satisfied with being less than a true son of God.

The Sabbath is man's day, and ought to be used to make him better at work, at play, at home, in society, and with himself and with God.

REV. MCFARREN,
Oskaloosa, Ia.

THE CAR WAS THERE.

The genuineness of the following letter is vouched for by a member of the Order:

PERRY, OKLA., Feb. 7, 1907.

Mr. W. H. Fiddler, Trainmaster, Arkansas City, Kans.:

DEAR SIR—Must have a car at Black Bear for wheat this week without fail. Mr. C. D. Abbott, from whom I have made purchase, advises his marriage depends on getting this wheat to market this week, being the only source of revenue he has.

He has stood the girl off on my promise to get car. She has become impatient and there is another fellow monkeying around, and the festivities are liable to be called off, which will be a great disappointment to the invited guests.

The occasion promises to be a hot time, and everybody is ready to join hands as soon as the car is furnished.

Get some "rosin" on your strings, Mr. Fiddler, and wire Agent Chaplin here whether or not you are going to block the proceedings and disappoint the girl.

Yours truly,

(Signed) ED. J. COYLE.

LEGISLATION NEEDED.

I agree with "Curly," in the November number, that the only way to get anything accomplished is to work for a national law through Congress, and let a majority decide as to the day to be observed, but would suggest that it would be Sunday, as on that day there are fewer regular trains than on any other, and this would not put as much hardship on railroad companies and the public as any other day would.

I would further suggest, in carrying out the plan as suggested by the brother mentioned before, viz., each member write to the representative of his district, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, asking him if he would work in the coming Congress for this law. If he replies in the affirmative, give him all the support possible at the next election; if he replies in the negative, then turn him down as hard as possible and work for some one in his place who will work for this law.

Would be pleased to see this action taken at once, so as to get the law in effect as soon as possible, and if the officers of the Order agree to this plan would like to see it put through and notice sent to all members to act at once.

CERT. 35, DIV. 148





St. Louis Div., No. 2.

In anticipation of the lecture by "Prof." Colton, the meeting of November 15th was well attended. The usual order of business was transacted, including the admission of eight new members, and two transferred from other divisions.

Bro. Joseph E. Johnson was reported very ill, at the home of his mother, 4239 Shenandoah Ave., and the Sick Committee was instructed to call on him, and also furnish flowers daily for the sick room, which was done.

Bro. Johnson passed away on November 18th, and was buried Saturday morning, November 20th.

A beautiful floral piece, in the form of a wreath and sickle, was the offering of the division.

We are glad to announce that the Grand Secretary and Treasurer is again at his desk, after his severe illness of eight days' duration.

Bro. V. B. Turner, general chairman of Division No. 74, was a recent visitor at the general offices.

Div. Con.

Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Middle Division—

The first regular meeting at Lewistown, November 4th, was called to order at the usual hour with a fair attendance. The regular routine of business being disposed of, subjects of importance were taken up and discussed in detail, and to say that the meeting was a success would not even partially express it. It was of the kind that goes to make up history.

We had a very large attendance at our October meeting, as we were notified that Bro. Perham would meet with us on that date. There was a very much disappointed crowd when he did not arrive, through a misunderstanding of the time of day the meeting was held. The meeting was held in the morning, and Bro. Perham arrived in the afternoon, in order to be there for a meeting in the evening. It is to be regretted that this error occurred, as there were a number of brothers at the meeting who never met our President, but it is to be hoped that we will have the pleasure of having him meet with us in the near future.

The opening of two offices which were closed during the business depression has caused a great deal of moving around among the signalmen on this division, and it will be some time until all vacancies are again filled.

As the base ball and hunting season is now over, we expect to see a large turnout at every meeting, and with the excellent train service there is no excuse for the brothers not coming to the

meetings. Come one and all, help do the work that is to be done. Do not leave it for a few, and then censure that few for the way they perform the work, as is very often the case.

It is a fact that a number of our members think that all that is necessary is for them to hold an up-to-date card. While this is necessary and it is the first step toward being a union man, there is a great deal more expected of you. If this were all that members would do, unionism would stand still and would be of no benefit to us. When you are once in possession of an up-to-date card then is when your work really begins, by advocating unionism to your fellow-craftsmen, building up the membership, using your influence with those in other walks of life who may not be organized, and see that the union label is on the goods you buy.

See that your breakfast food is not made by those who are fighting union labor. See that the label is on the tobacco you use, the shoes and clothing you wear, and in a score of other ways help along the movement.

Ask your wife to join the Ladies' Auxiliary, and in this way she will become interested in the movement and she will not buy articles that are not produced by union labor, or do not have the union label attached.

Yes, brothers, there are more ways than one in which you can help the movement along, and if every man and woman who holds an up-to-date card will do his and her duty you will see a great change for the bettering of the laboring man's condition.

The responsibility for the success of the movement lays with you. The more energy you put into the work, the quicker you will realize the great benefits that are to be derived from thorough union conditions.

I want to ask the brothers along the Middle Division to kindly send me a few notes each month, so as to reach me before the 15th. You know it is impossible for me to keep track of the movements of the brothers all along the line, as I have other duties which take up my time. I know it is the desire of the brothers that there is something in each edition of our journal from our division, and I am making every effort to do this, but it will assist me very much if each brother will send me some notes from their section, and my time can be otherwise used. However, I am willing to do all I can, but a little assistance along this line will help me greatly.

Div. Con.

Sunbury Div., No. 12.

Last month is the first time we have not been represented in THE TELEGRAPHER since I have been division correspondent, and the reason is that I had held my notes until the last moment, expecting that some one might wake up and mail me some more news, and they did not get there in time. Hereafter, try and send me any news you have by the 15th of each month.

Our October meeting was called to order at 10 a. m., by our worthy Bro. Bruce McCracken. While the meeting was not as well attended as it should have been, it was very interesting to those who were present. Several applications were balloted on, and the applicants initiated.

Come on boys, bring in more applications, there are new men on the division, as well as old ones who do not have an up-to-date card. Get a supply of application blanks and then get busy on the men who do not have an up-to-date card. This means more now than it ever did before. Every laboring man should carry an up-to-date card, and buy nothing without a union label on it.

Brothers, do you realize how important it is for your future welfare that you should take more interest in the work of your Order? Thorough organization is your only opportunity to better your conditions. Be true to your union and never be afraid nor ashamed to admit that you are a union man. It is a title to be proud of. "United we stand, divided we fall."

The question has been raised about changing our evening meetings from Sunbury to Nescopeck, which is considered an improvement, as the Nescopeck meetings are always well attended, while the night meetings at Sunbury have been very poorly attended. Come to the December meeting, which will be held at Sunbury, at 10 a. m., on December 20th, and give us your assistance in deciding this matter.

Bro. C. L. Hawbecker, Rupert tower, off the latter part of November on account of his mother being sick; was relieved by Bro. C. L. Keyser. During this time the relief schedule was broken, on account of a shortage of telegraphers. A number have resigned to secure better positions, and few operators are looking for positions as "Telephone Operators."

Bro. and Mrs. A. R. Johnson and daughter Edith, of Catawissa, recently enjoyed a trip to Niagara Falls, Canada, and through the Cumberland Valley. Bro. Johnson was relieved, at Bluf, by Bro. A. F. Wallauer.

Bro. and Mrs. F. R. Dent and daughter, of Catawissa, recently enjoyed a trip through the Southern States. Bro. Dent was relieved by Ed. S. Breisch, and was taken sick shortly after his return.

Bro. Joseph Nucklas has bid in the 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. trick at Locust Gap Junction.

Bro. C. W. Eby has resigned second Morris Junction to go into business in New York City, and been relieved by Bro. J. A. Diehl. We trust our loss will be Bro. Eby's gain.

Bro. Henry Sachs, assigned to second "XN" tower, vacated by Bro. C. N. Harman, assigned to second at Rock Glen Junction.

Bro. G. N. Cooke, of Keefer, is taking a week off to hunt on the L. & T. Division.

C. E. Miller, a new man, is working second at Rock, while up for bid.

Bro. H. F. Orth has been assigned to second at Shenandoah.

Bro. T. A. Young bid in third trick at East Bloomsburg.

Business is reported heavy on the Shamokin Division.
Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all wise Providence to call to the great beyond the beloved father of our Bro. S. H. Kern, and while we bow in submission to the will of the Most High who doeth all things well, be it

Resolved, That in his death the brother has lost a faithful father; and be it further

Resolved, That Division No. 12, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in meeting assembled, tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to our sorrowing brother, spreading a copy of these resolutions upon our minutes, sending a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and one to the bereaved brother.

W. T. DYER,

G. N. COOKE,

W. D. GRANT,

Committee.

Baltimore Div., No. 17.

We recently had the great pleasure of having with us our worthy President, Bro. H. B. Perham, and all present were greatly pleased with his timely address, imparting to us much valuable information. The various committees and brothers are now going forth with a new vim and vigor, realizing that our craft and profession is simply what we make them.

We were also glad to have with us, at the same meeting, some of the brothers of Division No. 33. Come to see us often. We are arranging a great time for the membership of Divisions Nos. 33 and 17, which will surpass all previous jubilees held by us.

Get busy, brothers, and land every non. We want a solid organization, and with the encouragement recently given our L. B. of A. the outlook never was better.

Bro. W. E. Kelley has been promoted to Glenrock.

C. E. Bull has become a benedict, and had an increase in salary. He can surely come into Division No. 17 now.

Bro. W. L. Lynch, third, North Point, who went to the Blue Ridge Mountains recently to benefit his health, has returned to work.

Captain E. L. Gilligan, the popular conductor of the Baltimore & Oxford accommodation, was badly injured recently, by falling through a trestle

on the Central Division, while setting off a car on a siding.

Bros. F. W. Asher and W. T. Rollins have closed the base ball season at Chase, with an unbroken string of victories. The team played a series of seventeen games, principally with amateurs from Baltimore, and won every game played. Next season they will be looking for new fields to conquer. The team was composed of Bros. J. Edward and P. S. Asher, and Telegraphers T. E. McClelland, Captain; T. L. Mal-lonee, L. M. Creeger, and a number of boys in the vicinity of Chase.

Mr. J. H. Marshbank, formerly of Creswell, has bid in the 12 o'clock trick at "MS," Bengies. DUTCHY.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

Susquehanna Division—

We have still some delinquents on this division. There are better things in store. The members of the Perfect Organization Committee, of the Susquehanna Division, will write them soon, and hope they will remit at once, as Williamsport Division needs them, and they need the influence of the membership of the whole division.

Brothers, let more of us try to get to the meetings. There are many who could attend if they would only try. Come once and try it, and you won't want to stay away any more.

Some of the brothers east of Sunbury should try and attend the meetings better than heretofore. We would be especially pleased to have Bro. Beaver, at "UR;" Bro. Deibler, at "D;" Bro. Beller, at "X," and Bro. Mailick, at "GO," meet with us occasionally.

Bro. Spade, second, "GD," has typhoid fever, from which his wife just recently recovered. He is being relieved by Bro. M. A. Burns.

W. H. Kebach, of Dalmatia, relieved Bro. Fenstermacher, at "ZA" tower recently, while the latter relieved C. E. Orndorf, second trick, "FY" tower, for a few days, and then relieved H. J. Engles, second at "RV."

Bro. G. E. McCloskey, second trick at "VO" tower, has had considerable success hunting this season.

Bro. C. S. Diefenderfer was on a hunting trip recently at McElhattan and vicinity.

Bro. J. C. O'Donnell is getting up quite a reputation as a turkey hunter.

Bro. C. C. Baistain carries an up-to-date card. When your watch or clock needs repairing give him the work.

Bro. E. F. Holmes, third trick at "GD," and Bro. Lontz, took a flying trip to Shamokin recently.

Bro. Joe Schlotman, third at "J" tower, is on the sick list.

Bro. G. H. Wetzel, third, "RV" tower, paid a visit to his parents at Fishers Ferry.

Bro. J. F. Wentzel, nights, "BQ," Sunbury, came to Herndon on November 2d to see his mother and to vote.

Div. Com.

New York Div., No. 26.

The November issue of THE TELEGRAPH did not contain a write-up for this division, as our correspondent was in Canada. Of late this division has been represented each month in the fraternal columns, and we trust that the good work will continue.

On November 11th the regular monthly meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m., by our worthy Chief Bro. Pickerill, and was the best attended for over a year.

Bro. Baum, of "G," Galilee, wireless station, assisted our chief as first vice, as Bro. Braithwaite could not attend, owing to a "nite" job.

A number of petitions were balloted on, and we can now call them brothers.

Bro. W. A. Fuller, of Division No. 44, paid us a fraternal visit. We were indeed glad to have him with us, and hope he will come again.

We were also favored with the presence of Bro. J. V. Ingram, of Orient, Wash., a member of Great Northern Division No. 70, who is in this part of the country on a pleasure trip. We are always glad to have the boys from the Far West with us, as well as those from all over the North American continent, who will look our meetings up and favor us with their presence.

A letter of regret was read from that genial worthy "Doc" Manion, of the New Haven System, stating that owing to pressure of business he could not be with us.

We received regrets from Bro. Schmitt, by wireless, saying that he was sailing down the Caribbean Sea, and while he could not attend, he was thinking of the good time he was missing.

Bro. Hance sent us a wireless from Tampa, Fla., saying that he also knew that he was missing something good in not being with us. He says its about a hundred in the shade there.

Bro. McLarney, of "WA," phoned the Aerogram over to us during the meeting. "WA" has some class attached to it, as that means Waldorf-Astoria, wireless station.

And that is not the only "class" in this division, because we have for a member, worthy Second Vice-President T. M. Pierson.

We meet but once a month, and if you can find time to be with us, you will have a good time, judging by the way the boys got away with the refreshments at the last two meetings. Bro. Becker is still busy, nights, but his namesake showed up at the last meeting.

Bro. Braithwaite is enjoying the long Island salt air, and digging some clams of unusual size.

Bro. Collins, on a trip to Panama, will return to Brooklyn the first of the year.

Bro. Campbell says he never handled so many "31" orders in his life. If business continues increasing we will have to send the committee in, to secure a helper for him.

Bro. L. K. Davis has gone to Ohio, but trust he will soon be with us again.

Bro. Garrison welcomes the cold weather, as it has killed the mosquitoes.

Bro. Hallenbeck is investing some of his surplus cash in real estate, and we wish him luck.

Bro. Keegan writes that business on his job is booming, and trusts there will soon be a let up, as he wants a vacation.

Bro. Linn, our secretary and treasurer, has been very busy in the Nutmeg State of late. He attended a meeting of Division No. 29, and also looked the boys over at Jersey City, on the Erie.

Bro. Lippincott says that the Hudson Tunnel is "all to the good" as a time saver.

Bros. McGuire and O'Brien, although out of the railroad business and drawing large salaries where they are, still think that a paid-up card is a gilt edge investment.

Bro. McLarney says the wireless is "the best yet," but you must be "on the job" continually.

Bro. Murray has been taken from Manhattan and assigned to "SS" service.

Bro. Mahoney is hustling for the C. T. U. A. ball. We wish him every success, and trust that our commercial brothers will have a big time.

We are thinking of advertising for Bro. Pettit, as he seems to have disappeared.

We hope Bro. Schmitt will bribe the Chief Engineer of the "San Juan," and be with us at a meeting soon. Your ship is always a little too late.

Some one please look up Bro. Webster, and let us know how he looks.

We are out to double the membership of this division in the next six months. If interested as you should be, write the secretary and he will tell you how it is going to be done. You will be sorry if you don't.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

Midland Division—

Before you get a chance to read this, it will be time to form good resolutions, for the coming new year. The first thing for your consideration should be the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for that means your daily bread and butter, not only for the present, but it is your only hope for the future. If it is worth having (and not a single one of us dare deny that) then it is worth working for. So start the new year by paying your dues and mutual benefit assessment promptly. Attend each meeting, take a part in it, don't be a kicker, without cause, and be willing to devote some time each day (however little it may be) to advance the cause that means so much to us. And before the year 1910 expires we may expect better conditions, better remuneration and better prospects for the future.

So many changes and so many new applications have been received since last month that the little write-up of the standing of the employees on this division will have to be postponed until after the first of the new year, and if present indications pan out there will only be a very few nons left.

I have called on "Old Hiram," at East Longmeadow, several times, and though I have gone

over the whole ground with him very thoroughly, he is convinced that our obligation would be contrary to his religious beliefs, and, therefore, he cannot join our Order. I do not know what sect or creed he belongs to, but it must be a mighty funny religion that allows him to take the two dollars and thirty cents each week that we have gotten him under our schedule, and not be willing to support the cause that got it for him.

Almost every man in this town, working at the business has a card but you, Pete Hopkins. Be honest now, don't that make you feel funny? "Pike's Peak or Bust" is the saying out West, our slogan is "FD" or bust.

The new agent at East Wallingford is Bro. Whitman from the Boston and Maine. We are glad to say he has an up-to-date card. Come down to our meetings in New Haven, brother, and get transferred into the largest local lodge in this country.

No. 1033 will bring you to New Haven in time for our meetings, Bro. Gillette, of Rockfall, and you can get back home from Berlin on the trolley; a trip down will pay you.

Sisters Foley and Cahill expect to take in the December meeting, and I hope they will. It's always a pleasure to see the sisters take part in our meetings.

Make an appointment with Bro. Pierce to take you down to our meeting Bro. Collins, he knows the way.

With Bolton on the right side of the ledger, we will have every man from Hartford to Williamantic, inclusive, and if Mr. Mair, of Middlefield, will keep his promise, the old Air Line will be "Solid" also.

Bro. Gilbert is making good as agent at Westchester. We are glad of it, for he is of the right sort, and bought him a new up-to-date card, even before he started to work steadily on this division.

East Hampton is not behind. On my first visit there the new operator filled out the necessary papers, laid down the coin, and it was Bro. Thomas H. Sullivan from that minute.

Everybody on the west end will welcome our new brother, James P. Fanning, of Rockville. He will appreciate us when he gets better acquainted.

Manchester is "Solid," that's good enough for us.

Every thing is spick and span in the new station that Bro. Gates, of East Hampton, will move into this month, and all he needs is a man to help on the outside, so that he may get home before nine o'clock each evening.

Bro. Chas. Fogarty has been promoted to the position of clerk for the C. T. D. Every one who has ever worked with "SK" knows "FO." Mr. Mitchel knows "Class" when he sees it.

We are all glad to see Bro. Vermilyea back to work again after three months' illness, and though he looks none too well yet, we hope that he may regain his former good health and strength.

Bro. Lally was off duty ten days, on account of sickness in his family. Bro. Knox, the all-

around handy-man filling in on third at Tower 214.

Bro. Palmer, of Willimantic, has bid in one of the spare positions, which also includes the spare dispatching, and we all join in wishing him the best of luck in his new calling.

Bro. J. H. White has gone back to the Air Line, having bid in Turnerville, where there is enough for two men to do every day in the week. Poli's, Parsons and The Hartford Theaters will probably resume paying dividends, now that Bro. Swaine has bid in third, Burnside Junction.

It's to be hoped that the second trick at Burnside Junction won't go begging, for it's a good position and worth bidding on.

Bro. Murphy, of Tower 215, has returned from his three weeks' vacation at his old home in Portland, Me.

Bro. Holmes, of Andover, spent his two weeks' vacation in Eastern Massachusetts, visiting places of former employment.

Bro. and Mrs. Kingsland spent Thanksgiving under the paternal roof in Wallingford.

This is the last writup of the year 1909, and I wish to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the brothers and sisters of the Midland Division for their hearty support and persistent work in the matter of getting the organization on this division in such good condition, and though there are a few nons left, I am sure if we are willing to devote our time and patience to the work, that we can soon gather them all in and make the Midland the banner division of the New Haven System. "EN."

Western Division—

Bro. McCready, agent, Brookfield Jct., while visiting friends in Canada, was relieved by Bro. Todd, third trick; an extra man covering latter's position.

Bro. O'Donnell, agent, Brookfield, on two weeks' vacation, relieved by Mr. Odell, Cornwall Bridge.

Bro. Ryan, first, New Milford, has returned from his vacation, and Bro. Osborne has returned to his regular position, second, Brookfield Jct.

Bro. Shepherd, third, New Milford, made a flying trip to Waterbury recently.

Bro. Percy, agent, New Milford, on a recent hunting trip had fine luck.

Bro. Smith, Lime Rock, is agent at Washington temporarily.

Bro. Shapiron, of Bridgeport, is telegrapher and clerk at the freight office in Pittsfield.

Bro. Miles, first, Gt. Barrington, is on a three weeks' vacation; Bro. Cook covering first; Bro. O'Connell, Canaan, covering second; Bro. Hogan, Canaan, working third, and Mr. Lansing, bookkeeper, Canfield Lime Co., covering second at Canaan.

Bro. Shepherd, third, New Milford, has bid in Still River agency, and Bro. Cosgriff, agent, Botsford, has bid in Housatonic agency.

Bro. "Matt" Cusick, "HY," Ansonia, has resigned, and engaged in other business at Hart-

ford. He was a very popular telegrapher, and will be greatly missed.

Bro. John Wallace, freight office, Seymour, has bid in the East Litchfield agency.

Division headquarters have been located at Waterbury, a more central location.

No contributions from any of the brothers on the "Old Highland."

A Merry Xmas and A Happy New Year to all.

T. A. A.

Providence Div., No. 35.

In conversation recently with a telegrapher from one of the large trunk lines, which has, at a great expense, installed the telephone throughout its entire system, he informed me there was not the slightest fear that the "fone" would ever displace the telegraph. They used the "fone" for train orders to a certain extent, and received the report of trains by it, but all the other many reports and messages necessary in handling trains was done with the key and sounder as of old, and the "fone" was nothing but an auxiliary to the telegraph as used upon our own system. The "fone" is also more susceptible to climatic influences than the telegraph, and, therefore, was not to be depended upon during the different changes of weather. Therefore, the telegraph will continue as of old, the main thing for railroad work. So long life to the O. R. T. and what it stands for.

Thirty members were present at the October meeting. First Vice Bro. McCabe presided, in the absence of worthy Chief Bro. Callis, who was unable to attend, throughout the meeting.

Bros. Trainor and Brayton acted as secretary and treasurer, and first vice, respectively.

Bros. R. E. Porter and John Mills, of New Haven Division, No. 29, were welcome visitors meeting night.

Many fond hopes were shattered over the results of the recent bids. Well, we will hope for better luck over the next batch that comes out.

The attention of all brothers is called to the penalty of \$300.00 which the postal laws attach to any railroad employe using the railroad mail for anything except strictly company business.

The rehabilitation movement has at last reached Orms St. tower, and the brothers employed therein are correspondingly happy.

The first trick towerman at East Greenwich and Davisville have ceased to raise their hats when passing any of the large towers in the terminal, since the commencement of putting in stone ballast. Tom and Phil are getting theirs now in large bunches.

Bro. E. R. Gardiner, third trick, Davisville tower, is on his vacation, exploring the ruined temples of the great Canadian Northwest. His position is being filled by spare men.

Bros. Rivers and Smith, first and second tricks at Davisville, have been changing at 3 a. m. and 3 p. m. recently, on account of a scarcity of spare men.

The November meeting of this division found nearly forty members present, and all must have felt well repaid for any trouble which their attendance may have occasioned them. It would require a mind more keen than the writer is blessed with, to determine which particular portion of the meeting was the most momentous. All division meetings are instructive to a true unionist, but I feel sure all present will concede the November meeting as the most interesting and instructive of the year. A regular attendance at meetings is the only sure preventative of that "Sleeping Sickness" in unionism, which a goodly number of our members seem to be afflicted with, and the only way to cleanse their system is to "get the habit" of showing up meeting nights. It will stimulate them to greater activity in the interest of the Order, thereby paving the way for further improving the working conditions of their profession. The meeting will long be remembered by all, and by two brothers especially. One whose overcoat was left in the ante-room and taken by some one in a fit of absent-mindedness, and the other who thought by leaving a little early and taking a trolley he would get home much sooner than by waiting for train, whereas the electric burned out a moor and he did not arrive home until long after the time the train would have got him there.

General Chairman Bro. Manion was a most welcome visitor, and, as usual, was there with the "goods" when called upon to address the meeting.

The hand of death has again fallen heavily upon us, once again our hearts are torn with anguish over the loss of a beloved brother. One whom to know was to love and esteem. One whose affection for the Order, which represented his chosen profession, was deep and sincere, and who will be missed in the division room, where his wise counsel was never sought in vain. On November 3d, Bro. R. A. Brown, secretary and treasurer of Division No. 35, was released from earthly sufferings and passed to that heavenly home where all is joy and gladness. Our most heartfelt sympathy goes out to the widow and orphans of our departed brother.

Bro. W. J. Smith was the unanimous choice of the division for secretary and treasurer for the term unexpired term. A choice which will insure the office being kept up to the same high state of efficiency in the future as in the past. All communications, remittances for dues, etc., should be made to his address at So. Swansea, Mass.

If the O. R. T. is no good and of no benefit to the telegraph profession, as some people in our midst take pleasure in asserting, whenever requested to become a member, how can they reconcile their consciences, the use for their own benefit of the products of the O. R. T., as is exemplified by the way in which they come out in the open whenever a good position is up for bid. Truly, they can be placed in the same category with the man who, upon being taxed with being utterly lacking in that inherent virtue, replied: "Conscience, what is that? Don't think

I ever had one, if I have it is as good as new, for I have never used it."

This is to notify that brother up Worcester way, that I will cheerfully respect his wishes, as to keeping his name out of the division notes, although I cannot see anything in my previous letters wherein his name is mentioned, but maybe it has not occurred yet.

The employes of the Newport and Wickford Branch, which was lately acquired by the N. H. Co., were most agreeably surprised when upon opening the envelopes of their first weeks' pay, under new regime, they found their salaries had been actually doubled through coming under the different schedules. Wonder if organized labor will appeal to them now as a good thing to have in the family.

The month's record for November is one initiation, two members favorably voted upon, ten application received and committees of investigation appointed.

Bro. Carroll covered first trick in the dispatcher's office during Dispatcher Arnold's vacation, and it goes without saying that "Joe" "made good," as he always does in all he undertakes.

Bro. Rivers transferred from first, Davisville tower, to third, East Greenwich tower. Davisville hid in by a non.

Bro. Cross transferred from first, Wood River Jct., to second trick operator in Providence dispatcher's office.

The painters having passed over the division, all buildings are in a neat and attractive condition.

As I was about to close this letter, THE TELEGRAPHER for November was received, when I found that I had not reached St. Louis in time for publication. It now precedes this one. Div. Con.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst and his earthly labors, on November 3d, 1909, our dearly beloved Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Robert A. Brown; and

WHEREAS, In his death his family has lost a true and devoted husband and father, and this division a loyal and time-honored member; and while we submit to the will of our Heavenly Father, yet we deeply feel the loss of our dear friend and co-worker; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Providence Division, No. 35, extend to the bereaved family of our departed brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their great loss; be it also

Resolved, That in our desire to show our respect for the noble character and honorable principles attained by him, we thus express our keen appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition; qualities that endeared him to all. To know him was to love him. Be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for the remainder of the term of office for

which he was elected, a copy of this memorial spread upon the minutes of the division, a copy sent to the family of our late brother, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPH for publication.

GEO. E. JOSLIN,
W. J. SMITH,
JOHN TRAINOR,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

*To the Members of Providence Division, No. 35.
O. R. T.:*

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to you all for every act of kindness and assistance during the sickness and death of my husband, also for the beautiful floral offering.

I feel especially grateful to those who so lovingly lowered the remains to its last resting place. I realize it was a cross for them, but nevertheless a labor of love.

May God's richest blessing rest upon you all, as you continue on in the noble cause.

"Be ye not weary in well-doing, for in due season ye shall reap reward, if ye faint not."

Yours in sorrow,

MRS. ROBERT A. BROWN.

Riverside, R. I., November 5, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our esteemed brother, Stanley H. Sturtevant; and while bowing humbly to the will of Him who doeth all things for the best, we are deeply sensible of a personal loss; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Providence Division, No. 35, extend to the bereaved relations our sincere sympathy in this their hour of sadness and sorrow; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes of the division, a copy sent to the parents of our late brother, and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPH for publication.

GEO. E. JOSLIN,
WILLIAM J. SMITH,
JOHN TRAINOR,
Committee.

New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

The regular monthly meeting of this division was held on Friday evening, November 12th, at New Rochelle. In the absence of Bro. Burger, Bro. Maher presided, and the way he performed that duty showed that he has lost none of his old-time ability at handling the gavel. The regular business included the admission of an applicant to membership, and other important matters.

Bro. Burger has recovered from his recent illness, and returned to work.

Bro. Hains, third at Mamaroneck, while crossing from the east to the west bound side on Saturday evening, November 20th, at Stamford, slipped and fell as he was entering the subway, and sustained a compound fracture of the skull. He was

taken to the Stamford Hospital, where an operation was performed, and is now getting along nicely. We were all grieved to hear of this sad accident, and hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Bingham, nights, Port Chester, who has been sick for three days, has recovered and returned to work.

A new concrete tower with an electrical plant and all the latest improvements is soon to be built at East Port Chester yard, to take the place of Tower 27.

Cos Cob Tower 29 is to be done away with shortly. A cabin is to be built on the bridge, and the derrails which were formerly thrown from the tower will be handled by the drawtender.

Brothers, I want to impress upon you the importance of attending our meetings; we should have a much larger attendance than we've been having, and there's no brother but what could spare one night a month to attend. As the present year is drawing to an end, and there is only one meeting left, let's all try and get together and start the New Year with the largest meeting that has ever been held in New Rochelle, and keep the ball rolling from then on.

Brothers, just paste the second Friday of every month in your hat as a remembrance.

Boys, look out for markers.

"SCRIBE," CERT. 122.

Boston Div., No. 41.

The November meeting was fairly well attended, and was interesting to those present. The different articles of the By-Laws, in connection with the Sick Benefit Fund, were taken up, and each one discussed separately before acceptance; it looks now as if we would have this in operation by the first of the year, and every member present seemed well pleased with the plan outlined, as this is to be entirely separate from the division itself; the question of its officers is an important one, and there should be a good attendance at the meeting when these are to be elected. The president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer are to be elected from the members in good standing upon the whole division, and the board of five directors, one from each of the five divisions, each one to represent the division where he is located. These officers will have entire charge of the affairs of the association, and be entirely independent of the division. The By-Laws, as amended and accepted, will be again read at the December meeting, and turned over to the committee in charge to be printed and distributed. It is hoped that all will interest themselves in this matter and enroll themselves as members. The cost is so small and the benefit derived in time of need is enough to make it an object for each and every member to avail themselves of its advantages, and by so doing encourage those who have worked hard to bring it about and make it a success.

While the members may feel disposed to criticize the correspondent for continually harping on

the lack of interest shown by the members in attending meetings, still it is a fact, nevertheless, We have altogether too many "Silent" members in our division. At the last meeting there were about a dozen who came to town ostensibly to attend the meeting, but who never came near the hall, while some more, in the words of the song "Came right in, turned around and walked right out again." We try to start the meetings as near 8:15 as possible, and close at 10 p. m., and it seems as if the members that come to town should give that much time to the welfare of their own division. It was at this meeting that some discussion should have been held with the General Committee regarding matters of importance in connection with the schedule. The general chairman was present, as also were several of the local chairmen, but nothing was said or done on account of the small number present. Besides filling out the information blanks there are always more or less suggestions and arguments that your committee are glad to listen to, and the place to do this work is at the division meetings. After the committee has met the management, and done the best it could for all concerned, then when it is too late to open the schedule again the criticism commences, and it is from those who can and do not attend the meetings that the most of outside criticism comes. This is not just to the committee and could easily be prevented if the "Silent" members would take enough interest to attend meetings and talk when they get there.

The nine-hour law having had a good try-out, has proved a success, and although a few on our road may have got rather a raw deal, owing to so-called "coincidences," still the number is so small compared to the great number benefited by the hours of service bill, that we may well say it is a success, and we may reasonably look for a favorable decision later on, which will tend to make it more binding. The decision by Judge Landis against the Santa Fe having been appealed, will soon be argued again, and whichever way decided, it will be further appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States for a final decision. This, no doubt, will be done some time in December, and probably before this letter reaches the members, the case will be finally decided, and we hope in our favor. While apparently the railroads are living up to the spirit of the law, even if they violate it technically occasionally, it is up to the members of this Order to do their part and take no risks of violating the nine-hour law for the sake of personal benefit, by working too long, to accommodate the railroad officials or benefit themselves. This last part may hit some of our own members. When they do this they not only violate a United States law, but they weaken our cause with the railroads, who will then have a chance to say that their operators would work all the time if they were allowed to, just for the sake of getting overtime. They also keep some telegraphers out of a job by so doing, and their employers are always on the lookout for a chance to get back at the makers of this law. This

should be lived up to by the telegraphers, even those who do not come under the nine-hour law, and it seems that if this law could have been made to read "every operator," so as to include message operators who now do not come under the law, it would have been an improvement. It is a mistake for operators to be always ready to double up, so as to get vacation money, having as an excuse that the superintendent had no men. An operator has no right to assume that his superintendent has no relief, when he wants to be away, until he has made application and found out that such is the case. If he gives reasonable notice he will generally find there is a man to relieve him when he is ready to go, but when operators are always ready to double in vacation time it not only keeps a man out of a job, but gives the superintendent a chance to say that his men would work all the time if allowed to. Work your trick and go home, and help your committee by attending your meetings to fight for money enough so that doubling to get vacation money will not be necessary.

The way dues have been coming in of late is very gratifying to the officers, and it is hoped that the period ending December 31st will show every member square with the secretary, and that the substantial increase already made in membership for the year 1909 will be held. There are, however, a few who have not as yet remitted, probably an oversight, and it is hoped that this gentle reminder will cause them to communicate with Bro. Morgan at once.

Be careful and use the United States mail for division business. It is a violation of the Postal Laws, as well as the railroad rules, to use train mail for such service.

Nothing in this monthly letter is to be construed as knocking any brother in particular. They are simply ideas that flow from the active brains of the brothers that contribute to this column in endeavoring to make a sensible monthly letter.

Fitchburg Division—

Bro. Bresnahan, first at East Deerfield, has been away, owing to death of his father. Mr. Neilly and Mr. Landry dividing the tricks, most time. The two men had cards.

Miss Carter, first at Athol, on a week's vacation, relieved by Mr. Denick.

Bro. Hoag, third at Baldwinville, is being relieved by Mr. Scott, formerly of the Penna. Mr. Davis being recalled.

Mr. Thompson, third at Gardner, has returned from a vacation spent in Michigan.

Eastern Division—

Bro. Eccleston has bid in second at Salem. Bro. Lambert going to Beverly ticket office.

Cliftondale has been bid in by Bro. Ripley, of Union, "NH;" Bell Rock by Mr. Roffey, Malden, is still pending.

Bro. Nolan, of "GM" office, has gone to New Orleans on a six months' leave of absence. Jack is one of the most popular boys, not only on the line, but on the outside, and good evidence of this was shown by the young trunk that he took with him, presented by the bunch.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the members of old No. 41.

Div. Cor., CRR. 80.

New York Div., No. 44.

Long Island Ry.—

This division has had many successful entertainments in the past, but arrangements have practically been made for one that will eclipse anything ever yet undertaken. It will consist of a minstrel show, masque and civil ball, supper and prize drawing, to be held some time in February. The plan and date will be announced later.

Before this is printed, it is probable that the General Committee will have completed its labors, and submitted its final report for the year. In order to get the details, it will be necessary for the membership to attend the next regular meeting.

Thus far the officials have treated the committee in a fair and just manner, and we look for a satisfactory settlement.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:30, on November 13th, by Chief Telegrapher C. B. Van Nostrand, all officers being present, except Marshal F. J. Horsch, who was on his wedding tour. Quite a volume of business was transacted in the usual prompt manner. The general chairman rendered his report, and was given a rising vote of thanks for his good work.

Chief Telegrapher E. N. Pickerell and Secretary and Treasurer Augustus R. Linn, of Division No. 26, were present and made a few interesting remarks in regard to the progress of that division.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Main Line between Long Island City and Jamaica, and in a short time the electric trains will be running into New York City. Wake up, boys, and keep your eyes on those new jobs.

We have a very few nons on this pike who are eligible, also a few foreign members who we want to transfer. Be up-to-date and it will not be long until we can say we have a member for each mile of track.

Wanted, every member to attend meetings this winter and keep posted on the coming events; they are all important.

Bro. F. Carrough has bid in second at Floral Park.

Bro. Geo. Swann has returned from a two weeks' sojourn in the sunny South.

Bro. Clawson says farming is no good in the winter time. He has returned to his old love, and can be found now chasing the ghosts out of McAdoo tunnel, with Bro. Murphy a close second.

E. E. DeRancy has resigned as agent at Mill Neck; relieved by G. W. Perry.

E. W. Atwood has been relieved at Glendale by Calvin Harding.

Bro. Tom Walker has returned to Sea Side, after a long vacation spent at his former home in Old Virginia. We are all glad to see him back.

Bro. W. E. Rogers, of Peconic, bid in first at Greenport.

Relief Agent W. S. Barteau is at Peconic.

L. A. Higgins relieved Bro. A. D. Johnson, agent at Westhampton; the latter going to Greenport.

Relief Agent Bro. W. S. Leahy, is at Southampton while the station is up for bid. Bro. J. N. Brennan, of Smithtown, is said to be the lucky bidder. He is one of the oldest agents on the road, and one of the oldest members of Division No. 44.

Cup Lasher is relieving A. M. Stanley, second trick ticket agent, East New York. Stanley is on the sick list.

Bro. C. B. Ryder has bid in Bluepoint, relieving R. T. Overton, and Ben. Dank been installed as temporary agent at Greenlawn, relieving old Spindler, who has for many years been one of No. 44's knockers. He sure has got his during the past few months.

The following summer offices have been closed for the season: Broad Channel, Edgemere, Shinnecock Hills and Rocky Point, and the operators at these offices been assigned to other positions.

Sister Mae Costable, of Sag Harbor, on vacation, is being relieved by Bro. C. H. Meredith.

C. E. Mix and wife, first and second, respectively, at Great Neck, on sick leave, are being relieved by W. F. Jarvis and G. Sharman.

J. F. Gaffney, agent and telegrapher at Deer Park, on vacation recently, was relieved by C. D. Seamon.

C. R. Smith, of Easthampton, is spending his vacation in California; relieved by C. A. Wines.

F. S. Thorpe, agent, Babylon, spent ten days' vacation at Oak Island; John F. Walters officiating during his absence.

W. A. Powell, agent at Hempstead, is again on the sick list; Walters relieving.

Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand is relieving Bro. W. E. Lewis at Brentwood temporarily.

Bro. Gaffney, second, Hicksville, who was off on account of sickness, has again returned, very much improved in health.

OLD HUNDRED.

Charlottetown Div., No. 47.

A meeting of Charlottetown Division was held in the Railway Hall, on October 20th, with a large number of the members present. The Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Slackford, was in the chair, and Bro. McEwen was on deck with the quill and parchment, looking the ideal secretary with his gold rimmed glasses and classic air. We were full of business, and it was transacted in a manner that would put the House of Commons to shame. Bro. Grady reported on the work of the Board of Adjustment, and on the Seniority List,

and Bros. Hughes, Kelly and R. McEwen were appointed a committee to investigate into the present list, with full authority to verify same. Bro. J. A. Kelly was appointed to confer with other representatives of the different Orders in regard to the Provident Fund, and to appoint a delegate to Ottawa. Bro. McEwen was appointed on the Insurance Fund Board.

Bro. G. Oliver MacLeod, of Montague, under the head of "good of the order," took occasion to tender some advice, especially to the young men. He urged them to eliminate altogether the levity he noticed at the meetings among the young and inexperienced. Bro. Trainor spoke along the same lines, referring to the days when he, too, was young, before time with it's cruel hand had stolen the few remaining hairs from his now venerable cranium. He then sang "The lips that touch liquor must never touch mine." Both the worthy brothers have been invited to speak at Tracadie school house, and have consented to do so, in the near future.

After disposing of a number of other important matters that came up for consideration, we adjourned at 3 a. m.

We missed the genial countenance of Bro. W. M. Flynn at the meeting, and trust he will not let it occur again.

Several new members will be initiated at next meeting.

As the trains do not suit for a good general meeting in February, it is hoped that arrangements will be made for our election of officers and annual meeting to take place in December, when we can depend on a large number being present. At least once a year the telegraphers should have a good meeting and social evening, and we generally get there when we plan to do so.

Bro. G. R. McMahon, who has just returned from a trip to the coast, was seen between the Queen Hotel and the railway station on the morning after our meeting, looking quite "cute" in a white beaver of the vintage of 1805. The adornment was, however, compulsory, as George visited the general offices and came away without his hat. In the meantime the offices closed, and the hat was on the wrong side of the door. It was lucky that the old beaver was found, as it filled the bill temporarily.

Bro. H. C. Hodgson, of the Summerside freight office, on severing his connection with the railway service, recently was waited upon by a delegation representing the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and presented with a purse containing a good, fat representative of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tionate regard entertained for him by his fellow-workers. The staff of Summerside station also remembered him in a like manner. We are all sorry to lose Harry, and wish for him in his new field of labor that same success he had with us. He is now in Baltimore where he takes up the study of dentistry.

Bro. Peter Power on the event of his recent marriage was presented with a chair by the members of this division of the O. R. T.

Bro. Trainor will leave shortly for Montreal to attend a meeting of the Board of Adjustment.

Bro. Ross McEwen, while swimming in the harbor recently, was chased by a female seal, mistaking him for one of her own species. No hostile intentions apparently animated the creature as she only exhibited a desire to be sociable.

Bro. George J. B. McCormack has purchased the trotting mare "Queen Marie, 2:24 $\frac{3}{4}$," and can be seen on the road any evening after trains pass. George would be quite a sprinter himself, but for the 250 pounds handicap. Div. Coa.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Although business in the Pittsburg district is now normal and all telegraphers working, items of interest to the membership coming to the writer's notice are very scarce.

Bro. J. W. Barber, holding certificate No. 2 and next to the oldest member in this division, while disrobing for the night, October 16th, his garments came in contact with the gas fire in the grate and he was seriously, although not fatally burned. As a result he will be confined to his home for some time, and I take this method of expressing the sympathy of the entire division and hope for his speedy recovery.

President Perham paid this division a visit at our meeting of October 23d, giving us quite an interesting talk upon certain subjects, which the membership have not heretofore thoroughly understood, and it is to be hoped that all those present will profit thereby. Let the President's visit spur us all on to renewed efforts towards thorough organization. Be ever on the watch for the non and the delinquent member. Do not forget to put in a good word for the organization whenever the occasion will warrant. Also give your general and local committee your full confidence and support at all times and I feel sure that results will speak for themselves before long. Don't forget to be always "on the job" while on duty. Give the company your best services at all times, in order that they can have no occasion to complain to your committee about poor service rendered. Always give value received, and if you do not like your present position look out for one that suits you better.

At the first regular October meeting held on the 9th, the regular routine business was transacted, including quite a number of petitions for membership from the Pittsburg, Conemaugh and Allegheny Divisions of the P. R. R. and bills amounting to \$82.32 ordered paid.

The second regular meeting was held on October 23, when President Perham was present. There were some thirty members in attendance.

Several petitions for membership were acted upon from the Pittsburg and Conemaugh Divisions of the P. R. R., and bills and sick claims amounting to \$66.00 were ordered paid. Bro. J. W. Barber was reported still on the sick list.

The average attendance at our meetings is not near what it should be. Come, now, let's all turn out at each and every meeting during the coming

winter and see if you as well as the entire division will not profit by it. Don't you think it is worth the effort?
KLING.

Allegheny Division—

It is hoped before this is in print the result of the negotiations between the superintendent and the local committee will be announced. The local officials have seemed anxious to do something for us, and if they had their way the relief day would probably never have been abolished. Let us strive in every way possible to convince them that our claims are just and that we have the company's interest at heart.

As the semi-annual period is again drawing to a close let me urge upon every member to pay his dues promptly in order that the work of your secretary may be made as light as possible. Urge all those with whom you come in contact to do the same and if you chance to meet a non do not fail to point out to him the benefits to be derived from thorough organization. Bear in mind that the O. R. T. will live and prosper in spite of all the "knockers." The labor organizations of today are the best defenders of the rights of the workers, and they will carry on their mission, despite misunderstandings, criticisms and hostility, long after you and I are dead and gone.

A new block office was opened at the junction of the new branch of the Lake Shore road, known as Bell, when Brookville was closed, and the three operators transferred to Bell. Hereafter Brookville will be a day office only for the handling of commercial messages and the sale of tickets, with Bro. H. T. Marsh in charge.

Bro. J. C. Craig, formerly on this division, and at one time quite active in O. R. T. circles, is now in the real estate business in Lorain, Ohio. It will, no doubt, be pleasing news to his many friends to hear that he is doing fine and still retain his up-to-date card.

Bro. H. W. Alexander has been appointed agent at Mahoning to allow Bro. Carpenter to devote all his time to the agency at Templeton.

Bro. V. E. Neely is doing the extra work in "K" office, Oil City, now, being relieved at "VS" tower by Bro. L. D. Grief.

Bro. A. B. Caldwell is doing clerical work in the superintendent's office, Oil City.

Bro. Marshall has returned to second, Foxburg, after a short vacation at his former home.

BRIGHAM.

A good many new arrivals coming to our division. Brothers, watch and ascertain their standing. If they have no cards, ascertain why not. If they hold membership in some other division, ask them to transfer to Division No. 52. By watching all these points you will be filling your place as a link in the great chain of advancement, and likewise helping your officers along in their work. Remember our motto: "No cards, no favors."

Bro. C. W. Pfaff bid in first "BO" tower. W. N. Armfield, who bid in second, has gone back to the extra list.

Bro. R. W. Easton bid in second at Kennerdell, vacated by Bro. W. H. Enix, who has gone with the F. & C. N. Y. C. at Polk, Pa.

Second and third tricks at "ST" tower, are up for bid, second vacated by Bro. P. S. Hillar resigned, third trick vacated by C. W. Pfaff.

Bro. J. A. Beal, first at Wood Hill, while on a ten-day vacation, was relieved by H. L. Jones, from the Olean division.

Bro. C. H. Hilliard, second at Wood Hill, on a ten-day hunting, in Kane, is being relieved by Bro. C. E. Harris.

Bro. P. T. Evans, first "DR" tower, on a ten-day vacation, relieved by W. W. Ireland, extra operator.

Bro. W. L. Johnston was off while on a pleasure trip through Ohio, was relieved by James Kissinger.

Mr. Barras, first at East Sandy, has returned to duty after a three weeks' sick spell; relieved by Bro. V. E. Keely, third trick "VS" who was relieved by Bro. L. S. Grief.

Bro. F. M. Murry, third at "UN" has left the service.

W. S. Steel was off a week on account of three broken ribs, sustained in a wrestling match with Bro. J. D. McNamara.

Bro. E. A. George, second Emlentor, while visiting relatives at Clarion, was relieved by Bro. C. E. Hovis.

Bro. Vance Robinson, third Foxburg, was off several days recently on account of sickness.

Bro. F. A. McElhinney bid in third Philipston.
COR.

Conemaugh Division—

The boys and girls of this division are surely doing some good work. We are pleased to note that quite a number of nons of the east end are going to join our ever-increasing Order at the beginning of the new year. We also have some nons on the west end who will be with us soon.

Bro. McIntee, of "DX" second, is back from a visit to Corning and Elmira, N. Y.

Telegrapher Hummel, of "ZA," who has promised to line up with us January 1, is now on vacation; relieved by Bro. Helfrich.

Bro. Sackett working "ZA" third trick until bid in.

Bro. Arnold, relieved by Bro. T. J. Johnston, is working third trick at "VN" now. He got second at "BR" on bid.

Bro. Turner, of "RN," and a party of friends from Pittsburg, went gunning one day recently.

Sister Coyle is back again regular on third "SA." This gives Mr. Grazier a rest, as he has been working steady for some time.

On account of a sprained shoulder Bro. Bentel is unable to throw the levers at third, "RO," and has taken second at "ON." Mr. Burke, second at "ON," is working in Bro. Bentel's place until his shoulder is in shape again.

Bro. Snodgrass, of "RO" second, spent a pleasant trip to his home on a hunting trip.

Telegraphers Burke and Butler are kept quite busy doing the extra work. The former, who is near the head of the extra list, has promised to join the beginning of the year.

Bro. Henderson returning from one of his hunting trips, found his boarding place quarantined, leaving him about stranded for clothes.

Very few of the brothers and sisters from the east end seem to be able to attend the meetings. There is lots taking place which would interest all the boys and girls of this division. Those who can attend these meetings should come. It is the only way to find out what is going on, and we would like to see more attend both from the east and west ends.

Remember, we hold meetings every second and fourth Saturday night of each month at 204 Fifth avenue, third floor, at 8 p. m., Pittsburg, Pa.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Just Us.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Delaware Division—

The rumor that circulated on the Delaware Division a few weeks ago, in reference to Bro. C. R. Megee dropping the Order is positively untrue. It is impossible for the writer to say where this falsehood was started, but quite a number have repeated it; and while those that are personally acquainted with this brother doubted it, quite a few thought it true.

Bro. Megee is now relieving the agent at Bishop, and the writer went to the brother personally with the matter. We have no better on the pike.

Brothers, as this is the last writeup that will reach you in the year of 1909, we ask you to pay up your dues promptly the first of the new year. Don't let our good natured secretary have to write us. They are very light, in comparison with the benefits we derive from the grand old Order. Let's all turn over a new leaf the first of the year, make a greater effort than ever to give efficient service. Get your card as soon after January 1st as possible, and live up to "No cards, no favors."

All the boys on the main line that could possibly get off have been banging at the poor bunnies for the last week or two. Wonder if they did not buy more than they killed.

Relief agents and telegraphers are very busy now relieving the agents on the branch roads, and we very seldom see any of our old pals out on the main line.

Bro. Dryden, Franklin City, on his vacation, was relieved by E. Needles.

Mr. Mertz, Snow Hill, on his vacation, was relieved by Bro. Anderson, formerly agent at Lambson.

Mr. Donovan, agent at Ellendale, on vacation, was relieved by Bro. Roe.

Bro. "Cy" Hatfield, of Georgetown, on his vacation in November, was relieved by Bro. "Robbie" Windsor.

Bro. "Bill" Prettyman, agent, Stockley, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. Jarman, Berlin, while on vacation in November, was relieved by Bro. Allen.

Bro. Townsend, at Girdletree, on vacation recently, was relieved by Bro. Megee.

Bros. S. J. Messick and W. J. Pennewill, of Frankford and Dagsboro, while on their vacations recently, were relieved by Bro. Megee.

Bro. Smack, our old Queponco agent, and Bro. Graham, of Houston, took their vacations in October.

On account of the rush of business the correspondent did not have the time to attend to the writeups last month. Will try not to miss any more. Drv. Coa.

Maryland Division—

The number of new applicants being received for membership every month shows we are not all asleep. Get together, boys, and bring them all in line.

Assistant Manager Livermore, Wilmington, has been on the sick list for several weeks. We all hope to see him back soon.

Bro. Denny, of Stanton block, was off couple days recently, on account of sickness.

Bro. Harvey, Bowie block, who has been off sick for a couple of weeks, is now back at work.

Bro. Cooper, Wilmington, bid in Landlith yard, but is still filling in extra at "WD."

Bro. Reed, Thurloy block, has been filling in at Wilmington extra.

Mr. Ewing, Wilmington waiting-room has gone into the block service and we hope to see him in line soon.

Mr. Turner, formerly of Wilmington, is now working for the Postal in Baltimore.

Bro. Greenly, formerly of Sea Brook, is on second, at Bellevue block. We hope he will come out to the meetings.

Telegrapher Coleman bid in last trick at Bengies, Chambers, of Iron-Hill, bid in Charlestown block last trick. Leight (extra) bid in Seabrook block, second. Telegrapher Johnston bid in Stony-Run block, 12 o'clock trick. Bro. Harry Ohmitt, of Landlith yard office, bid in "HA" block last trick. Bonnett bid in Bush River block last trick. Martinak bid in Bengies second trick, this causing "RU" block to be advertised, and has not been filled as yet. Cunningham bid in Safe-Harbor last trick. Jackson bid in Peach-Bottom first trick, made vacant on account of Barcus resigning. DuPhorn, one of the new extra men, bid in Patuxent block four o'clock. Dunbar bid in "SK" Iron-Hill block 12 o'clock trick on account of Chambers going to "CF."

Creswell 12, Peach-Bottom 4, "RU" block 4, and South-Bound Hump yard office (Edge-Moor) are on bulletin, all to be filled within a few days.

Drv. Coa.

Wilmington and Columbia Division—

This is my first attempt to give the W. and C. division a write up, and I hope the brothers will give me their support, by sending in some news from their respective stations, not later than the 15th of the month, as we would like to be represented in THE TELEGRAPHER every month.

There are quite a number of changes going on and I am unable to keep track of them all.

We would like to hear from our brothers on the R. & C. and S. & L. branch and will be glad to include their news in our write up.

The 13-hour men are all wearing the smile that won't come off, owing to the fact that they have all been given two relief days a month. Bro. Quickel is kept busy doing the relieving stunt for them.

The following are some of the recent changes: Bro. Fusselman, third trick 6th avenue, Wilmington, Del., landed the agency at Wanawake, Pa., S. & L. branch, his home town. We all wish him success, although we are sorry to see him leave this pike. This position now on bulletin is temporarily filled by Mr. Dougherty. Bro. Carper, second trick, will have plenty to do now getting after the first and third trick men.

Mr. Shollenberg, dispatcher's office, Reading, Pa., took in the world's baseball series.

Mr. Draper, Guyencourt, Del., bid in second trick at Coatesville, Pa. Mr. Keiser, from Lenape, Pa., appointed agent at Guyencourt, Del., was relieved by Mr. Morris.

Bro. R. J. Mathis, agent at Wagontown, decided that it was not good to be alone, and has taken unto himself a "better half." We offer congratulations. Please don't forget, brother, that we smoke.

Bro. White, Suplee, is getting ready for an invasion throughout the east.

"No cards, no favors." Stick to it and give the nons no rest. CORRESPONDENT.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

Business is very heavy. From 500 to 800 loads between Oskaloosa and Peoria are ready to move and engines are kept constantly on the move. Train crews' eight hours rest is hardly up before they are asked to move again. Heavy rains and soft track all over the system has made movement slow.

One day recently there were over 700 loads on our little main line of 350 miles, every available engine being on the road with all they could drag. Passenger trains are delayed 10 to 20 minutes getting through Mason City on account of the congestion of traffic. The management surely can't turn us down with the "no business" plea now, on a schedule.

General Manager Bied and Master Mechanic Gossett have been in conference with the shop employes, enginemen and trainmen at Marshalltown, for the past two weeks. It is reported that an amicable settlement has been reached with all concerned.

Mr. Bied is still refusing to see our committee, and the boys have asked our grand officers to take charge and secure the much desired conference. Our first Vice-President, J. A. Newman, called on him, but the former only asked for one of the committee to go to Minneapolis. The committee as individuals refused to go until all were relieved and could go, so there has been no meeting as yet. We hope our grand officers can get things moving.

Bro. B. P. Benson, of Kanawha, has been elected committeeman to succeed Bro. C. M. Newport, of Morning Sun. Bro. Newport evidently seems to find that "MS" is 'nuff without being local chairman.

A meeting was held in Oskaloosa December 4th, to talk "schedule," as the committee is to meet the management soon after that date.

Bro. Fred Kirby has resigned at Seaton and will try farming next year. We wish him good luck.

Night offices has been opened at Abingdon and Farmington, during the rush season.

The Iowa Central is very much in need of telegraphers. A new man who recently took an east end night job only staid about two weeks.

A night man is to be put on at Oskaloosa shortly, a new through wire strung from Albert Lea to Peoria, and a new local wire on which all the branches will be placed.

Bro. Al Christiansen, local chairman, on the south end, lined up six nons and delinquents in one week recently. At this rate, the nons will soon be few and far between.

Brothers, get the ladies interested in the Auxiliary and line them up. If Division No. 71 had an auxiliary, they might be able to line up some of the nons who won't listen to us. But even if they couldn't, it would be a nice thing for the ladies to be attached to the union.

Bro. H. W. Landfear, agent at Wright, has taken a six months leave of absence, and will engage in something that will keep him out of doors most of the time, to improve his health. We hope he will be with us again when his leave expires, for he is one of the old reliables, who comes out to the meetings rain or shine. J. B. Odem, of Abbott crossing, who relieved Bro. Landfear temporarily, was later relieved by Mr. Schnider, from the T. P. & W.

Bro. F. L. Kirby, of Seaton, has resigned to engage in other business.

H. A. Sweigard relieved at Middle Grove, has gone up on the north end somewhere.

Bros. Lewis, of Cramers, and S. K. Anderson, of Elrick Junction, both of the Grand Division, and Fred Sievers, of the C. M. & St. P. Division have been transferred to Division No. 71.

Bro. Roy Carroll is on first at Hedrick. We are glad to see him back in service, and hope he will stay with us.

F. W. Sievers is at Little York.

Agent Frazier returned to Grinnell on the promise of being given more help. He relieved S. W. Wylie, who went to third trick on north end in dispatcher's office.

Bro. L. C. Vannoy, who worked the east end message wire at "SK" three weeks recently has returned to "NS" days.

Mr. Secrest, the non, who held out at Mason City said he "got off on a little vacation. When he came back they had a man in his place, so he thought he would let him have it."

Tom Ray is back at Oskaloosa on the east end message wire.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to every one. You non! Among your New Year "resolutions" for 1910, make one that you will get up-to-date, and stand by it.

We hope the brothers will try and find time to send in at least one item each for THE TELEGRAPHER. Let us have them as early as possible.

No card, no favors.

CORRESPONDENT.

Trenton Div., No. 85.

Belvidere Division—

The regular monthly meeting of Trenton Division, No. 85, was held in Concordia hall, Trenton, November 19th. One new application received and acted upon.

Mr. Dalrymple second at "SK" Stockton, has made a wireless apparatus by which he can pick up messages within a radius of a hundred miles.

Mr. W. H. Wilmot, second at "X" Wilburtha, who obtained three months off to go in the hardware business, is back to work.

Bro. Goddard, who has been off since June with rheumatism, is coming back soon. We will all be glad to hear that old familiar "Gd."

Mr. C. M. Wharton, second at "WC" Washington's Crossing, has bid in the new message job at "MS" Coal Port, thus throwing "WC" open second trick.

Since the new job at "MS" second trick was created, Bro. Hoffman, manager at "MS" has a 7 a. m. to 3 p. m. trick now instead of 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

On account of Mr. Decker, first at "G" L. & H. Junction, working extra in "FG" Trenton, Mr. Wire, regular second at "G," is working first. Mr. Minnick, regular second at "K," is working second at "G" and Bro. Lawrence from third to second at "K," third at "K" is held by Mr. Riehl, extra man, who we expect to call brother next pay day.

Bro. Schaeffer, first at "K," off on November 6th to see Lafayette-Penn. football game in Philadelphia.

Bro. Person, successful bidder for "RX" Roxburg third trick.

Bro. Lenhart and wife took in the sights at New York on his relief day.

Bro. Lilly spent his relief day in Easton.

Boys, be careful to sign your sheets the exact time you go on duty and are relieved, some have been called to account for it.

Business is very brisk but news are scarce.

Another tower will probably be put in between "DK" and "MS", making three more good jobs.

Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to remove from the family of our worthy and esteemed Bro. W. Y. Nagle, his sister, in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it therefore

Resolved, That the officers and members of Division No. 85, Order of the Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER, a copy to our bereaved Bro. Nagle and a copy be spread on the minutes of this division.

T. J. CALLAHAN, L. C.
W. L. HEANEY,
W. A. DOYLE.

Boston Div., No. 89.

On account of a "slip-up" on the part of ye scribe, no mention was made of our October meeting. There was considerable business, however, transacted at the regular meeting on October 22d, which was called to order at 8 p. m. by our Worthy Chief Bro. Ross, with nearly all the officers present.

The by-laws committee made its final report, which was read by Bro. Francis, chairman of the committee, and for their consideration deferred until the next regular daylight meeting.

A communication from our Worthy President Bro. Perham, advising us of the fact that he was coming east and had an open date on October 11th, when he would like to meet us, was read and a committee of three, consisting of Bros. Ross, Tool and Jacobs was appointed to make arrangements for two special meetings on that date, one at 10 a. m. and the other at 8 p. m., so all of the brothers could have a chance to meet the President and assist in making his visit a pleasant one.

Among the other matters of importance discussed was the report of the committee appointed to confer with the officers of the Towermen and Operators' Relief Association, the membership of which consists of up-to-date members of this division, in regard to the advisability of the division taking over the business and funds of the association and conducting it as a part of the division work. The committee recommended that the proposed consolidation be perfected in the near future, and also recommended that the membership of Division No. 89, should personally protect themselves by carrying an accident or sick benefit policy of some kind, as there has been a heavy drain on our local treasury the past year on this account. While we are obliged to help one another, we should at the same time protect ourselves, by carrying an accident or sick benefit policy, and try to build up our local treasury.

The daylight special was called to order by Worthy Chief Bro. Ross at 10 a. m., seventy-one brothers being present, including our visitors, Bros. H. B. Perham, President; Bro. T. M. Pierson, Second Vice-President; Bro. George Joslin, member Board of Directors; Bro. E. J. Manion, General Chairman of the New Haven lines and several brothers from Divisions Nos. 35, 29, 104 and 41.

Bro. Perham was introduced to the members by Bro. Ross, and was given a hearty welcome. He addressed us for over an hour, giving the brothers the benefit of his experience as a member of the O. R. T. since it was first organized. He also referred to what has been accomplished in the past and what he expected to see the Order accomplish in the future. He also explained the Railway Department of the American Federation, and touched on a number of other topics in connection with union labor in general, and the O. R. T. in particular.

After Bro. Perham's address, a recess of twenty minutes was taken to allow those present to partake of refreshments. After we had lighted up our "weeds," Bro. Pierson was presented to the boys. You could hardly say he was introduced, as any telegrapher who don't know "Tom," is behind the times to quite an extent. He gave the boys some good fatherly advice, with his customary story thrown in for good measure.

Bro. Joslin was next on the list of speakers, but as he had to leave early to catch a train he could only say a few words.

Our own "Doc" was next. He was right there "with the goods" as usual, and talked to the boys for about fifteen minutes. The meeting then adjourned at 1 p. m. until 8 p. m.

At the evening session there were eighty-four brothers present. The same program as in the morning was carried out. Everybody present had the pleasure of shaking Bro. Perham's hand, and having a little chat with him. It was certainly a banner meeting for Division No. 89, and I think it is safe to say that it was one of Bro. Perham's largest audiences on his trip through the east.

The regular November night meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. on the 6th, by Worthy Chief Bro. Ross. All the officers present, except First Vice Bro. Cushman, Past Chief Fenwick and Second Vice Bro. Pierce. Twenty-four other members were in attendance. Brothers, as it is getting cold now and all of the parks and summer resorts are closed, you had better settle down to business again and come around to the meetings, if you want to get next to what is going on.

Six applications were submitted to committees of investigation, and they will be balloted upon at the next daylight meeting.

A committee of three was appointed by the chair to arrange for the printing of our by-laws, as they have been adopted by the division and approved by President Bro. Perham.

The bill for the expenses of the two special meetings on October 11th, the occasion of Bro. Perham's visit was brought in by the committee

of three and the amount \$54.00 allowed. We all felt that this was money well spent as the committee set a nice collation, serving about 160 members all told. Everybody had plenty, and a nice time was enjoyed by all present. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

The November daylight meeting was called to order by Worthy Chief Ross at 10 a. m. Nearly all the officers being present. Six applications were favorably balloted on, and one submitted to a committee of investigation.

There was an unusually large attendance at this meeting, some forty odd members being present, among which a number of new faces were seen, a feature most pleasing to note. It is hoped they will be regular attendants in the future. Worthy Bros. Manion and Mullen, our favorite speakers were also present, from whom we received some good sound advice, including a lecture on obedience and discretion. Bro. Manion also informed us of the work of the General Committee, and stated that the information blanks will be ready for distribution some time in the near future.

The by-law committee rendered its report in full. We are to have a set of by-laws printed in book form, and each member will receive a copy.

There was some lively discussion "Under Good of the Order." The brothers are not slow in bringing up their grievances, and it is surprising to note how various and many there are.

Midland Division—

Well, boys, there is only one more non on this end of the Midland and he has promised to be with us the first of January. Now we want to get busy on the Willimantic Branch and at three or four stations on the Norwich and Worcester. If we will look after these nons, Bro. Leete will take care of them west of Willimantic. With only a little effort, we can sit back in a couple of months and say "SOLID." Now altogether, brothers. Let us establish a precedent on this division for the other divisions to follow.

W. H. Graham has been assigned to the agency at West Thompson. Understand he wore a button at one time. Well, he wants to get another one. They are the only thing to wear.

Mr. Provost, of South bridge, has bid in first trick at Central Village. I hope we will soon be able to call him brother.

Bro. Pendleton has bid in agency at Franklin, succeeding Mr. Baldwin, who has been promoted to the agency at Putname, Conn.

Bro. Murphy has been promoted from second telegrapher to the ticket agency at Franklin.

It is pleasing to note that the interior of the East Douglas office is 100 per cent better, since Bro. Travers has been stationed there.

Bro. Bardol has returned to work on second trick at Franklin tower after three weeks' lay-off, on account of being injured while alighting from a passenger train at Franklin station.

Div. Cor.

Chicago Div., No. 91.

Our November meeting, on November 27th, had a crowded house. General Chairman Soyster, of Division No. 23, was with us, and made a good talk. First Vice-President Newman, who is one of our stand-bys, was also with us, and, as usual, had something of interest to say. Not the least important was the report of the dance committee. We have decided to hold it on the night of February 3d, at the Drill Hall, Masonic Temple. Tickets will only be 50 cents for each member, and as many ladies as he wishes to bring, so when you hear from the committee be ready with your half dollar to send right back for the ticket we will mail you. Members of other divisions will be heartily welcome, and we want everyone who can to come. The Drill Hall is one of the best in Chicago and the location is such that all depots and all parts of the city can be reached by either elevated trains or street cars, quickly.

C. & W. I. Ry.

We were all glad to see some items from Division No. 91 in last issue, so will come again with the few notes I have been able to gather.

Bro. F. W. Jacobs, agent at Dolton, was referred to as Mr. Jacobs, a new man. No offense was intended, brother, but had not learned that you were an old O. R. T. man. We certainly are glad to have men like Bro. Jacobs come to this division, as we need some good, live members.

Bro. Guy Brown has landed first "AU" 75th St. tower; Bro. A. A. Jacob working second and Roy Brown third.

Bro. A. S. Crippen is at first "CU" 112th St. tower. Bro. E. E. Conley, first at "GS" 16th St. tower.

We are all sorry to learn of the illness of Bro. E. O. Jacobson, third "RS" 47th St. tower, and wish him a speedy recovery. Understand Bro. Walley is compelled to double up, on account of the scarcity of telegraphers.

Organizer Turner is certainly doing good work. With a little help from the boys along the line, we should be able to make 91 one of the strongest local divisions in the country. There is nothing helps so much as individual effort. If the boys will make it a point to speak a good word to non-members at every opportunity, no doubt we will soon have them all in the fold.

CART. 409.

Elmira Div., No. 100.

Owing to our correspondent having writer's paralysis no write-up of this division has appeared in print for some time. Bro. Phillips, of Horseheads, our correspondent, has run out of ink and the ribbon on his typewriter is no good. Bro. Wood, local chairman, uses "Bill's" mill and it's locked up. On September 14th, Bro. C. R. Elliott resigned as secretary and treasurer, and on October 26th, Bro. T. M. Seem, resigned as Chief Telegrapher. Bros. D. R. Dunning and E. A. Johnson were elected respectively to fill their unex-

pired terms. Their addresses appear in the division directory in the rear of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. C. R. Elliott has been appointed train dispatcher.

Bro. Utz is copying for Elmira division on third, and Bro. Dunning is working in message room "QC," Elmira.

Bro. A. P. Furman, who has been very ill of typhoid fever at his home in Gillett, is now gaining and getting along as well as can be expected.

Bro. M. M. Parsons, Elmira freight office, while off on sick leave, went to Washington, D. C., but has returned and is getting better.

Bro. O. E. Miller, of Trout Run, was married recently.

We miss Bro. Fox at the meetings since being appointed agent at Marsh Hill Junction. We hope that this good brother, also Bro. Hallorans and Bro. Skelly, at Ralston, will not forget that the meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

Sister Cupp should hand us in two applications from Minnequa before long.

Being my first attempt and my knowledge limited as to the doings on the road will ring off.

"RO."

Philadelphia Div., No. 102.

The return of prosperity shows that the Reading has about attained the height it reached during the banner year before the panic and the Penna. R. R. is enjoying the same favorable conditions. The Schuylkill Division of the latter has advertised eight additional crews for its ninety mile stretch.

We welcome this condition of affairs. Although it means much more work for us and less sleep for the owls, still we are glad to be able to have the increased toil. A year ago it appeared that the only thing to do was to stop running trains and use the whole division for storage tracks; mains as well as sidings.

The boys on the W. & N. Branch of the Reading have gained a signal victory. After a long struggle, they have at last succeeded in getting two relief days each month. The movement was started by members of the Order, the nons signed their names to the petition, and it went through all right.

If the nons would all make an effort to get up-to-date cards, and not depend entirely on the members of the Order to take the first step in matters affecting their improvement and working conditions, we would soon be enjoying all the benefits of unionism. When men appeal in a body then they can anticipate results. Individual effort is like the bite of a mosquito, annoying but not in the least serious.

It is with the deepest regret that we chronicle the death of former brother, Alan H. Knerr, of Collegeville. Following a short illness from typhoid peritonitis ensued and death followed in a few days.

Mr. Knerr was one of our most enthusiastic members and we deeply deplore the conditions

that compelled him to resign from the Order. Although not in the division, still he was one of the staunchest adherents. The bereaved family has the sincere sympathy of the division.

Because all the changes made, are by men not connected with the Order, it must not be thought that this is on account of not having any of our men on the road, as we are in a flourishing condition. The explanation seems to be that membership in the Order makes a man settled and satisfied with his position, and that the love of change is confined to the nons.

Mr. Gilliard has taken the daylight trick at Wissahickon, Mr. Parsons having accepted the agency at Fern Rock. Mr. Wood has taken Mr. Parsons' place on second at Carsons.

Mr. Love, of Conshohocken, nights, has left the Reading, presumably to go to the Erie.

"SZILLOW."

Hagerstown Div., No. 106.

C. V. R. R. Division—

Halfway office, which has been closed for nearly two years, will be re-opened shortly.

The boys on the C. V. sympathize with Bro. Schleicher, at "HN" whose father was a resident of Hagerstown for about 30 years previous to his death. A wreath emblematical of the Order, and many other beautiful floral designs, were placed on his grave. Bro. Schleicher was relieved by Bro. Minnich of "HJ" tower, during his absence, owing to his father's death.

Bro. Trace, Newville, on ten days' vacation recently, spent at Wilmington, Del., and Bellmawr, N. J., was relieved by Mr. Souders.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Jarrett, "CD" Chambersburg, have traded tricks.

Mrs. Wright, "FJ" tower, Chambersburg yard, assisted in the dispatchers' office, there during the Hagerstown fair.

Bro. Hursh, Newville, visited friends in Tamaqua, Pa., recently.

Bro. Kauffman, of Division No. 9, attended the Detroit-Athletic games in Philadelphia, while on his recent vacation.

Bro. Hines, "BY" tower, Berkley, has gone to the B. & O., second division.

There have probably been more changes recently than are enumerated here, and if the boys would just take a little trouble, we would be able to have something each month in THE TELEGRAPHER.

I am indebted to Bro. Trace, at Newville, for most of the items in this writeup. Div. Cor.

Addison Div., No. 108.

District No. 1—

Brethren: Kindly take notice your card for the current term expires December 31st. You will do the Secretary a favor by sending him your dues on receipt of the first notice and save him the extra work of sending you several notices.

Bro. Riley, of Belfast, is on a vacation of several weeks. The last "OS" from him, was at Jenks, Okla.

Bro. Cummings, of Newfield Junction, occasionally runs down the line, some say he goes fishing near Sandusky. Must be something rather attractive to get "smokey" off the hill.

Bro. Holland, of Addison, has been visiting his brother at Arcade. Bro. Holland is now working on the Erie R. R. He was a B. & S. man for a number of years.

I would like to call the brothers' attention to the fact that in order to have interesting items appear in THE TELEGRAPHER it is very important that each and every member furnish his local chairman a few items. They may not seem much to you, or it may be after you once hear of them, you may not care to see them again in print, but please remember they may afford interesting news for some other brother. So do the best you can.

District No. 2—

C. P. Streeter, East Summit, nights, is on a two weeks' vacation in the lower part of the State.

Boys, do each of you have application blanks that you can hand to your fellow-men at your place or near by. Under the conditions now, it is hard work for your local chairman to call on the nons.

The November meeting was not as largely attended if more could have secured relief. Boys, do your best to get out to our meetings. You cannot become acquainted with the workings of the Order, unless you attend the meetings.

If you are not able to be present at our December meeting show us that you are right on the job, by sending Bro. Jacobs the little dues and have a new card.

Boys, you seem slow in sending in any items, write them on a card if no other way, and send to your chairman, so we can have a good report. We cannot fail unless we quit.

District No. 3—

Sister Verna Corbett, second at Sinnemahoning, has returned from a ten-day vacation, being relieved by Miss Burlingame, second Lushbaugh, who was relieved by Mrs. W. R. Essington.

Bro. Allen Johnson, first Medix Run, captured a large wild goose and invited Bro. Stoner, third at Tyler, to participate in the feast. Bro. Stoner will tell you the rest.

Third at Lushbaugh reopened on account of increased business, filled by Miss Scull.

Div. Cor.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular October meeting was held in the St. Charles Hall, Emporium, on the 21st inst., and we are glad to report a good attendance. Among those present were S. T. Goodwin, Chief O'Leary and Bro. Vought, of Emporium; Bro. McCartan, of Renovo; Bros. Russell and Perry

of Keating and Bro. Heck, of Division No. 135, was a welcome visitor.

Three new members were received into the Order and Bro. L. C. Bryant, of Rathbun, was transferred from Division No. 135. We welcome the new brothers and extend to them the hand of brotherhood and all the courtesies of the fraternity.

We have 101 members now in good standing, but there are still some who are behind in their dues and hope 'ere this write-up appears that they will have paid up their dues and are again in good standing.

Keeping in good standing in the Order is as great an obligation as supplying the family with food and clothing, for without the Order we would be scrimping and figuring how we could eke out a scanty existence and working twelve hours per day at that.

Brothers, Labor Unionism has come to stay, so let us be in the front rank all the time.

We would like to see more interest in the Kane meetings. There should be a better attendance at these west-end meetings as some of our most loyal members are located in that section.

We are requested by the officers and members of the Division to ask the Thorsten Sisters at Kane to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order. There is nothing that will equal the Auxiliary in increasing our membership and interesting our ladies.

If the wives and daughters of some of the old "nons" on the Renovo Division, who have been enjoying the benefits secured by organization, without contributing, will become interested, the result will be a happy surprise to all. To quote the old saying, "the hand that cooks the dinner is the hand that rules the world." Long life to the women, and long life to the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Sister Fisher, of Howards, has returned from a month's vacation, visiting friends in the East.

Bro. Wiggins, of Howards, is enjoying a ten days' vacation, taking advantage of the hunting season.

Our worthy chief, Bro. O'Leary, accompanied by his wife and daughter, is enjoying a visit with his brother in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bro. Luke Griskey, of Kane, is doing relief work in the Superintendent's office, Renovo, for a few weeks. When it comes to heavy relay work he always delivers the goods.

Bro. Evans, of Emporium, has been assigned to Garland until further notice.

Bro. Goodwin, first, Scabonda, while enjoying the championship games in Pittsburg and Detroit, was relieved by Mr. Cupp.

Bro. Hovis, third, Sheffield, transferred to second trick, "CD" tower. Clarendon; relieved by Mr. Hammel.

Telegrapher Moran, first, "OD" tower, Erie, while on a fishing trip was relieved by Mr. Snyder.

Bro. Schroff, third, "PR" tower, Preston, who has been with the Company for the past fifteen years, has resigned and accepted a position with the Rock Island at Rockford, Ariz. While we hate to lose Bro. Schroff, yet we congratulate him on securing a better position and wish him every

success. He was relieved by Bro. S. W. Johnson, of Wetmore.

Sister Geary, of Kane, while enjoying a few days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Huling.

Sister Clara Thorsten, of "Z" office, Kane, is enjoying a week's vacation; relieved by Mr. Cupp.

Bro. Crawford, of "EY" telephone office, Kane, relieved Mr. Johnson at Tambine for two weeks.

Bro. M. L. Vought, of Emporium, has returned from a pleasant visit in Erie and Kane.

Bro. Lindquist, second, Sheffield, while visiting friends in Renovo was relieved by Mr. McArdle.

Bro. Johnson, of Preston, has bid in Ludow. first trick.

Bro. Johnson, of "VE" tower, Brockwayville, is fitting up a residence on Main street, and from the pains he is taking we know he is not going to remain a bachelor much longer. As we know the fair one whom his heart is set on, we are glad to extend congratulations.

I am in receipt of a communication from a telegrapher on the east end, who has his application ready to become a member, but understand that the girl of his choice refuses to "come across" until the gentleman has a button on. We believe when she sees these verses published and knows that he has joined and can now wear a button that everything will be "sunshine forever after."

TO NELL:

"All this world I would give,
All that is mine;
Just to be once more with thee,
And kneel at thy shrine.
Forsake friends and loved ones, all, yes even home;
I would leave all behind, dear, for just you alone.
The days are so long and the nights are so drear,
But all would be sunshine, with you, Nellie, near.
My heart is so sad and cast down with pain,
I pray for the time when I'll see you again.
How long it may be, fate only can tell,
But I trust that the time will be short, my dear Nell."

Having been in double harness for fifteen years we do justice to the young man, but we hope everything may come out all right.

While Bro. Sullivan, of Shawmut, was in Buffalo recently, he was accosted by a well-dressed man on Main Street who mistook him for John Kirby, Jr., the bellicose president of the Manufacturers Association. Bro. Sullivan unbuttoned his overcoat with one hand and drew out his up-to-date card with the other and the man fled toward Buffalo Creek, while Bro. Sullivan hurried to a barber shop and sacrificed his beautiful flowing beard. The incident induces us to quote the following by Plymouth Rock:

A bellicose gent they call Kirby
Is trying to fill Van Cleave's derby,
With Parry and Post, he openly boasts
That he'll twist Labor's tail, he's quite nervy.
But Organized Labor don't worry,
From him no favors they curry,
He may roar and shout how he'll put us to rout,
But his finish will come in a hurry.

Let us resolve to attend meetings better in the future and keep up our dues. Use nothing but union label goods and boost the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Bro. L. E. Daugherty, of Kane, wishes to thank the members of the Division for their great kindness to him during the sickness and death of his beloved wife.

We thank Bros. Goodwin and Barner for their contributions to this write-up and wish others would send us all the news they have up to the 15th of each month. Div. Cor.

Annapolis Royal Div., No. 114.

Dominion Atlantic Ry.—

Division No. 114 has been organized almost two years.

Before we had an organization on the D. A. Ry. we had to work all day and a part of the night, and all night some of the nights. Got no more for it. But since the grand old O. R. T. has come into power we have a twelve-hour system, and after working our tricks we get paid for overtime.

I have been a member about one year and am proud of it. I read every issue of the RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER thoroughly and find that the D. A. Ry. is behind in being represented, I thought I would send in these few lines in the hope of waking up some of the brothers on this road.

CERT. 22.

Shamokin Div., No. 117.

Some of the brothers have from time to time spoken seriously of dropping the Order. Claiming that, while the organization had without doubt brought many increases in salaries and secured many schedules, etc., yet every raise was invariably followed by a corresponding advance in the cost of the necessities of life. So that now after all these years of vigorous effort we are actually worse off than we were when we began.

As a member who has battled in the ranks of the O. R. T. for a decade, never heeding the word halt, I am ready to concede the above assertion, with the possible exception of the nine-hour day. I am fully aware of the fact that I am not as well off today, receiving twenty dollars per month more, than I was ten years ago. But the most illiterate dago, I am sure, could not fail to understand that I should have to pay this same increased cost of living whether or not my salary had been raised a single penny. And there is not a member, or a non for that matter, whose skull is so thick that he does not know that the O. R. T. secured him this higher salary.

Where would we be today with your wage of ten years ago? Or where would we be without the organization that secured for you these increases from time to time? And then remember we are not mentioning the nine-hour day and the various other good things.

Perhaps the Unions are at fault; I am sure they are not perfect. I do not believe that they will ever secure for the worker the full product of his toil, and until then we should not be, we

will not be satisfied. But to drop your Order now at this critical stage would be the very height of folly.

The Hall's Automatic Block Signal has been extended north to Gordon, it is now in operation from Buck Mountain to Gordon and is giving good service.

Gordon "GK" office has been moved north about one-fourth of a mile from its former location. This is not so pleasant for the boys at this office.

The new signal tower at Milton was put in service a few weeks since. This greatly increases the duties of the brothers at that point.

Opr. Coughlin, regular second trick man at Mahy Plane, works at Tamaqua "DS" during colliery suspensions.

Opr. Maurer is back at Locust Summit, after a rest of a few weeks.

J. H. Cupp, station hand, at Alaska, has taken up telegraphy. "Hen" will learn that it takes more brains to handle the guttapercha knob than it does to hustle freight.

Telegrapher McLaughlin relieved at Shenandoah for a few weeks.

Mr. Lutz, formerly of P. & R., but at the present with the W. U., in Philadelphia, called on some of his old friends around N. B. Junction, recently.

Bro. Lyons called on his mother at Minersville, recently.

Bro. Klingler, of N. B. Junction, spent Sunday, recently, at Lewisburg.

Some of the brothers think it would be a good idea to have an organizer to coover this division. I think it would be well, but in the meantime don't forget that individual effort will work wonders.

Now, brothers, let us have more notes. Surely with your assistance we can make these columns more interesting. CERT. 17.

North Adams Div., No. 139.

On account of the increase of business recently Williamstown yard has been used to switch west-bound cars, East Deerfield not being able to handle them.

"Rankin" the young son of Bro. Miller, agent "FA" Valley Falls, injured by the explosion of a shot gun recently, had three fingers amputated from the right hand.

Bro. Oliver, third, "PI," has resigned and gone to the General Electric Co., at Schenectady; relieved by Bro. Hoag, while advertised.

Bro. Hodgeboon, third "DX" Shelburne Falls, resigned, bid in by Bro. Brown, and Mr. Wholly holding it while advertised.

Mr. Henessy bid in third at "CH" Charlemont.

Miss Smith worked second at "HA" Schaghticoke, while Bro. Quick relieved Bro. Brownell on third at "QS," Crescent. On the return of the latter Bro. Quick was sent to "DK" master mechanic's office. Mr. Glass is covering third at "HA" Schaghticoke.

Mr. Wickham, third at "XN," Hoosick Junction, Crossovers, who run for sheriff of Rensselaer county on the prohibition ticket, is at the Hoosick agency in place of Bro. Potter, away on business.

Bro. Nesbitt, third at "HJ" Hoosick Junction; relieved Mr. Wickham and Walter H. Meade in place of Bro. Nesbitt.

Bro. Spanburg, first, "BR," Eagle Bridge, was assigned to "JU," Mohawk river bridge, while the trouble was being cleared up at that point.

I. B. Houghton, for 25 years agent at "X," Williamstown, confined to his bed; relieved by J. J. O'Neil as acting agent. Bro. Downing assigned to clerical work, Miss Smith of "PN" Pownal, relieving the latter.

Miss Martha Erwin clerk at Williamstown, an "old timer," has resigned. She was operator at "CH" Charlemont 15 years ago for the Fitchburg.

Bros. Lake and Woodlock, first and third at "K" Greenfield, took in the Williams-Amherst football game at Williamstown.

Bro. Doble has returned from the N. Y. C. to Williamstown yard. F. V. N.

South Amboy Div., No. 149.

There are a few brothers on this end of the division who are doing an injustice to themselves as well as the men who are working to make it solid by condemning the Order at large. If it is the officers you are sore on, kindly read section 40, page 59, of the Constitution.

Now, brothers, cut the knocking out and put your shoulder to the wheel. We are working for your advancement as well as our own and hope to have this end of the division solid by the first of the year. Hustle and get as many "nons" in by New Year as possible. Let's start the year 1910 solid, and we will have no trouble in getting what we are after. Talk O. R. T. all the time. If you have a "non" working with you keep after him until you land him. This is your fight. "Don't knock, but boost."

There is one thing that helps us and the general committee's efforts with the officials more than anything else, and that is "attending" to business. Now that we have secured what we have labored years for, i. e., the eight-hour law, don't let indifference and the "don't care" spirit interfere with our future success. Show the company you mean to do what is right. Do all you can to assist in the movement of trains and promote the company's interests, and there is not the least doubt but that they will appreciate it by giving to our representatives an attentive hearing when they go before them.

The "nons" have all promised to be in line by the first of the year. It is inconceivable how a man with the intelligence that a telegrapher is supposed to have, who has an idea of modern industrial conditions, can remain outside the fold. A man must be lacking in intelligence as not to be able to realize his utter insignificance as an individual when brought face to face with the great

forces of organized capital. When he cannot think for himself, he becomes a mere tool in the hands of organized employers.

A large number of applications will be ready for the December meeting, when we hope to see our South Amboy brothers present.

It is a hopeful sign when such men as Bros. Owens, Hadley, Rhoades and Van Culin on the F. & J. begin taking an interest in building up the division.

Mr. Nixon, the agent at Dayton, is a foe to organized labor. He don't seem to have enough principle to answer a letter enclosing a stamped envelope. He not only refuses to become a member but instructs all the students turned out by him not to join. Brothers, it would be good thing to remember this man.

Bro. Hamer, agent at Spotswood, while on his vacation in the Western States, was relieved by Bro. A. L. Brown, first trick, who was relieved by Mr. Breen, from Dayton.

Bro. Kuntz, second at "GO," is a great lover of the field and stream. Any brother who wishes a day's outing, fishing and hunting should consult him.

Bro. Jolly has transferred from Division No. 84, and will have a good chance to talk to the nons now.

Bro. Diblin, has transferred to No. 149. There are a few more brothers on this end that should come our way. Try and make No. 149 the banner division.

Bro. McDonald has gone to "BY" office, a first-class man on a first-class job.

CORRESPONDENT.

Wabash Ry.

Springfield Division—

Ere these items greet your eyes the Wabash Railway General Committee will be using their best efforts to secure a revised schedule and wage scale for the telegraphers on the banner route.

The stronger the support given the committee the more encouragement they will have to work in your interest. There are so many things that we are entitled to to place us on a parity with men in other vocations that it is beyond our hopes to attain them all at once, but the paramount issue seems to be "more money," and considering the increases granted men in other departments we feel as though we had a right to expect something along this line. Would like to start the year with a new schedule that is up to date with 1910 methods of railroading.

Mr. T. Rice Smith, who has for many years been ticket agent at Jacksonville, has been appointed city passenger agent at Jacksonville and entered upon his new duties November 8th. His wife, Mrs. A. B. Smith, who has held the position as first trick operator at Jacksonville, has also resigned, effective same date. Mrs. Smith is the senior telegrapher on the telegraphers' seniority list of this division, her seniority dating from September 18, 1865, but the ticket agency at Jacksonville is now held by a Mr. Evans, from the

Springfield ticket office. Our superintendent has ruled that Jacksonville ticket agency is an exclusive agency and that the schedule is in error in listing this position as agent and telegrapher, as the agent never has been the telegrapher. This is the reason no bulletin was issued.

The depot at Griggsville was burned October 9th, about 4 a. m. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark from a passing train.

Our write-up for October reached the Editor too late and the items sent in at that time were published in the November issue.

The time is drawing near for another meeting with the company and we are looking for some of the good things we have been anxiously waiting a long time.

The "personal mention" item in September journal regarding the birth of a daughter to Bro. H. W. Frederick was incorrect and we desire to apologize for the error.

The general manager's special passed over the division on October 23, en route to Chicago.

The annual bridge inspection was made about the middle of November. A special train carried the party which consisted of division officials.

Bro. Geo. K. Taylor, temporarily holding the agency at Curran, which was on bulletin recently. No appointment made as yet.

Mr. W. L. Ritchie assigned the agency at Illiopolis, made vacant by the resignation of Bro. J. J. Hatfield, who has accepted a position in an Illiopolis bank.

Bro. F. O. Stehman bid in third trick at Berlin; has been relieving Bro Taylor at Quincy for several weeks past while the latter was touring the West.

Bro. S. C. Moats, who recently bid in the agency at Buffalo, has been assigned the agency at Baylis, made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Edom to enter the civil service.

Bro. A. M. Zimmerman temporarily acting as agent at Baylis until the regular appointment was made.

Bro. J. J. Hatfield, agent Illiopolis, off recently attending court; was relieved by Bro. Abbott, first Riverton, Mr. Bales relieving Bro. Abbott. Later on Bro. Hatfield tendered his resignation to accept a position as cashier in the Illiopolis bank. We are sorry to lose Bro. Hatfield, but wish him great success. This is the second instance recently that one of the brothers on this division has severed his connection with the Wabash to accept a position of responsibility in another vocation. Mr. Bales is now doing the telegraphing and Bro. Hatfield the station work at Illiopolis until an assignment can be made.

Bro. J. W. Anderson, while on his vacation, was relieved by E. E. Hatfield.

Bro. V. W. Schuessler, third at Iles, on two months leave on account of his health, is being relieved by Mr. Raines, second, Riverton, who was relieved by H. L. Adams, a new man from Camp Point.

Mr. Colson, third, Lanesville, has resigned, and been relieved by M. B. Stead, from Griggsville.

Bro. Geo. Fitzpatrick, from Kinderhook, is relieving Agent Unglaub at Carthage, who has taken a six months' vacation on account of his health.

Horace Arnold is temporarily on third at Baylis.

Mr. Ray Holt, of Baylis, temporarily working as agent at Buffalo until an assignment is made. This vacancy caused by Bro. Moat's transfer to Baylis.

Bro. A. M. Zimmerman taking a short vacation after being relieved as agent at Baylis and before resuming his regular work as second trick operator at that place.

Bro. V. W. Schuessler relieved Bro. J. W. Henderson for a few days on first trick, Bluffs.

Extra Telegrapher Stead bid in second trick, Lanesville.

Extra Telegrapher Proffitt, from third trick, Berlin, now working third at Lanesville.

Bro. Kent Taylor, who has been out in the West for his health, says he saw many things of interest while away and he is looking fine. The mountain breezes surely agree with him.

Bro. Cenrey, third at Shops, was off one night recently; relieved by Bro. Taylor.

J. M. Suter, agent at Lawson, was off duty a couple of weeks recently; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Bales.

Opr. Proffitt, third trick, Lanesville, is laying off a few days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher H. L. Adams, from second trick at Riverton.

Extra Telegrapher Hancock has returned to second stunt at Riverton after an extended vacation, during which a visit of the stork was made and left him papa.

Bro. W. N. Dean working second trick, Baylis, while Bro. Zimmerman held forth as agent. H. Arnold, extra telegrapher, relieving Bro. Dean.

Mr. Sanson, formerly agent at Gibson, Ill., the newly-appointed traveling freight inspector, was over our division recently.

Bro. Geo. East has resumed work at Naples, apparently none the worse for his accident in Colorado.

CERT. 957.

Moberly Division—

There has been no write-up from this division for a long time, but we are still alive and expect to be solid O. R. T. before the first of the year.

The Wabash has been very unlucky just east of Bedison, having two wrecks at the same place recently, and the dispatcher has also been having some trouble with the trains at Evona.

I am sorry to say we have a school on the high line at Whitham. Some one should get after the man there and see what can be done to show him that he is doing himself as well as the rest of us a great injury. It seems almost impossible that any man in his right mind would pursue such a course. Our pay is now about \$10.00 below that of any of the other roads and unless we get together we can do nothing towards bettering our condition. Business is good and telegraphing very heavy and we should have more money. We stand a good show to get something, too, if we will all get busy. Let us try to get our lines up good before the first of the year so we will be

strong enough to meet Mr. Miller in St. Louis about that date.

There is a new man at Burlington Junction and some one close to him should get after him and try to get him in.

Mr. Meeker, third at Council Bluffs, resigned and went West after some of that good land they are giving away. He was relieved by Mr. Benedict, from the K. C. S. Ry. After the drawing Mr. Meeker returned to Council Bluffs to work for the C. M. & St. P.

Mr. Powell, second at Council Bluffs, traded tricks with Mr. Benedict.

Mr. Baldock has returned from a month's vacation.

There have been some changes made at Shenandoah, but am unable to give them in detail.

Now, boys, get every man that you are working with in and if you are close to a man who is not in get after him at once and we will furnish you with the application papers. "MC."

Decatur Division—

It is about time for the committee to make its annual visit to St. Louis. Does this committee represent you? Are you behind it? Are you willing to accept any privileges this committee secures for you? If you are, then you should have an up-to-date card in your pocket and pull like you meant business. Get the nons in now.

The amount of doubling that has been going on at Granite City, Edwardsville Junction and other points for some time, mean a scarcity of good telegraphers. There is a good chance for about a dozen on this line now.

There are two extra men working in "XD" on account of Bro. Harwood resigning. Some of you old heads should get busy. That is the right road to promotion.

Bro. H. L. Aikman, Litchfield, resigned; relieved by Bro. Gibson, who resigned to take relay job with I. C.; relieved by Telegrapher E. J. Koretz.

Bro. Sihler, Worden, has resigned to take another position with the Big Four at "WO" tower.

Agent Sanson, Gibson, promoted to freight inspector and that agency bulletined. It is a good job.

I have received no items from any of the boys recently, but hope they will send me some news for a good write-up next month.

Bro. M. O. Nelson, second at Ashburn, is now at Landers; relieved by Bro. J. C. Johnson, and Telegrapher White on third at Ashburn.

Sister Foster, second at Wing, has returned from a short vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Price.

Bro. Ben Singleton attended the funeral of Mr. Hallahan, of Wing.

Bro. J. T. Higdon while on an extended tour South was relieved by Telegrapher W. G. Baker, of Peach Orchard, Ark., who has promised to come in soon.

Bro. C. L. Logsdon, second at Reddick, relieved by Bro. Higdon, is now handling the agency at Palmer, his home town.

We are all proud of Bro. E. T. Johnson, of Reddick, whose quick work saved a young lady from being crushed beneath a north-bound passenger train.

There are a number of new operators coming on the line and we should get busy.

Our committee is going to St. Louis soon and expects to do something this time.

"Rox."

Peru Division—

November 3 No. 96 and extra 2010 west met head-on between the east switch and depot at Logansport, causing one of the most damaging wrecks the Wabash has had for some time, taking several hours to clear the main track. Engineer J. C. Humphrey, of Decatur, Ill., was caught in his engine and scalded so badly by the steam that he died a few hours later. J. C. Burgner, fireman, and W. R. Walton, brakeman, also of Decatur, and George Pritchard, of Peru, Ind., were seriously injured. Engineer on extra west was unable to stop in time to avoid the collision.

Carl Modericker, telegrapher and ticket clerk at Wabash, Ind., was run over and fatally injured by No. 90 on November 6th at 2:30 p. m., while attempting to cross the track ahead of the train. Bro. Jno. Kieff is working first trick at Wabash until it is accepted on bulletin. Messrs. Underwood and Dowe relieved on second and third while T. A. and A. Modericker attended the funeral of their brother.

Bro. L. Hanson, third Williamsport, has returned from a thirty days' vacation in the West and Northwest without any bears. His relief, Mr. Goozeman, was arrested and fined for a statutory offense and left for parts unknown.

Bro. Shutt, of Delphi, returned from his trip to the Northwest and called a meeting at La Fayette on the evening of November 26th, which was well attended, some fifteen brothers being present. It is hoped that great good will result from the action taken. Considerable discussion was had in regard to increased compensation. The system federation was also discussed at some length. As the committee is expected to convene soon for a revision of the schedule, there was a lively detailed discussion of conditions over the division in general, but the Second District in particular, almost every office of the district being represented.

It was suggested that we have a social meeting soon, to include members and their families. Think this over. It might be that we can organize the ladies into the Auxiliary, and no telling, then, what great times we will have.

The following are open for bids: First at Hugo, second at Newell, third at New Haven, Wabash, Lafayette and Andrews yard, and the agency at Wauscon.

G. L. Edwards, third Westpoint, bid in Maumee, and Mr. Dowe bid in third and Bro. G. W. Patrick has bid in second at Westpoint.

Bro. Dunwoody, who has been working days at Newell, has assumed his regular trick there, and Bro. Chase bid in the day trick on bulletin.

Bro. Bechtal, third Lafayette, has been checked in at Antwerp.

Bro. Fullen, Okolona, off recently on account of sickness, was relieved by J. M. Underwood.

Bro. Harris, Roanoke, while off attending a funeral, was relieved by Bro. A. W. Bailey.

Bro. Barto is on third "C," Ft. Wayne, Mr. Miller being sick; Mr. Seiren relieved Bro. Barto at "CD" tower.

Bro. D. C. Burke, of Logansport, has a fine new auto.

Sister V. M. Baker has returned to "CD" tower, Ft. Wayne, after several months' absence.

Bro. Devite, of Grabill, off a few days recently; was relieved by Mr. Underwood.

Bro. E. R. Harding, Chicago, visited his wife's folks at State Line on his vacation.

Bro. Ribble, West Lebanon, while on a recent trip to Chicago, was relieved by Mr. Hammond.

Bro. Hetrick, State Line, off a few days recently; relieved by Mr. Dowe, from Delphi, who will be a brother soon.

Mr. Parker, West Peru, off a few days recently; was relieved by Mr. Hammond, of the B. & O. Bro. Edson, West Peru, on vacation; is being relieved by Mr. Dowe, from Delphi.

CORRESPONDENT.

Grand Trunk Ry.

Brothers: By the time the December journal reaches you, Division dues notice and remittance slips for the new term, namely, January 1st to June 30th, 1910, will be mailed to all members, and when you take into consideration the movement now on foot, which all no doubt are aware of, it should be unnecessary for me to go into detail and request you to be prompt with your remittance. Let it be sufficient to say that we need your financial, as well as moral support to the full. Therefore, please be prompt in this matter and secure an up-to-date card for the ensuing term in good time.

Also members holding insurance in the Mutual Benefit Department will please bear in mind, that assessments in that department are now paid in the same manner as division dues—that is, semi-annually. Insurance assessments should be remitted to Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo., and division dues to the undersigned.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally,

D. L. SHAW, G. S. & T.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division—

Boys, the time is almost ripe for another schedule. What are you doing toward keeping in line and getting in the nons. If every one would lend a helping hand we would soon have them all in the fold and keep them there.

Bro. Caver, agent at Wheelers, has resumed work.

Bro. Roberson, agent at Ramer, has returned to work.

Bro. Barr, agent at McNairey, off a few days; was relieved by W. R. Barr.

Mr. Adams, ticket agent at Humboldt, was off a few days; relieved by Mr. Duncan.

Bro. Beadles, agent at Berkeley, is now able to work again.

Bro. Hatley, agent Laketon, off a few days on account of sickness; was relieved by Mr. Hern, from Dyer.

Bro. Clark was the successful bidder on second trick, Baldwin.

Agency at Fruitland is not on bulletin. We are very sorry to see Bro. Hardcastle leave us.

Brothers, try and send me a few items not later than the 15th, so we can have a good write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each month. Div. Cor.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.

Illinois Division—

Brothers, it is to our interest to get up and hustle and see that the non next to us gets into the Order, if we ever expect to be 100 per cent strong and obtain better results.

We should arrange to meet at least one night a month. This would strengthen the bond of friendship and enable us to understand each other better. We would soon learn to look forward to each meeting night with an interest heretofore unknown. Let's get together and get busy, and remember the motto, "No Card, No Favors."

Bro. Pyle, of Bell City, is trying to locate the person who threw a stone at No. 372 Sunday evening, October 31st, and hit Brakeman Moon in the eye, which will probably result in his losing it.

There are so many changes among the agents that it keeps C. L. Joslyn, our Traveling Auditor, quite busy.

Bro. T. R. Nicks bumped Mr. Renfro (non) off first at "GR," and the latter now comes to work at 4:00 p. m. instead of 8:00 a. m.

Bro. C. J. Carlton has been promoted to first at Rockview; Bro. Wright, a new man, is working second.

C. T. U. Bro. Adams is working nights at Ardeola, and Bro. L. D. McConnell filling the agency while Bro. T. C. Long is off on account of sickness.

Bro. Whiting, formerly of Ardeola, writes he has a splendid job with the L. & A.

MACKIE, 3592.

Kansas City Southern Ry.

Southern Division—

Bro. S. A. Phillips, while in the hospital with granulated eyelids, was relieved by Mr. Meador.

Bro. A. C. Taylor on a trip to Oklahoma; was relieved by Mr. Meador.

Bro. Long, on first at Trigg St., while Bro. Owen Pipes is working night shift at "UD," Texarkana, Mr. Hall being off on account of sickness.

Bro. and Sister Woods, formerly with the K. C. S. but later with the Santa Fe at Texico New Mexico, have gone to Omaha.

Bro. W. T. Goosetree, third trick dispatcher, Shreveport, is now dispatching third trick Texarkana, relieving Bro. James, who relieved Mr. Adams, first trick, while on a tour West and North.

Bro. Young, of Granniss, after taking his vacation accepted the agency at Barham.

Bro. Chas. Womack, at Gilham for the past four or five years, has resigned. We wish him success wherever he may go.

O. R. Jarrett, from Clearfield, Utah, O. S. L., is working first at Ashtown.

Bro. Wolfe on second at DeQueen; relieved at Horatio by a new man.

S. H. Webb, agent at Wilton for past two or three years, now has the agency at Ashdown, relieving J. M. Fishback.

A man named Barrett, formerly with the Postal at Texarkana, is on second at Trigg St.

Bro. H. E. Long, third at Port Arthur for the past two years, has been transferred to DeQuincy, first, relieving Bro. Burrows, who has gone with the S. P.

Mr. Scroggins, extra at Leesville, took third, Port Arthur, he relieving E. C. Hunley, who went to Dallas.

Bro. Hicks, from the Frisco, has returned to the K. C. S. after about eight years' absence, relieving Mr. Melindy at Fisher. We welcome Bro. Hicks again in our midst.

C. A. Cawood, of Gilham, Ark., who relieved M. D. Wade, agent at Neame, for a short time, was relieved by L. E. Stafford, of the B. S. L. & W.

Bro. Paisley, of Many, is second at Leesville; "13" operator and Mr. Stoker on third.

I wish the brothers would send me in the news before the 15th of each month. C.R.T. 271.

Union Pacific Ry.

Kansas Division—

Misrepresenting a very bad record was the spark that fired the shot under a non-member, recently, and caused him to depart for unknown parts. Thus confirming our suspicion that all confirmed non-airers live up to their records, and are rotten to the core.

Too much "Hay" has been the cause of three discharges on the east end recently, and from the sound of things others are scheduled for a similar fate. Better sit up and take notice.

Bro. Brown was taken out of the service, while at Linwood, for sleeping on duty; Mr. Ball relieving.

Mr. Tays was discharged, while at Ogdensburg, for sleeping on duty.

Bro. Broyle, from Ft. Riley, relieved Bro. Smith, at St. George, a few days last month, on account of the serious illness of Bro. Smith's mother.

Bro. F. P. Rhodes, of Lincoln Center, accompanied his wife to Kansas City, the last of October, where she was to undergo treatment for appendicitis.

Bro. J. O. Ross, from Topeka, is relieving Mr. Thomas at Wamego, and Mr. Cairns is wielding

the "Big Stick" at "OT" during Bro. Ross' absence.

E. A. Terry relieved Mr. Rimer at Rock Island Junction a few nights, the first of the month. Upon Terry's return to Bonner Springs, he was discharged.

Bro. G. C. Fulkerson, who has been playing "Owl" at "RT," relieved Bro. C. L. Brady at Bunker Hill a few days recently. We understand Bro. Brady bid in Carneiro agency.

Bro. Stout, Bonner Springs, was relieved, while on a hunting and fishing trip through the West, by Mr. Terry.

Fred Haney is relieving Bro. Hockman at Le-nape.

The job held by Bro. Armstrong as relief agent on the east end has been bulletined.

Bro. Klasse, relief agent on the west end, has landed Ellsworth, and that position is now open.

Bro. Leger, the original "Katzenjammer Kid," bid in third trick at Lawrence. Bro. Tucker relieved him at Manhattan, pending the arrival of Bro. Packard, from Codell, who is senior applicant.

Mr. Cole is senior applicant for Morganville. Bro. Sage senior for Cleburne, and Bro. Wray having resigned, Bro. Firebaugh, from Cleburne, bid in Culver.

E. W. Jette, Perry, who stood first out for the agency at Ellsworth backed up on the proposition, and the bulletin on Perry was cancelled.

I. E. Adams bid in third trick at Rossville.

Bro. John Ross, from Wamego, to second, Topeka; Bro. Kirkpatrick hitting the extra job.

Bro. Armstrong relieved Bro. Enochs at Grantville, for a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. Tucker has been assigned to Wamego, days. A. P. Cole, from Utah Division, relieved Bro. Smith, St. George, while the latter was in the hospital.

Bro. Race, of Ogdensburg, filled out the blanks before leaving for Montana. Bro. Denison has handed in the applications of Bros. Pickering and Abernathy, and Bro. Nickel takes credit for Bro. Fox at Perry. Bro. Spradley at McPherson and Bro. W. W. Mitchell. Bro. Lister, of Perry, is another late arrival.

Bro. E. T. Eager is relieving Mr. Stepp at Clifton.

G. F. Cairnes, from the Santa Fe, who relieved at Cleburne and Perry, will soon be Bro. Cairnes.

C. A. Dougherty, graduate helper on west end, relieved Bro. Owens at Natoma, while Bro. Owens held up the express agent's side of the argument in St. Louis.

H. S. Thomas, another graduate helper, relieved Mr. Heathman at Tescott.

Bro. Fulkerson is relieving at Ellis, and Bro. R. F. Bowman relieving at Salina.

Bro. Curran, of Carneiro, went to Gorham, and later to Hays; Claude Maner relieving at Carneiro.

Bro. R. N. Allan, of Ellsworth, has engaged in other business.

F. L. Heathman is senior applicant for Codell, Mr. Ohl, helper from Beloit, relieving.

Bro. Campbell, Lincoln Center, is relieving Bro. F. P. Rhodes.

Bro. Kirkpatrick relieved Bro. F. V. B. Weeks at Belleville.

H. S. Thomas relieved Mr. Meacham, Russell, nights.

Broas. Pinet, Stoddard and Armstrong have all passed the cub stage as reporters; thanks for the notes. Bro. Nickel, of Lucas, is also a nifty news gatherer, as well as a hustler among the non-members.

Although out of the service, Bro. Lunger, the up-to-date "Union Label" merchant, of Mayetta, Kan., does not fail to do a little organizing when the opportunity arrives.

Bro. John F. Swine, at Junction City several years ago, has taken unto himself a wife, and is now the "Ticket Man" at Monroe, La.

Have you sent in your blank yet? Do it right now.

Bro. Frazier goes from Solomon to Ellis managership.

Bro. Fisher is back on his regular beat, Wamego, nights.

Bro. Ross bid in position as relief agent, Eastern District and branches.

Bro. Claude Tucker, who has been working extra, bid in Wamego, days.

W. F. Ball relieved Bro. Smith, at St. George, a few days last month, account of sickness.

Bro. Bowman, a new recruit from Division No. 14, relieved Bro. Frink at Salina, nights.

Mr. Lewis, a late arrival from the C. & A., relieved Bro. Broyle at Ft. Riley a few days recently.

F. L. Heathman, from Tescott, bid in Codell. Later, we understand, he was discharged.

Mr. A. E. Ohl, an extra man from Beloit, relieved Bro. Packard at Codell; Packard to Manhattan, third.

Bro. Hjalmer goes from Salina to Kansas City, "GN" office, about the first of December. Mr. Jacobs, from Ellis, relieving him as manager at "SC."

Bro. Stoddard has our thanks for his usual contribution of notes in the way of O. R. T. "doin'ses." If more of us would sit up and take notice of what is going on around us, and then tell us about it, we are sure it would help the appearance of our little list wonderfully. If you know of something that might be of interest to the Order, speak up. It all points to one great day when we will be solid.

Div. Cor.

Nebraska Division, Western District—

I see most of the boys advertising for news; my trouble lies in the opposite direction. I have so much to write about, and so little time in which to do it, that I lose out entirely. If any of you boys, in the kindness of your big, generous hearts, will volunteer to do the writing, I will try to assist with a few items monthly. In

sincerity, such a move would be appreciated by yours truly.

Business on a par with items, and bids fair to continue even after the holidays. An extra number of crews on now on account several work trains on the new double track work, which is being pushed as rapidly as possible. It is now in operation between North Platte bridge to Keith, and expect soon to have it to Brady Island. They are working west from Lexington until they meet this track, and, I understand, intend to push this work until the double track between North Platte and Lexington is complete.

Gannett office closed, and an office created with three men, Bro. Donahoe and Bro. Lynch, and Mr. Patterson, who promises to do the necessary, are in charge.

Keith also made a three-man job, but unable to learn the names of the men there. Markel, the end of the double track at Lexington, also three-man job, with new men there. Boys, it is up to you who are near to put us next. We need their help in the near future.

Bro. C. R. Haines now safely ensconced as second operator at Lexington.

E. S. Harte, who was with the U. P. for years, but who resigned about a year ago, and mostly paying doctor bills since, has returned to work at Gibbon, his former agency.

G. C. Gard, Wood River, was operated on at his home, a week or two ago, for appendicitis, and is doing nicely. All wish him a speedy recovery. Relieved at Wood River by Bro. T. J. Brown, of Watsons Ranch.

Bro. G. A. Hood holding first at Watsons Ranch during Bro. Brown's absence. Third job on bulletin, Thos. Christensen, a new man, securing second. Just been made a full-fledged operator.

Bro. C. E. Cole, of Grand Island, took the best looking part of his family and proceeded to view the present position of Mormonism in Salt Lake, studied the probabilities of Balanced Rock falling, and then turning his mind to weightier subjects spent a week or two shooting ducks in South Dakota. Bro. Smith lives with Bro. Cole, and it is told around over town that the Cole Thomas cat was left in Smith's tender care, but that since they have returned they cannot break that cat of the habit of running around nights—a habit Cole declares he "never had," but attributes the whole thing to Smith. However, Cole insists he wouldn't miss the vacation even to save the cat's reputation.

Bro. F. L. Hannum, of Gothenburg, also took a vacation, "whether he could afford it or not," enjoyed to the limit. Bro. A. H. LeGate, on the nest while he was absent, is now relieving Mr. Clinton, agent, St. Paul, for a few weeks. Mr. Biddle, lately promoted, doing telegraph stunt at St. Paul.

Bro. E. H. Pritchard, of Sumner, suffering from an unfortunate affliction of his eyes, and is forced to take an indefinite vacation in hopes of their recovery. He has the sympathy of all the boys.

During the rush in "GE," Grand Island, an extra operator is being used; Bro. F. J. Hansen, relief agent, being the lucky (?) man. His hours of 4 p. m. to 1 a. m., without so much as a dinner hour, are highly pleasing to him.

This fall we boys in Grand Island have had a little touch of boomer life again, more than for some time, but even with that we are reminded that this element of railroad men is fast being relegated to the "Railroad Man's Magazine" column, and well it is for us and the company. This is due to various reasons, and while the boomer was invariably a good man and many times an expert, the spirit of the day in all lines demands men who are as fixed as the business men, the bankers, merchants or any tradesmen. Many will contradict me in this statement, but I believe the actual facts will bear me out.

I suppose you have all received the committee's circular, announcing the result of our negotiations with the Pacific Express Co. It is not all we asked for, nor think we are entitled to, but is a decided increase over the present rate. You will remember that some years ago certain of the agents scorned the officers of the Order in a similar move, and treated personally with the representatives of the Express Co., and were given increases from 5 per cent on, received collect to 7, 7½, 8, 9 and even 9½. Now prepaid is paying the same as received collect, and my only regret is that not all of those old agents are here to get the result of their work of that time. I am sorry that innocent men who followed them have to suffer the consequences, but we hope to do better some future time.

By the time you read this, it is important that all your information blanks relative to our coming meeting with the management be returned to your local chairman. From appearances now, our information has come so slowly that we will be delayed in getting our proposition to present in time to make our meeting come off exactly as scheduled, but we hope for not more than a few weeks' delay. Remember that we have the date, the management has done its part and it is the slowness of some of the men who are probably most anxious to have the committee convene, who really are retarding it.

Grant Hix was forced to undergo an operation in Kansas City lately, for an old trouble in one of his limbs. He is now back at work and hopes to be permanently cured now.

Bro. C. R. Conger, of Dannebrog, was called to Illinois by sickness in the family; relieved by Bro. F. J. Hansen. Bro. Conger will soon have a new depot with living accommodations, and when he gets a man to do the work, will have a good job.

Boys, please be more prompt than usual in paying dues for the next term. We drained the treasury for the express negotiations, and will need money for the coming convention of the committee, so please remember it and we will try and make it worth your while. You have never failed to

respond. Don't start any thing new—maybe you couldn't stop it!

"A Merry Xmas" to you all, and help secure a "prosperous New Year" for all the boys on the Union Pacific, by responding to the hearty support of your committee in its approaching labors—for you. CENT. 765.

Nebraska Division, Eastern District—

Fremont bid in by Mr. Ringler, third, Valley, with A. B. Cady on first, an "old-timer," who knows that the O. R. T. is all right. Putting on third man at Fremont, throws Bro. J. E. Carlson to third trick, 10 p. m. to 7 a. m.

Bro. J. C. Hailey is holding the agency at Rogers until it is bid in.

Bro. W. M. Calhoun secured third, Columbus, on bulletin.

Bros. A. A. Vybiral and C. T. Botvidson are holding first and second, No Bend, extra, until bid in.

Boys, wake up, and send me in some items. COA.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

Ontario Division—

Our regular monthly meeting, at West Toronto, was held on Saturday night, November 13th, and will long be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present, as the greatest event in the history of our Lodge here. Due not so much to the large number present, as to our distinguished visiting brethren. Those present being our worthy President Bro. H. B. Perham; Bro. Senator Tanquary; Bro. W. F. Brown, general chairman C. R. I. & P.; Bro. D. Campbell, third vice-president; Bro. G. D. Robertson, general chairman System Division No. 7; Bro. J. C. Rooney, assistant general chairman Eastern Lines; Bro. F. T. Hill and Bro. G. C. Reid, of System Division No. 1, G. T. R., and Bro. Hill, general chairman System Division No. 1, C. T. U.

General regret was expressed when it was learned that Bro. L. W. Quick was unable to be present. The same also regarding our popular Assistant General Chairman (Ontario Division) Bro. Alex Houston, who only fails to be on hand when it is impossible.

All regular business was suspended, and the evening devoted to receiving and banqueting our visitors. The first hour was spent in general acquaintance and felicitations, after which all repaired to the banquet hall, where covers had been spread for over sixty, and every chair was occupied. The hall was profusely decorated with flags and bunting, in honor of the occasion; a unique feature being the artistic entwining of the Union Jack with the Stars and Stripes. Bro. J. S. Hill, our local past-chief telegrapher, presided as toast-master. Appropriate toasts were ably responded to by the brothers above named, and their remarks were very earnestly listened to by every brother present. The speeches were interspersed with songs by Bro. J. S. Hill, in his usual admirable form.

Brothers, visit us again, and let us become still better acquainted. I know a few dozen who will be on hand to receive you. I feel sure that no assurance is necessary of the high esteem in which you are held, both personally and officially, by every brother present, as obviously manifested by the general enthusiasm and cordiality of the meeting.

Such occasions as this are productive of great good in reviving and encouraging a still deeper interest among the membership. CRR. 1746.

Lake Superior Division, District No. 2—

I have not seen a write-up from this division for several months. However, I am glad to say that we are still in the ring.

For the last two years some of us might as well have been dead and buried for all the good we have been doing.

But we have been awakened again. Vacancies are now being bulletined, so the boys will have a chance to get what is coming to them.

Most every night job from MacKenzie to Straluk should be bulletined, as there are young men holding those positions who are not entitled to them. Much credit is due Mr. Cronk, our superintendent, for starting the good work, and we sincerely hope he will continue it. Now that we have the ball rolling, let everyone lend a helping hand to push it along.

Our committee should get busy, as it was understood when our last schedule was drawn up that we would be allowed one hour for meals, and if we did not get it we were to receive extra compensation in the way of salary.

Several of the brothers who did not get off for meals put in overtime for this hour and they were turned down. When you ask off for dinner and if the dispatcher says "No!" you have either to do without or try to eat between calls, which is very unpleasant, as you no sooner get started when you have to get up and answer on the wire. We should fight this violation of the provision of our schedule until the matter is arranged satisfactorily. The Dagoes working on the section have better working conditions than we have. Although they work ten hours, they get one hour for dinner, which makes them only nine hours to work per day, and they receive about as much in the way of salary as we do. We are certainly as intelligent as the Dagoes. The company can get plenty of men who can handle the pick and shovel, but telegraphers are supposed to be trustworthy men, in whose hands the lives of many human beings are placed. I would like to hear from some of the brothers regarding this meal-hour question. Now is the time to get after it before the great wheat rush starts, and the company expects a big one this winter, owing to the immense quantity in the West. That is the time we will all have to be "Johnny on the spot," as dispatchers will not have time to call us for about an hour every time they want us.

Not long ago I heard a dispatcher say that an old non at a certain point was the best man he had on the division for giving good service. Now,

brothers, wake up and let him see that the union men are always there with the goods.

A good story in connection with this question of prompt service is told by the trainmen:

One of our agents, a non, who is farming on a small scale, was shoeing his horses, and had his train order signal displayed at stop, when a train pulled into his station. When the conductor found him and asked him to come and give him a clearance, the agent asked him to wait a minute, as he only had a few more nails to drive.

The telephones for transmitting train orders have been installed on the west end, between White River and Fort William, and if they prove satisfactory they will be in operation over the entire system ere many moons. That is the time we will need to be solid. If we don't look after our own welfare no one else will do it for us. Let us all be up and doing and try and do the best we can to help push the good work along.

Bro. Black, relieving agent at Missanable, recently slipped away very quietly and got married, and then bid in Nipiyon, days, where he will make his home.

Bro. P. Foley, relieving dispatcher White River, is on second at Rainy River, C. M. R.

Bro. Belanger bid in Roosport nights and Bro. Booth Jackfish nights; vacated by Bro. Belanger.

Well, boys, as I am located at one of these jumping-off places and in a shack two-by-four, it is impossible for me to get much news. Some of you who are nearer civilization should send in a few lines so we could be represented every month in THE TELEGRAPHER. I will try to do my part if I can get the proper assistance from some of the brothers who have nothing to do at night but keep their pipes going. FATTY.

Pacific Division, District No. 1—

Business is getting a little lighter on this district, but the dual passenger service this winter will keep quite a few of the lonely stations open.

Wake up, fellows, and send in some news for THE TELEGRAPHER every month, and show some signs of life. There are only about three or four nons on this division now. There are two in particular that seem to have made up their minds not to help the Order along with their mite. You all know who they are. Write them a letter, boys; some of you may get them to realize that they are in the wrong.

J. H. A., first trick mountain section, "N" office, Revelstoke, while on a vacation getting married, was relieved by H. C. L., of the Shuswap section; J. A. U., third trick, also on short leave recently and visited in Winnipeg a few days.

Bro. McBean is relieving Bro. Belding at Sica-mous Jct. as agent, while the latter is on a three months' vacation in Eastern Canada.

Bro. Boggs, of Arrowhead, has returned from a visit to Vancouver and the Seattle fair.

Bro. Cole, of Field, on an extended leave of absence to his home in North Dakota; was relieved by Mr. Burke, of Calgary.

Bro. Sullivan has returned from a two months' leave, relieving Bro. Bulman at Palliser, who re-

sumed his duties at Golden, bumping Bro. Porter, who goes on nights, relieving Bro. Sullivan, who goes to Albert Canyon nights.

Bro. Harry A. Whitehead has resigned and left for his home in Chicago. We are all sorry to part with him.

Everyone is smoking two-bit cigars all along the route between Rogers Pass and Revelstoke on Bro. Price, of the former place, on account of the recent arrival of a son.

Bro. J. K. Latz, of the S. P. & S., is relieving Bro. Shaw at Glacier, while the latter takes a well-earned rest after a very strenuous tourist season.

Bro. Irish, of Albert Canyon, recently transferred to this division from the Western, has been called to his home in Toronto by a telegram stating his mother was very sick. We hope it is nothing serious.

Bro. Little, Moose Jaw, is relieving Dispatcher Ewing on second, "BY," Revelstoke. It is a possibility to raise "BY" now, although we acknowledge Bro. Ranum and Mr. C. T. U. Bro. Stewart did the best they could during the telegraphers' famine.

"A NEWCOMER."

New York Central Ry.

I note the suggestion of local chairman, Bro. Martenis, for the relief of Bros. Darling and Roffe. I wish to say that I heartily endorse the plan and will do all I can to carry out the suggestion on the Western Division.

I have known Bro. Darling for a number of years, and know that he has remained a staunch and faithful member through circumstances which would have driven a less faithful and conscientious member out of the Order. I believe these brothers are truly deserving of our assistance, and feel that it is our duty to assist them in this, their time of need. We, in our health and strength, by contributing ten cents, or more, each from our monthly wages, will be affording them a measure of relief which we cannot comprehend at this time. I trust that the other members of our General Committee will take some action in this matter on their respective divisions, and that the members will respond promptly and liberally.

Fraternally yours,

F. B. HUFF,

Local Chairman, Signalmen.

Beech Creek Division—

Our regular meeting at Lock Haven on November 9th was not as well attended as it should have been, but there was lots of business done. Boys, as long as it is not costing you a cent to attend your meetings, why do you not show up?

The special day meeting at Lock Haven, November 10th, was very well attended, seventeen members being present. One of the things agitated was the floral assessment and the voluntary contribution for Bros. Darling and Roffe, and all brothers present soon brought themselves up-to-date in regard to the two propositions. At 1:30 p. m. we opened our doors to admit our chief dispatcher, Mr. Bullock, who had with him a switchboard and

a set of instruments, and gave the boys a very instructive demonstration on switchboard manipulation. It was interesting to watch some of the older heads sweat trying to get their loops just right, and the fact developed that much good would come from each member studying his switchboard more closely.

It has been decided to discontinue the meetings at Lock Haven until some of the boys who are in a position to attend a night meeting at that point make up their minds to attend.

Many of the boys have not yet paid the thirty cents on the floral emblem fund. Boys, we have a very deserving case at this moment, where the money so contributed will go toward purchasing a floral wreath for our deceased sister, Miss A. M. Lindsey. All members not yet paid up should forward their thirty cents to Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. C. G. Marshall, Clearfield, at once. Owing to the fact that Sister Lindsey was buried at Portage, Pa., a rather distant point, it was not practicable for a committee to attend the funeral.

Boys, have you sent your local chairman any money to apply on the Roffe and Darling fund? If not, why not? Bro. F. E. Roffe has been with us for twelve years, and a system as strong as ours should not stand by and see him or his family in want while he is helpless. Every member should send Bro. Martenis ten cents a month, or send him a lump sum to cover several months for these two brothers.

What do you think of a member who will teach telegraphy for a consideration? Oh, yes, we have one. He has not yet paid up for this period, and he might as well not, as we are better off without him.

The dull season is over and everything is brightening up, with business still on the increase, partly attributed to the Franklin and Clearfield road, which has proven a grand success. The first train consisting of about fifteen oil cars passed over the new road Sunday, September 26th.

Another sign of the busy season was the gradual opening up of telegraph offices that have been closed all summer.

The agents have all taken their vacations and Bro. G. Y. Halfpenny, relief agent, is relieving the operators until he has decided what position he wishes permanently. Bro. Halfpenny held McGees, first trick, but was displaced by its being bid in.

Bro. L. H. Brillhart, third, Cherry Tree, while attending the recent world's baseball series at Pittsburg, was relieved by Bro. E. L. Crist.

Bro. Barber, first, Cherry Tree, who acted as yardmaster recently during his absence, is now at "WB" tower on second, while Bro. C. A. Deibel is on his vacation; J. A. Brillhart filled in first.

Bro. F. J. Sheeche, "J" tower, second, while on his vacation, was relieved by Bro. M. O. Work, who was relieved by Miss Peck when he bid in Dimeling, third.

Bro. Sheeche, while attending the funeral of his cousin, was relieved by Bro. Halfpenny.

Bro. H. A. Hunter, Curry, first, on short vacation recently; was relieved by Bro. W. G. Fal-

comer, Clearfield Jct., second, Bro. E. L. Crist relieving Falconer.

Assistant local chairman, Bro. G. S. Stover, Dimeling, first, while attending the Clearfield meeting, was relieved by J. A. Brillhart.

Bro. Deater, Birch, first, on several weeks' vacation; relieved by G. B. Miller.

While Bro. C. A. Deihl was off recently, Bro. Price, of Mowry, worked "WB" tower, second, and Bro. M. O. Work relieved Price.

Bro. Watson, of Rush, third, while on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Pelton.

Bro. Wetzel, of "SX" tower, second trick, is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. Gamble.

Bro. Bierly, of Cataract, second trick, also on a vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Lester.

Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur, of Walton, third trick, on a few days' vacation; relieved by Operator Long.

Bro. R. B. Lyman, of "DY," third trick, off a few days; relieved by Bro. F. B. Sterling, of Curry, second trick, who is in turn relieved by Bro. J. A. Brillhart.

Bro. H. A. Hunter, Curry, first trick, on a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. L. G. Darr.

Bro. J. B. Smith, "J" tower, third trick, on two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. M. O. Work, who was in turn relieved at Dimeling by Miss Peck.

Bro. L. H. Brillhart, Cherry Tree, third trick, off three days; relieved by Bro. J. A. Brillhart.

Bro. Lytle, first trick at Kerrmoor, enjoyed a few days' vacation last month; relieved by Bro. Falconer.

Bro. DeHass, Kerrmoor, second trick, off couple of weeks; relieved by Operator Pelton.

Sister M. V. Murray, Gray, second, visited New York during the Hudson and Fulton celebration while on vacation.

Bro. F. E. Murray, Gray, first, while on vacation was relieved by Mr. Brillhart.

Bro. Bierley, Cataract, third, while working New Berry Jct. is being relieved by Mr. Lester.

Bro. H. E. Shearer bid in Panther, second.

Bro. R. B. Aigler, Deer, second, went on a hunting trip the first day of the season.

Bro. E. H. Bierly and wife, of Youngdale, visited St. Louis recently, where they met several of the brothers and sisters. They were accompanied by Bro. Bierly's brother, of Brown's tower, third. G. B. Miller filled in at Owiston.

The wife and two children of Bro. H. C. Berry, of Beech Creek, first, have been confined to their beds with typhoid fever for some time. Mrs. Berry has been improving recently, but the children have not been doing so well.

Bro. I. C. Miller, of Panther, first, was relieved by Miss Schnell while at "SK" office on "BC" side recently.

Morris Miller, Fall Brook Division, visited at his home in Beech Creek recently. He will, no doubt, be on the right side.

Remember our meeting night, the second Tuesday of each month; the time, 8:00 p. m.; the place, Mechanics' Hall, in Clearfield. Do your utmost to be present.

The following pathetic lines are dedicated to Bro. W. F. Forcey, of Beech Creek, who is having trouble with his barnyard stock. The brother responsible for their appearance in print desires to remain incognito:

Bro. Forcey bought four pigs
And a pen for them he built, they say;
But one little pig didn't give two figs,
And in the pen it would not stay.

Bro. Forcey claims his pig was stole,
But we who know are inclined to think
That this little pig just found a hole,
And then slipped through it like a mink.

CORRESPONDENT.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved friend and sister, Miss A. M. Lindsey, and while we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well; and,

WHEREAS, We realize human sympathy is insufficient, and that we can but point the bereaved relatives to Him who has always been an ever-ready comforter in time of trouble; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Clearfield Lodge, New York Central Division, No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing family our heartfelt sympathy and consolation in this their hour of grief; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, a copy to be spread on the minutes of our next meeting, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. W. A. SAHM,
C. G. MARSHALL,
J. W. MARTENIS,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

Please extend to the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers our heartfelt thanks for the beautiful floral offering and for their kindness following the death of our sister, Miss A. M. Lindsey.

E. S. LINDSEY.

CARD OF THANKS.

CAMILLUS, N. Y., December 4, 1909.

I wish to thank my dear brothers who have been so kind in helping me in my sickness and trouble. If ever one needs a friend it is in a time of sickness and trouble, which I have had for the past two years. Although my condition has changed very little I still have hopes and faith that the Lord will help me.

I hope that none of you will ever have to suffer what I do from day to day, and although we may never meet on this earth I hope to meet you all in heaven.

Yours fraternally,

LEWIS DARLING,
CERT. 277, DIV. 8.

Western Division—

At last the members of this division have awakened to the fact that our Order needs a little of their personal attention.

It was decided that we needed a morning meeting to stir some of the boys up, and Bro. Huff made the necessary arrangements. It was called for November 6th, and we were highly-pleased with the attendance. There were twenty-seven on hand, some of the brothers traveling many miles to be present, as for instance, the two brothers from Auburn and Cayuga and the brothers from Lyons, Batavia and Corfu.

Bro. Huff took the chair and appointed Bro. W. L. Ratigan to act as secretary, Bro. McCowan, marshal, and Bro. Fred Palmer had charge of the door. Bro. Huff addressed us first. He handled his subject thoroughly and lucidly.

Among other things he called the attention of the members to the published statement of President W. C. Brown to the effect that the N. Y. C. is doing more business now than at any previous time in the history of the road. And further, that they could get 10 per cent more business if they had sufficient equipment. He thought that the financial condition of the company must be of the best, as they are planning to spend \$85,000.00 on improvements and equipment.

With such prosperity all around us Bro. Huff thought it was time that we received a small share of it. The members all demonstrated their approval of the idea. He discussed the general situation on the Western Division, and gave his views in such a clear and succinct manner that it was plain to be seen that Western Division had made no mistake in its selection of a representative.

Bro. W. L. Ratigan was on his feet before Bro. Huff had fairly reached his seat. He told us, in effect, that we were away behind the time in comparison with other roads of our class. As an instance of what can be accomplished he cited the schedules enjoyed by the N. Y. N. H. & H. and the B. & M. These brothers are certainly keeping abreast of the times in regard to wages and working rules.

Bro. Mansell, an old-timer, who did some great organizing stunts in the early history of the Order on this road, gave a pointed talk, not on what the Order has done in the past, but what they should do now.

Several important resolutions were presented and passed. I wish every brother on the road might have been there to vote on them. They will undoubtedly be of immediate benefit to our cause.

Perhaps Bros. Blim and Graham can be induced to have each alternate meeting at Rochester in the morning. Bro. Huff is willing.

I am sure the second trick men would appreciate this, especially those who attended the special meeting. They all want to come again. It is of just as much benefit to the Order at large as it is to each member individually that all should have a chance to attend meetings.

I wish to say to every member of System Division No. 8 that we must take a more personal

interest in the doings of the Order. Solid organization and personal effort on the part of each man is the way to win. Recent events have shown us what negligence on our part will do for us.

Now, boys, get after your local chairman and ask him where he stands on such important matters as the five-year clause, and the revision of the wage scale. Write him a letter and let him understand that he is representing you and not himself.

Freight business is picking up every day, and passenger business is holding its own. When we take into consideration the vast summer business the company has transacted, it ought to bring the volume of traffic up to 1906 and 1907, which, rightly interpreted, should mean more money for telegraphers and signalmen, a class of employes who assume with the train dispatchers practically all the responsibilities of modern railroading, and whose compensation is only a trifle higher than that of the section man, No. 201, just over from sunny Italy.

Butter 34 cents, eggs 35 cents, potatoes 75 cents, rent \$18.00 to \$20.00, "liver without bacon" 8 cents, bacon 22 cents, steak, no use in quoting it, something to look up at, and we get \$1.60 to \$1.75 per day, while Joe Padula, Caronne Italia, just over from Sicily, get \$2.25 per day. He can save money on Dago bread and tomatoes. We can't live on liver and hard tack. There ought to be a change, boys. Now, boys, get wise, a strong pull will do the business.

How about a paid general chairman? One who can get in the fight and make his presence known without fear of any one. It's all up to you, brothers.

Now that we have a Ladies' Auxiliary it should act as a stimulus in getting some of the stay-at-homes to attend lodge. Get the habit and see how you will look forward to the meetings. You know the old maxim, "When there is unity there is strength," and where can you notice it any better than in the lodge room?

Jordan, Pt. Byron and Clyde, "WS" offices, closed when the "bankers'" panic struck us, are reopened and up for bids. This is a good sign.

It is a shame to have two or more brothers of Division No. 8 suffering and in want, and the quicker we relieve their distress in some way the better. This can be accomplished by an assessment or volunteer contributions or by the proceeds of some entertainment, and it should be done at once. Twenty-five cents from each member would be a good starter.

The ball on Thanksgiving at Empire Hall was a great success, both socially and financially. The committee worked hard, getting things in shape to equal, if not surpass, our former ball, which will long be remembered by all who attended.

Bros. Wilkins and Wheeler left October 23d for Florida with the best wishes of all their friends. The N. Y. C. will find it a difficult matter to replace men of their caliber. The East Coast people are looking for just such men.

Sister Gorman is the busiest one of the bunch nowadays. After all, it takes a good, live woman to keep things moving.

We have no news from up the road and hope you have not all gone to sleep for the winter. It can't be they are short the price of a postal, for we have a pay day twice a month, and no one ought to be on their uppers. Let's hear from you, boys.

SAM AND DIV. COR.

Grand Central Terminal and Electric Division—

Our third annual ball will be held at Majestic Hall, 125 East 125th St., N. Y., Thursday, January 27, 1910. There will also be a drawing for \$30.00 in gold on the above date, shares five cents each. Every member should make a special effort to dispose of as many tickets and books as possible, as the proceeds of this affair will be used to start a weekly sick benefit fund.

Members working with nons should keep after them and try and secure their applications, as individual effort is what counts. Do not leave it all for the other fellow to do. Let each one try and get just one new member.

Bro. Alrutz holds first prize for eating pumpkin pie.

Bro. F. F. Rooney, who has been sick for some time, is still at Rutland, Mass.

Bro. Smithers, third trick at "JO," has resigned and was relieved by Bro. Alrutz.

Bro. H. L. Ward, who has been off for a few days on account of the sickness of his son, who, we are pleased to say, is on the gain.

Bro. Holbrook took two weeks off, visiting friends in Boston.

Bro. J. E. Howe has got to be quite a dog fancier.

Bro. O. F. Berghorn is giving physical instructions to candidates for the police force.

Bro. S. S. Sooy, G. C. T., is in the western part of Canada.

Understand Bro. C. G. Lewis is a candidate for justice of the peace. We all wish "CY" success.

"OLE BLACK AND BLUE."

OH, YOU HAM!

By Rudolph Zeik Williams.

Out in a lonely office,
Before the break of day,
A ham lay snoozing gently
A getting good old hay;
He lay upon the table,
Just as good as dead,
For he never heard a single word
The clicking sounders said.

CHORUS.

To the tune of "A Picture No Artist Could Paint."

He was in a better land—
A land all clear and bright,
And there he had a day job,
For they didn't have no night;
Only one train ran a day,
His pay was but a gift,
For this here solitary train
Ran on the other shift.

The dispatcher he was swearing

As "BO" can always do,

For twenty-nine was waiting

For the block to go on through.

The ham he kept on snoring,

His job he couldn't shirk,

For he was in that sunny land,

Where he didn't have to work.

(Once more the Chorus.)

Hark! hear the "hide," it's whistling,

She can't get past "KY."

She has ten cars of perishable

And fourteen cars of rye.

The ham awoke and looked around

And spied the waiting train.

Just then he heard old "BO" say:

"You are discharged again."

(To be continued next month.)

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from the family of our Bro. E. W. Lewis, his son. In manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Electric Division of System Division No. 8, that we extend our sincere sympathy to our brother and family in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of this division and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. E. HOLBROOK,

M. J. GEOGHEGAN,

H. D. MURTY,

Committee.

Hudson Division—

Our October notes contained a gross injustice to two of our brothers which I wish corrected. The members in question had been charged with conduct unbecoming members of the O. R. T. At the time the notes were sent in by our former local chairman, the brothers in question had not been tried and found wanting. When the trial did take place the charges were withdrawn in one case and the other brother found not guilty.

I earnestly request the undivided support of members of the Hudson Division. The withholding of same works detrimental to the cause. One way of showing your support is to turn out strong at our meetings. I have some plans which are of vital interest to you and I want your views regarding them.

I will close wishing you all "A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year."

L. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst and from the family the beloved daughter of our worthy Bro. J. A. Haughey; and

WHEREAS, We realize that while the promise of her future in this world was exceptionally bright,

the realization of the great beyond is exceptionally brighter, and while our hearts are overflowing with sympathy with our brother and his family in this their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That while expressing our sympathy and sorrow, we commend them to Him, that doeth all things well, and while their sorrow is exceptionally great, their daughter's gain is infinitely greater; and be it further.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our bereaved brother and family, a copy to our official organ for publication, and a copy spread upon the minutes of the Hudson Division, No. 8, at our next meeting.

D. J. BURNS,
C. F. HEIDEL,
P. BURNS,
E. CAHILL,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the brothers who so kindly sent beautiful floral offerings and expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement in the death of our daughter.

MR. AND MRS. J. A. HAUGHEY.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank Bros. C. F. Heidel, J. F. Dougherty, P. Burns and A. A. Smith, who so kindly acted as pallbearers at the funeral of our beloved daughter.

MR. AND MRS. J. A. HAUGHEY.

Buffalo Division—

Several new members were secured during October, but there are a number of desirable nons still with us, and we should make an effort to secure their application. The Belt Line would prove a fruitful field for a hustler or two to work in. Bro. Groat has covered it several times, picking up a man here and there, but some of the other members should dig in and help the cause along. It's too big a job for any one man to handle alone. In addition to the nons on the Belt Line, there are two at "LL," one at 58, the agent at La Salle, and, I think, one at Niagara Falls. All these men would make good members.

Bro. Martenis makes an appeal in the October journal for a donation of 10 cents per month from each member, same to be used for the benefit of two disabled members of Division No. 8. We have every assurance that both these brothers are worthy of any assistance we can give them. It is hoped that the members on the Buffalo Division will forward the small sum asked to General Secretary and Treasurer Blim.

Local Chairman Grot presided at the day meeting held at North Tonawanda, on October 6th. That the morning and afternoon trick men are taking a lively interest in the affairs of the Order is evidenced by the good turnout at these meetings.

The committee who were given charge of the proposed Sick Benefit Fund have mapped out a

working schedule, and they are now securing signatures of members who wish to become beneficiaries under this plan. The committee will, it is expected, have matters in shape for a final report before the first of the year.

Charges, more or less definite, having been made that members employed in the vicinity of La Salle were teaching students, those concerned ask that these charges be denied through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHIC.

The November meeting was called to order by Local Chairman Groat, about twenty members being present. Bro. Graham, from the Rochester Division, was a very welcome caller.

General Chairman Woolley has called the committee to New York for a conference, the results of which will probably be known before this is in print.

Mr. Williams, formerly agent, succeeded by Mr. Stevens, at La Salle, has been assigned to the second, Erie 2. Bros. Allen and Furnidge will have an opportunity to do a little missionary work now.

Bro. J. M. Carley is doing special work in the supervisor of signals office. Joe has the goods to fit in any place. Bro. Groat is doing the relief stunt during Carley's absence.

The agency at Beach Ridge, made vacant by the departure of Mr. Lashner for parts unknown, has not been filled. If some good member would bid it in, the hoodoo would be banished from that point.

Bro. Engle, of "BS" 58, is spending his vacation in the wild and woolly West; relieved by Bro. Sanford.

Bro. McGrath, from the Rochester Division, has been assigned to the morning trick at Niagara Falls. Bro. Dugan, of Tonawanda Junction, has secured a leave of absence, and is trying his hand at firing the compounds.

Bro. Shaw, of "BS" 65, Sus. Bridge, has been on the sick list for some time; relieved by Bro. Collard.

Have you made an effort to get in at least one new member during the current year? Each member owes at least that much to himself. The material to work on is in sight. Get busy.

CERT. 57.

Mohawk Division—

The regular monthly meeting was held at Fonda, October 20th, with a very good attendance. All brothers were present, with the exception of Bro. Geary from the east end of the division.

Bro. Brodruca, of Rennselaer, gave us a talk about the attendance they had at a meeting which he attended recently. Other divisions are far superior to us as regards attendance.

I think if the brothers on the west end would only get together and come to these meetings they would gain some knowledge, as I am quite sure no one can learn very much that is going on unless he attends the meetings. To make a success of these meetings, we must urge every brother to be present and show our fellow-workmen that we

mean business. Being held only once a month nothing but sickness should keep any of us away. All try and come to the next meeting.

The evenings are getting longer, and there is no reason why we should not have a good, big crowd at each meeting, and each member should make an individual effort towards enlarging our organization.

There are still a few nuns on this end, and a little missionary work on the part of each member would go a long way toward making us solid.

All the extras down this way are working nearly steady, and some are making overtime.

Bro. F. J. Wohlgemuth, third, Fultonville, who resigned and bought out the bakery in Ft. Plain, was relieved by Mr. Austin, from the M. & M.

Bro. C. E. Lawson, first at "BS" 20, contemplates purchasing a small farm near Ft. Plain.

Bro. H. G. Youngs, of "BS" 16, third, spending his vacation at Carthage, was relieved by Mr. Shannon.

On account of scarcity of men Bro. Leffler worked second at "SB" 8, and third at 17, on the same day.

Bro. Scarbauer, of "FD," and bride, have returned from their honeymoon spent at the Fulton-Hudson celebration in New York.

Bro. Shaut, "BS" 5, has been assigned to third at "BS" 9. Bro. Stowell, third at "BS" 9, to third, "BS" 8. Mr. Shea, formerly third, "BS" 8, is working at "FK," Schenectady freight office.

Bro. Lynch, "BS," "NE," South Schenectady, relieved, October 15th, on account of sickness, by Bro. Wood, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Salisbury.

Mr. Christman, second, "BS" 9, a former brother who will soon renew his membership, spent a two weeks' vacation in old N. Y.

Div. Cor.

Ontario Division—

Bro. Brown, from Greece, secured the agency at North Rose, vice Bro. Knapp, who bid in a trick at "WC," his home town.

North Rose has Mr. Peck as helper.

Mr. Pitcher has returned to Alton, and is having the same old trials and troubles to get to his rations.

Bro. Cummings has secured the agency at Randall.

Bro. Wiggins has returned to Sterling, from the fair at Seattle.

CERT. 1719.

St. Lawrence Division—

Our new time-table is in effect, and we are long will be settled down to the regular winter schedule, which has its good and bad points; its chief bad point is the weather it will undoubtedly give us, and one of its best points can be readily recognized in a great many nine-hour tricks which were thirteen or fourteen the last winter schedule we had. We should certainly appreciate this. It is something that most of us never had this time of year, and it certainly is a great factor

in the list of concessions granted us through the efforts of our general committee.

The foundations for the new style of semaphore have been put in at several stations, and we hope to have them working soon.

In the sad accident which happened at Rices recently, we lose one of the best conductors in our circle. "Jim" leaves with us a record that all might envy, a memory which we all cherish and honor.

Bro. Harger works second at end of double track, Stittville, and Bro. Edmonds first.

Read the poem on page 1858 of the November TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. Edick, of Alder Creek, is back to work again, after his indisposition.

Telegrapher Munn is working third at Barneveld.

There is a little missionary work necessary between now and January 1st.

CERT. 721, Div. Cor.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

Radford Division—

System Division, No. 14, met in regular session in K. P. Hall, Roanoke, on November 17th, with a good attendance, Bro. C. E. Layman, general chairman, presiding. The meeting was very interesting from beginning until adjournment. There was no grievances before the meeting.

The service question was taken up, and it was shown by the bulletin, for August, that the service for that month was the best in the history of the Order.

The Radford Division, however, is still a little behind in efficiency of service, but we hope it will soon be in the lead. Various reasons were advanced in regard to our being a little behind, chief of which was that we handle more trains than any of the other divisions, and many new men are being put to work on account of the increased business recently. It was shown that the old men and the Order men are giving the best service.

Bro. Layman impressed upon the minds of those present that nothing assists the general committee as much as good service when they meet the management for a new agreement.

Now, boys, you know when you are giving good service you are advancing your own interest, the company's interest, the welfare of the O. R. T., paving the way for a better agreement each year, and encouraging the general committee to meet the management backed by good service.

We often wonder why every man that can possibly do so does not come to the meetings. There are men between Roanoke and Radford who have belonged to the Order for the past ten years, and have never been present at one meeting. You keep up your dues and are good Order men, but is that all the interest you have in the Order? Do you not know that the men who attend the meetings and take the most interest in the Order are the ones who are shaping its policy? If you do not attend the meetings and advance your ideas, how do you

expect the committee to know what you desire? Do you not know that it would be much better to do this than to wait until the committee has made an agreement with the company, and probably done something that you do not like, and then kick about it, and swear that the Order is no good, and that you are going to pull out, etc.

Brothers, these meetings are free, and the floor in the lodge room is free, and nothing encourages our committee so much as to see and hear you at these meetings. There is not a first trick man between Roanoke and Radford but could come to the meetings in Roanoke, and some of the second and third trick men could also get off and come. There is not a man on the Radford Division but could make himself heard through the columns of *THE TELEGRAPHER*, if he won't take the time to attend the meetings.

How many of you ever encourage the correspondent with an idea you wish expressed, or with even a local item? What would the correspondents' department be if no one did any more than you to advance it? What would the meetings amount to if we all stayed away?

Brothers, I beg you to consider these matters, and be workers instead of letting others fight all the battles. Let us all resolve to be "heroes in the strife."

The annual banquet, this year, will probably be held in Portsmouth, Ohio. There are a great many of the brothers opposed to having a banquet, on account of the cost. All present at the recent meeting admitted that the boys on the other end of the line were entitled to it this year, and we hope all will vote for it. The general committee will decide where it is to be held. This is the only real treat our wives, mothers and sisters have for patiently doing the housework, fixing our lunches and getting us off on time, year in and year out, and yet there are those who seem to be so economical that they want to deny them this pleasure. In our experience and opinion we believe the banquet is worth more than the Ladies' Auxiliary.

A Ladies' Auxiliary was organized at the Roanoke meeting. We hope it will be a success, but the telegraphers are so widely separated that it is hard for our wives to get together. We hope they will take more interest in the meetings than some of the brothers do, and may be the means of getting some of the brothers to attend their own meetings.

The telephones were discussed, as well as some boasts that have appeared in the papers in favor of them, which are known to be paid advertisements, and the unanimous opinion of the men who have had any experience with the 'phone, is that the telegraph is far superior to it.

Some important changes in positions among the agents and operators, I understand, have recently been made, but as no one takes enough interest to advise me of anything that occurs out on the line. I take it for granted nothing that transpires on the division is of any interest to them.

Cor.

Norfolk Division—

The silence of your division correspondent has not been due to a lack of interest. Have had some clouds of affliction for the past two months, which prevented my entering into the work with the proper spirit.

I was pleased today to note what is being done by the brothers in and around Petersburg, and I must say I admire their spirit of unionism. Push it along, boys, and get the rest near you interested. Some of the greatest things ever accomplished were started by "the faithful few." We have reached a time in our work that not many of us can enjoy the social features of each other's presence at a meeting, and where it is possible to have a joint meeting such as has been started at Petersburg. In my opinion, there can be no better thing done than to keep it going.

Let me say in this connection, too, that the brother who can and will not arrange to attend the division meeting, is neglecting a most sacred duty. The time for meeting does not come often, and those within a few miles who could go, for get all about it, which certainly shows a lack of interest in their own welfare, and that of the craft. I tell you, boys, we must be up and doing.

No one appreciates more than I that some of us have been in a manner thrown out in the cold recently, and it may be that you are thinking "it's all useless." You stand back, and keep on thinking this way, and you'll soon find out that the other fellow will begin to do the same, then another, and another, and soon you'll be worse than slaves. Never think of giving up what you have, but press forward to higher achievements, and think of the possibilities of the future. Right will right itself, and the telegraphers have never demanded anything but their reasonable rights, and just as sure as the sun sets in the west, so sure we will some day, if we stand together, realize our brightest hopes—uniform hours and service, reasonable compensation for our labor, and time for a little recreation.

It is pitiful to see some of our men who have given the best of their lives to the railroad company, grown up with their occupation by experience paid for in long hours of untiring service, and now working twelve and thirteen hours at one-man stations. Such a life is hardly worth the living, and makes one feel that "surely the days are darker than ever before." Don't be discouraged, boys, the time will come when conditions will be better.

Much regret at this writing that two offices were recently closed out. At Lowry, Bro. G. I. Ford and Sister Byrn were thrown out on account of the automatic signals, and at Thaxton, Bros. M. L. McDearmon and B. R. Carson were also thrown out. Understand Bro. Ford, from Lowry, will bid in Rice, second trick; have not heard where Sister Ryan will go; Bro. McDearmon, from Thaxton, bid in second trick at Ironville tower, and Bro. Carson pulled Bro. Trollinger from Durham. Bro. Payne, who was pulled from second, at Ironville, by Bro. McDearmon, displaced Bro.

Smith on third, and Bro. Smith has not yet "settled." Bros. Magann, at Thaxton, and Leslie, at Lowry, have been made the "whole cheese," at their respective stations.

Bro. A. A. Owen, formerly one of our best dispatchers, reports from Princeton, W. Va., that the "Virginian Ry." is all right, and he is well pleased with his new position. It is thought Bro. Owen will soon be made "C. D." on his division.

Bro. Welbrun, formerly night chief at "K" office, and Crewe, chief dispatcher of Virginian, is drawing some of our best telegraphers to the Virginian. Our best wishes go with each brother that has, or feels it best to go to the new road, which has some promising things for good men.

The Norfolk & Western can well boast of their good men, and the only way to keep them is to "treat them right."

Well, the strongest evidence that we are on the right track is the fact that at our last Roanoke meeting the Ladies' Auxiliary was organized, with Sister C. B. Lane as president, and Sister M. W. Atkins, secretary-treasurer. Now, brothers, if you want to see the O. R. T. flourish, give to this department your most earnest efforts in making it a success. Send the names of your wives to Sister Atkins, at Ridgeway, Va., and enlist them as members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. At our next Roanoke meeting, let's have also a meeting of the Auxiliary, and get things in shape.

Don't forget, boys, you are nearing the end of another term. Send your dues to Bro. Lankford, and let's keep in line. With best wishes to all.

CERT. 110.

Scioto Division—

A number of young operators on our division are preparing for petitions and are on the lookout for the organizer. November pay day found them ready with their coin. Our few nons will be lonesome by January 1st, and as our division appears to be mentioned as a probability in securing the 1910 banquet, which will be held at Portsmouth, Ohio, brothers should work on the nons near them and secure their memberships in order that they may have the privilege of attendance. Our division is not one bit short in matters of this kind and could enjoy more of them with a solid membership.

The matter will be left to ballot as has been the custom in late years. Inasmuch as the membership generally desire to continue this custom, it will be no more than right that the west end should be honored occasionally, believing the influence will be good and enable many members to attend that for different reasons were unable to attend former banquets. The time is ripe for activity on the subject and also that we should be represented with the smallest non list on the system.

The month of November finds us enjoying the usual amount of good business and every one working full time, except some of the extras, who have done fairly well up to this time. Changes and

vacancies on our division the last thirty to sixty days have been so numerous that we will not make an effort to follow them out. Every one should read the remarks of our general correspondent in the October issue of THE TELEGRAPHER bearing on the bond matter. The proposition appeals to every worthy member as no other could be interested. Sign up for ten shares. They will earn you 6 to 8 per cent on your few dollars invested, and is a good money proposition as well as a protective one.

Bro. A. M. Cross, agent at Sciotoville, Ohio, has been promoted to the position of car dispatcher on the Scioto Division, vice W. C. Corbin appointed assistant yard master at Portsmouth. These positions are both very responsible and require a great deal of experience and ability.

Bro. G. F. Ferrell has again been made agent at Naugatuck, W. Va., temporarily, same position appearing on board September 16th.

Bro. J. Mantle appointed agent Newton, Ohio. September 16, vice Bro. J. D. Herbert, deceased.

Bro. E. F. Burke, agent at Ashville, Ohio, together with his wife, visited friends at Cleveland and Orville, Ohio, during his vacation.

Lane, the "old-timer," who worked at end of double track at Dix, has gone South.

Bros. F. W. Bauer, agent at Waverly, has resumed the duties of his office. CERT. 750.

Shenandoah Division—

Our appeal seems to have fallen on deaf ears to some extent, we regret to say, as far as some of the nons are concerned, but as the old saying goes, "live in hope if you die in despair." Get an up-to-date and attend the meetings and do all you can to get at least one application. Your duty as a union man to your organization is not done then. Why don't you "boost" the bond company?

Business is still on the increase. We are handling quite a bit of stock and other freight, and still a few excursion trains yet. It will not be long before the holiday travel begins, then look out for a rush, as the passenger travel has been heavier lately than it has been for some time.

Mr. Calfee, second, Elkton, is being relieved by Bro. Scott.

Bro. E. R. Carmichael, third, Loch Laird, is being relieved while on vacation by Bro. G. W. Skelton.

Bro. Brown, first, Shenandoah Junction, is being relieved by Bro. Kelly, second; Bro. W. H. Dunlap working second. Bro. McIntosh goes to second, Shenandoah Junction, to relieve Bro. Dunlap, who goes to agency at St. James, to relieve Bro. Myers for fifteen days.

Bro. Dick Melton is relieving Bro. Powell, second trick at Troutville.

Mr. Thomason is relieving Bro. Lugar on second at St. James.

T. M. Sheetz, from "UD," Roanoke, bid, in the agency at Buena Vista.

H. A. Bickers, from third, Shenandoah, is relieving in Roanoke; relieved by Bro. C. P. Harris. Bro. Bush relieving the latter on second at Glasgow.

The position of night chief was re-established in "UD," Roanoke, on October 1st, C. B. Lackes, second trick dispatcher north end, taking it, while J. M. Apple gets second trick north end.

Bro. Blackburn bid in the second trick at Martinsville.

We are very glad to say that Bro. J. E. Mitchell has returned to second trick, Greenville, after his long siege of illness.

The following positions are now on bulletin: Third trick, Shenandoah, a trick in "GM" office, Roanoke, third trick Elkton, and a trick in "UD" office, Roanoke.

Bro. J. W. Melton transferred from second, Glasgow, to "UD," Roanoke, relieved by Bro. R. Y. Melton.

Bro. Z. J. Compton, agent at Riverton, is being relieved by Bro. J. N. Shank.

Bro. W. H. Dunlap is relieving Bro. W. Q. Kearns, second trick, Bentonville, a few days.

At White Post, Bro. Hughes is being relieved by Mr. Thompson.

Bro. G. W. Skelton has been transferred from third, Loch Laird, to second trick, Glasgow.

Bro. Divers, second trick, Rocky Mount, is off a few days.

Bro. R. C. Thomason, third, Riverton, relieved by Bro. R. Y. Melton, days, while Bro. Thomason was relieving Bro. Merritt, agent, Greenville.

I wish to thank several of the brothers for their assistance. The news is very much appreciated, not only by me but by all the members of Division No. 14, and helps us to have a good write-up every month.

J. H. B.

VICAR SWITCH, VA., November 25, 1909.

We have heard from our earliest infancy that in the midst of life we are in the midst of death, yet when this is brought home to us, as it was to Bro. W. A. Vest, of Salem, Va., on the night of November 6th, we can but bow our heads in submission to the will of Him who gaveth and has the right to take away; but in this instance our sympathy goes out especially to the bereaved parents.

On the evening of November 6th, Bro. Vest left his home for his work, and so far as we can learn his children were well, and about 1:00 a. m. he was notified that his little son, about eleven years of age, was very sick, and before he could get relief and reach his home the child was dead, and, as we understand, attending physicians were unable to give cause of death.

The members of Division 14 and friends of Bro. Vest offer their heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Vest and his wife in this their sad hour, and hope that the giver of all good gifts will console them, and make their burden of grief as light as possible.

What brothers could be reached brought beautiful floral design, with the letters Q. R. T. in the midst of the wreath, and Bro. R. G. Gardner presented the flowers to the bereaved parents, which were highly appreciated, and a comfort to them under the circumstances.

Respectfully,

W. A. OVERSTREET.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our esteemed and well beloved Bro. John D. Herbert; be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long and faithful service to those by whom he was employed and to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of deep sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

Resolved, By Norfolk & Western Division No. 14, Order Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy published in THE TELEGRAPHER.

C. A. SMITH,
W. M. JAYNES,
W. P. KLESSES,

Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. George Z. Abrahams, and while we humbly bow in submission to the will of Him "who doeth all things well," we feel deeply the loss of so staunch a member and friend; and

WHEREAS, That our respect and high regard for our departed brother may be properly expressed, be it

Resolved, That Norfolk & Western System Division No. 14, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, hereby tenders the bereaved relatives its sincere sympathy in their great sorrow which we fully share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be mailed the relatives of our deceased brother, a copy spread upon the minutes and one sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. L. GEORGE,
E. B. SPEDDEN,
J. W. TAYLOR,
Committee.

Michigan Central Ry.

Canada Division—

"A long time between drinks" is a popular phrase among the dealers in wet goods, but the latest coined phrase among the telegraphers on this road is that it is "a long time between schedules."

That the agents and telegraphers are becoming somewhat impatient is evidenced by the numerous inquiries that are reaching the General Secretary and Treasurer daily, as to the prospects of an early revision.

For the information of all concerned we beg to advise that every effort is being made by our esteemed General Chairman to secure a conference with the management. We hope that no further

delay will occur and that a satisfactory settlement will soon be reached.

The continued increased cost of living and the fact that many of the agents and telegraphers have suffered a decrease in their earnings for the past eighteen months through the withdrawal of the commercial telegraph commissions, which was absorbed by both companies, is taxing our gray matter to the limit to figure out a measly existence.

We are now witnessing the very same conditions that existed prior to the adoption of our schedule in 1903, viz., a scarcity of competent telegraphers. Quite a number of the best men have left us and gone to better paying lines.

A competent telegrapher will not work any longer than he can possibly help for a wage that is scarcely equal to that of a section man or coal dock heaver, and fulfill the requirements exacted by the company, such as providing a standard watch and a uniform, the material for the latter costing three dollars per yard, better than is worn by the smart set of fashionable New York; to rustle oil barrels, machinery, old iron, clean lamps, black stoves, and last, but not least, pitch the small cottages carried by the drummers up to the second story of the baggage car.

What a magnificent job he has, at the enormous salary of thirteen and fourteen cents per hour! Gee whiz! Hi-ram, how does he spend it all?

Now, brothers, let us turn our attention to the natural and only remedy for all our economic ills—organization. Without it labor would be on a par with the pauper hirelings of Europe.

Are we doing everything in our power to promote the best interests of our organization, or are we straddling the fence, with a little mallet in our hands, knocking everything that does not seem to conform to our little selfish whims?

How easy it is to criticise the acts of those who are on the firing line braving every danger.

If you ever want to find a critic in battle look where the "shot and shell is the thickest" under the ammunition wagon.

Get off the fence, Mr. "Kicker"; get in the game and play ball.

A man with a well developed mind and fairly well informed will not persist in crowning his fellowman with the childish antics that were played in the cradle.

There are a number of telegraphers who are playing our organization on the penny-in-the-slot principle. They expect for every nickel dropped a five dollar bill in return.

The savings department of our banks pay only three per cent, while an investment of \$8.00 dues per year nets 24 cents interest. Now let us see what interest the organization has paid on an \$8.00 investment. In 1903 no man received less than five dollars per month increase. Some ran as high as seventeen dollars per month and in 1906 the smallest increase was two-fifty per month, making a total of ninety dollars per year as interest on one \$8.00 investment. Will some one who is a better scholar than I am tell us in

next month's TELEGRAPHER the rate of interest per annum on that investment?

Now if those who think they are wasting money, by paying dues, will pay over to our organization the increase received since 1903 to the present and any future increases which the organization may secure, we will guarantee six per cent and at the end of ten years buy the controlling stock in the Michigan Central and run the road ourselves.

A man need not be overly bright to see the results of organization.

Pay up your dues, brothers, and keep them paid up.

Our schedule is not a perpetual thing. Just allow the organization to drop down and out for one year and see what will result.

There have been quite a number of changes on the Canada division the past two months.

Bro. Fred Culp bid in LaSalette tower days, Bro. Geo. Robbins accepting the agency at that point.

Bro. Duncan Campbell bid in the agency at Asylum.

Bro. H. L. Oliver has been relieving Bro. Sinclair at Tilsonburg.

Bro. R. B. Graham has accepted Attercliffe. Bro. Stately taking night hours at Niagara Junction tower.

Bro. John Boutley bid in the agency at Rodney, Bro. Phillips going to Windsor Slip Dock nights.

Mr. Conlon bid in Windsor yard, Bro. T. W. Shipley going to Tilsonburg nights.

Bro. Bruce Lainy is visiting at St. Thomas.

Joe Daniels is relieving Bro. John Wilford at Bridgeburg while the first is at home looking after the estate of his father, recently deceased.

Bro. Bruce Laing relieved Mr. Raschart a few nights recently at Victoria.

Bro. John McKellor bid in the agency at North Buck's tower.

Bro. Dan Patterson is now stationed at Ridgetown days.

Sister Giddes, agent at Old Niagara, while on a vacation recently, was relieved by Bro. Harvey Patterson.

Understand Bro. John Rock, who bid in Cornfield tower nights, has gone West.

Bro. Herbert Milton of Haysville is now city correspondent at Hamilton for the *Herald* of that city. We all wish Herb every success in his new field of labor.

"DOOLEY."

Illinois-Missouri Division—

The Michigan Central system is quite solidly organized and we should endeavor to keep it so, and not become a stumbling block to other roads, so when their committees go up for schedules the officials can say, "We are paying much more than our competitors."

There are quite a number of new men coming and going, some of whom are not members. Let each one make it his special business to learn whether such persons belong to the Order, and if not secure their applications at once. It is not

a hard matter to get them to join if a little interest is taken in the matter, and in this way by helping others we help ourselves.

Prosperity is with us and the officials should be willing to share with the employees, but as such does not seem to be the case we will have to keep on grinding away until we can convince them of their error.

A former professor (?) of Oberlin, Ohio, is advertising for bright (?) young men to learn telegraphy, especially the wireless, promising to get them positions ranging from \$60.00 to \$185.00 per month. This is obtaining money under false pretenses and the so-called professor should be prosecuted.

Dispatcher Phillips, first; Allen, second and Wicks from Kalamazoo third, are on Valley and South Haven dispatcher's wires.

Dispatchers Mead, Brown and Fitch are on main line phones.

Dispatchers Case, of Whalihan and Cummins are on air line.

Dispatcher Carter will be the only extra man at Jackson until Bro. Boyer, of Lawton, has finished learning.

Bro. Whirle, Cassopolis tower, off sick a few days recently; relieved by Mr. Biddle, a new man.

Bro. Kitchen has landed second at Barron Lake.
CERT. 123.

East Toledo and Bay City Division—

Our regular meeting on Monday evening October 18th at Prismatic Hall, 140 First St., Detroit, was well attended and a good time spent. These communions are helpful to us. At the next meeting on November 15th, we had our General Chairman with us.

The change in "F" Detroit relay office on account of two men going to other positions, promoted the extra man, and another position was also created which shows a good healthy increase in business.

It is difficult to secure competent telegraphers for such positions and it seems that our salaries should now be increased to even up the high cost of living and give us a modest share of the prevailing prosperity.

Bro. H. P. Sayre, joint agent at Sibley for the M. C. & Lake Shore for a number of years, has resigned on account of the small salary paid there and an insufficiency of help. Sibley has become a very heavy freight point and the company loses a very competent man in accepting Bro. Sayre's resignation.

Bro. C. L. Carl, telegrapher and ticket agent, at Wyandotte, has returned to duty after quite a long vacation on account of poor health.

Bro. Brockmiller, "F," Detroit, was relieved by Bro. Webber, of "Z" car shops nights, who took "F" days, Bro. Brainard of Wayne, taking Webber's night trick at "Z."

Bro. Derr Felt, "BU" Bay City Junction, has returned from his vacation in New York City and the East. The work has increased there considerably because of the creation of a new yard master's position.
IGNORAMUS.

N. Y., C. & St. L. Ry.

Cleveland Division—

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting at B. of L. E. Hall, at Bellevue, December 28th, at 7:30 p. m. This is for the information of the members, as there will be no other notice sent out. All are requested to be present that possibly can do so. There was a fair attendance at last meeting, but those who live near Bellevue showed the little interest they had in their own welfare by their absence. Some of the members walked five miles to get a train to attend, while those near by did not make an effort to be on hand. We want at least one man from each office at the next meeting, and this can be done if the boys make an effort to be there.
CERT. 2.

Cleveland District—

Don't be surprised at the roar of cannon or any noises similar to a Comanche war whoop heard in the neighborhood of Madison. There is no danger, as it is only Bros. Wilson and Hammond rejoicing over the return of eight-hour tricks at Madison, and the appointment of Mr. Sherwood, agent. Any further disturbances from these quarters will be caused by the two brothers above mentioned trying to give the company their best service.

There are a couple of owls on this division who should get on the job and attend to business, or hand in their resignation and cut across the hills for the wild and woolly. Their positions would possibly be filled with men that would at least try and work, instead of carousing around and sleeping almost the entire time they are on duty. They are no credit to our craft, but a disgrace to grand old O. R. T. when they carry a card. If this hurts any one particularly, don't go gunning for your humble correspondent. A plain case requires plain talk.

We regret very much to report the wreck of Train No. 2, at Willoughby, recently, caused by persons unknown tampering with a switch. This is the most dastardly plan ever laid to wreck a train, and must have been done for revenge by some sore-head, or some lunatic. There is scarcely a conceivable punishment too severe to be meted out to such people as those guilty of such crime. It is miraculous that no one was killed. And we sincerely hope the guilty ones are caught and given their just dues.

We have lost some brothers and sisters on the division during the last six months. They are not entirely dead—just dead to the world. We weep not because of their departure, only for their folly. One, formerly a sister, was kind enough to inform certain members that she wanted no fraternal courtesies or favors shown her whatever. Don't worry, dear madam (no card, no favors); enough said.

Bro. Raynor is on third at "CD," Cleveland, formerly at Painsville. Mr. Bennett, of the L. S. & M. S., relieved Bro. Raynor.

A third trick man has been put on at Woodland and Kingsville.

Bro. Wilson returned to Madison after a trip to South Dakota, inspecting a quarter section of land, which he was fortunate enough to secure in the Government land drawing of October 26th. Bro. Wilson must carry a rabbit foot.

Bro. Kist has returned to "NC," after a thirty-day vacation. Bro. Jump has returned to "NC," having recovered from the injuries he sustained some time previous.

Bro. E. A. Hill, agent, Kimball, has returned from a two weeks' hunting trip in the Adirondack Mountains. I think I smell bear meat cooking at Bro. Hills' house.

Mr. Daugherty, agent Avery, on vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Keinzle.

Bro. Smiley, agent at "MC," seems to enjoy riding in a fine automobile. I don't say he owns it.

Bro. Mayer informs me that the meeting at Bellevue November 23d was a great success. Understand the boys were somewhat disappointed at not seeing the correspondent there. Had I gone, I would never have known I was so popular. Sorry I disappointed you, but from the amount of news I have received this month, I was under the impression that Bro. Hammond was the only one on the division that had any knowledge whatever of my existence.

Your humble correspondent has returned to duty, after a thirty-day forced vacation, which no doubt he deserved (we generally get all we deserve in that line). But there were others. I have about the same feeling as a Thanksgiving turkey, as I am about to lose my head, and by another month I hope to be doing other work, which will pay me enough each month to enable me to smoke a real Havana after I have paid my grocery and meat bill. If I forgot the coal man this time I will remember him in my prayers. Yours truly, with best wishes.

CERT. 183.

Fourth District—

I will send in such items of news as I have been able to secure.

"Doc" Brenner, of "SD," spent his two weeks' vacation in New York State and other eastern towns. Bro. Shoemaker, first at Stony Island, has also been on a short vacation.

Bro. Syvert, for two years on "SD" second, is with the Illinois Central at Park Row; relieved by J. W. Kelley, who after a few days' service, was relieved by F. W. Burns, "the cartoonist," who later resigned and went with the *Chicago Examiner*; relieved by Bro. C. R. Nichols, of Wanatah.

Bro. Bill Baldwin, former agent at Narlo, Ohio, was on Stony Island, second, for ten days during changes and then returned to the "Buckeye" State to accept the agency at Oakwood, Ohio.

Mr. Beidler, second at "SD," formerly at Stony Island, will be one of us soon.

Bro. S. A. Grace, Burnham, was relieved a few days recently by his brother Charley, formerly of Pullman Junction, who also carries a card.

Bro. D. L. Bunner bid in Hammond, relieving Mr. O. Kosankey, who bid in second, Argos.

Understand two of our former brothers will be with us soon again. The latchstring always hangs on the outside and good fellowship reigns within.

Bro. Schilo, from third district, now regular on third at "FD," relieving F. Dale, who went to South Wanatah and was relieved later by Bro. C. R. Nichols, regular on second by bid.

Mr. Dale went to Colby, Ohio. We trust that brothers on the third district will help him to remember his pledge to line up.

Bro. W. A. Hite, first "WA," and H. C. Wise, first at Knox, took a ten-day lay-off, trying their luck on Dakota land. Wise drew a quarter section and soon expects to be a full fledged farmer. Bro. Hite was not so lucky. He was relieved by Mr. Oheke from the L. E. & W. and Wise was relieved by E. J. Martin.

Bro. H. D. Wilcox, past three years assistant ticket agent at Hammond, has resigned and accepted a position with the C. I. & S. O.; E. W. Arnolds relieved him.

Our new worthy secretary, Bro. Crisenberry, at South Whitley, will be glad to give the brothers any information desired pertaining to the O. R. T.

CERT. 112.

Bro. C. O. Crisenberry is spending his vacation at Jackson, Mich., relieved by Mr. Hatfield, an old O. R. T. man who has not been in the service for some time. He will join the ranks again soon.

Bro. L. K. Johnston, agent Wheeler, on vacation December 1 to 14, relieved by Relief Agent Craig.

Let us have the news, boys, so we can have a better write-up next time.

CERT. 15.

New York, Ontario & Western Ry.

Southern Division—

Our correspondents should wake up and send in some news once in awhile.

Don't forget your dues on January 1st and spend all your money for Xmas. Remember your union card should come first.

Brothers, get busy with the nons. We need them to help us out.

Have not heard anything about a new schedule yet this year.

Mr. Rogers, "FA," of 56 Beaver St., New York City, has gone to Arizona to get some relief from the lung trouble he is suffering with. H. L. Borland, of "GX," Neversink tower, has been assigned to the vacancy.

Bro. E. J. Secord, "ED," agent at Trout Brook, is taking a few days' vacation.

Bro. G. W. Smith, agent at Fish's Eddy, is off for a few days; relieved by H. A. Smith, who, I am sorry to say, is still a non.

Bro. C. M. Ellison, "CM," has bid in second trick, "AV," Middletown, and Mr. Toohy, "WH," bid in Centreville, "HD," Cadosia, and Burnside tower, third trick, are up for bids; good jobs.

Bro. S. H. Davidson, who has been off several days with a bad cold, was relieved by one of our new men.

A. F., CERT. 251.

C., M. & St. P. Ry.

Under the leadership of our new and highly respected local chairman, a strong effort is being made to try to keep in touch with each other as well as with the Order at large through the mediumship of THE TELEGRAPHER.

There was a meeting held at Prairie du Chien about the middle of September, but I have not been furnished with the details.

Our committee expect to accomplish much good for our division. Let each and every member do his individual duty and all will be well.

Bro. C. A. Howard, of "BR," who took ten days off the first part of October for a trip to South Dakota, visiting friends, was relieved by the writer, who in turn was relieved by his son, second trick man at "RT."

The remodeling of the depot at Wauzeka will certainly be appreciated by Bro. John Lawless, agent and first trick man there, as the improvement was greatly needed.

Div. Cor.

Prairie du Chien and Mineral Point Division—

The P. D. C. & Min. Pt. Divisions are up and doing. The following have recently joined the ranks of the good old Order and are entitled to all its courtesies: Leo Thatcher, Arthur Hennessey, La Adair, J. E. Aylward and three other boys who were formerly with us. We are glad to call them brothers.

There are three or four young enterprising fellows who also will be with us shortly. They realize what it means to wear the button and the smile that won't come off. Three members have also been transferred: Bros. E. W. Tucker, Double Jay and M. E. Johnson. We welcome you all to Division No. 23.

The only way to get the nons and help the organization is to keep everlastingly at it. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Everybody is in the game and everybody is pulling the same oar.

Let us all saw wood and say nothing for awhile and when our general committee has finished all its business it will be well done and the boys will all be happy talking it over. Watch and wait.

Send in your notes and keep the old Pike warm.

Bro. Jerry Voss, of Mazo, was a welcome caller at the Capital City recently.

Bro. O'Leary has been handling third at Cross Plains temporarily.

Bro. O'Neil on a short visit to Milwaukee recently was especially interested in what he saw at the zoological gardens.

Bro. Gus Marten received the third trick at Cross Plains.

Bro. Clarence Connelly is trying to get a lay-off to go hunting and would like some brother who is a good shot to go with him.

Did you ever hear tell of a train making faster time going up brick yard hill than down—if not ask Bro. O'Leary.

Bro. Millard has returned from a brief vacation.

Bro. Lane has been appointed third trick at Waukesha.

Bro. Leo Thatcher is now on third trick at Eagle.

Bro. Black was a Madison visitor recently.

Bro. Lathrop is now our correspondent-in-chief, and Bro. Doubleday, of Milton, east end, correspondent.

East End—

Business is good on the east end and lots of cars are moving to the branch via Milton. We have averaged nearly 150 cars a night for the last month.

The dispatchers have all returned from their vacations.

The second and third tricks at Waukesha are held by men who ought to do a little artistic work with a pen on some application blanks.

At Genesee Bro. J. G. Pronold works from 7:45 a. m. till 7:45 p. m.

Jno. Sykhust, Milton Junction, while on a recent trip out West, was relieved by a west end man named Leo Thatcher.

Bro. Holmes, second at Milton, has returned from his trip to the Seattle fair.

A relieving agent from the C. & M. named Bro. E. W. Tucker is now at North Prairie.

C. & C. B., in Iowa Division—

About 9:30 p. m., October 25th, train No. 71 was held up when coming out of Savanna yard by two bandits, who, poking their guns in the face of Engineer Johnson, compelled him and his fireman to hand over their watches and change. The robbers made a clean get-away, and left no clue.

The government inspector has been looking over the time slips of train men in Savanna, and Marion of late, and understand he got a few that had worked over the limit. Better be careful and not work longer than nine hours.

Bro. C. E. Oleson has been appointed to the six months' vacancy at Dedham; C. C. Lehman goes to Underwood nights; W. T. Downs, Weston nights and Bro. W. E. Rose, gets Martelle, six months. Applications are still pending for Elwood and Huxley, six months, Newhall nights and Keystone third trick.

All the stations on the east end now have a third man, except Morley. This seems to indicate that our general committee have done some good and we all should endeavor to catch a non or two to show them that we appreciate it, and also give good service to the company by an-

swering calls promptly and keeping awake during our nine hours work.

We regret having to lose Mr. A. I. Rozum, our chief dispatcher at Perry for many years. We wish him success at whatever else he may undertake and extend the glad hand to G. H. Hill, our new chief, who started his telegraphic career on the east end.

Chief Dispatcher J. F. Anderson and Bro. R. Lee Taylor, day telegrapher at Marion, spent a delightful three weeks hunting on Isle Royal, Michigan, making the trip via St. Paul, Duluth and steamer on Lake Superior.

Bro. McConnoughy, of Lost Nation, is going into business for himself.

Bro. W. E. Rose, third at that point, recently transferred to third at Hale, is handling the agency at Green Island during the absence of Bro. M. E. Burns.

Bro. T. C. Peterman worked second trick at Perry during the temporary absence of Dispatcher Kindig.

Telegrapher Hodgson relieved Mr. Wilant on the combination at Clinton.

Bro. L. R. Carbee, of Marion yard, "JO" second, transferred to first.

Bro. P. H. Curran, of Portsmouth, off on account of illness; relieved by Bro. McCreary.

Bro. Knapp filled in third at Elwood until a regular man was appointed.

Bro. Bethurum is relieving Bro. Calkins, second, who drew the agency at Panama.

Uncle John Tile, accompanied by his better half and two children, took a week's vacation visiting friends and relatives at his old home at Parker, South Dakota; W. A. Porter relieved him on first Slater tower.

Bro. R. L. Kindig bid in second at Marion yard, vacated by Bro. L. M. Phelps, resigned and now in the railway mail service.

Bro. Jas. Keenan is working the split trick at "MF" and "JO."

Bro. Scott, an old timer, has been relieved by Telegrapher Hodgson at Delmar Junction for three weeks on account of a sprained wrist.

Bro. W. R. Knight, of Hale, is taking in the sights on his honeymoon at Los Angeles, Cal.; Bro. M. Warner relieving him on first; Telegrapher Coker second and Curtis Marchant third.

Bro. R. L. Carbee, second trick Marion yard, "JO," is back after a three weeks' vacation visiting friends and relatives in Anamosa and Des Moines, Iowa.

Bro. Carr, third Sabula, bid in second at Council Bluffs yard; Bro. C. G. Rowe relieving him.

Bro. G. C. Calkins of Lost Nation, appointed to the agency at Panama permanently.

Bro. A. B. Lake, days at Anamosa, is visiting friends and relatives at his old home in Ohio.

Two new men, Hegstrom and Burkle, working second and third respectively at Rockaway.

Bro. J. W. Hart, of Rockaway, goes to third at Lost Nation.

Sioux City, Bro. C. G. Rowe goes to third at Elwood.

Bro. Hall, of Elwood, called away suddenly on account of the sickness of his mother; relieved by Bro. Bright.

The third trick at Delmar Junction has been discontinued, making Bro. Steen do wirework in the afternoon.

Bro. J. Gallman, wire chief at Marion, is back after a two weeks' vacation visiting friends and relatives in Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

The brothers on the east end have liberally responded with news items and we hope those on the middle division and west end will follow their good example and send me their items by the 15th of each month.

Bro. L. V. Curran is working extra at Council Bluffs depot nights.

The third tricks at Delmar Junction, Hale, Elwood and Bagley have been discontinued.

Bro. P. A. Osborne and wife, of Cambridge, spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Marion.

Bros. Rupp and Rood, of Slater, enjoyed a fine turkey on Thanksgiving at the hospitable home of Bro. and Mrs. A. A. Hottle.

Bro. Chas. Rupp, of Slater, is enjoying a visit with his brother Perry, of Illinois.

Bro. L. F. Kruse, of Van Horn, is taking his annual vacation. Bro. "Humpty" Oleson relieving him.

Bro. Track has been appointed to the extra agency at Strawberry Point, and will move there, in the near future.

We wish some one on the west end would send us news for THE TELEGRAPHER. Let's hear from some of you.

Bro. G. C. Calkins drew the Panama agency on bulletin, relieved at Olin by Mr. Wright, a new man.

Bro. Curtis Marchant and Mr. Cooker took turns working the night trick at Morley during the absence of Bro. Elsner at Lost Nation.

Bro. Parmenter got the first trick at Rockaway on bulletin and has become proficient in the bachelor's art.

Bro. P. H. Curran, of Portsmouth, off since September 4th on account of illness, relieved by Bro. W. T. Downs.

W. A. Porter, after relieving Bro. E. C. Rood at Slater tower, went to Herndon and relieved Bro. Gustafson, who is off on his vacation.

Mr. Cooker relieved Bro. L. A. Kell at Oxford Junction for a few days, who was off on account of the death of a relative.

Bro. Priddy is on first at east yard, Marion, and Bro. C. Marchant on second, until Bro. Bethurum takes charge.

Bro. J. N. Elsner was at Lost Nation agency until Bro. C. R. Rogers landed the job.

Bro. L. J. Miller, of Cambridge, first, while visiting friends and relatives at Staples, Minn., was relieved by Mr. Klabo, a new man.

Bro. A. J. Campbell, first at Marion yard, on vacation, relieved by Bro. Jas. Keenan, who was relieved by Bro. L. R. Carbee, on the split trick.

Bro. W. K. Hodgson, who got third at Sabula, is waiting to be relieved at Clinton.

Bro. C. W. Hall, of Elwood, off on account of the death of his wife, is being relieved by Bro. B. E. McConoughey. We all deeply sympathize with Bro. Hall in his affliction.

The night office at Huxley has been discontinued and Bro. O. H. Huyck, the agent, has been appointed to the six months' agency at Collins; relieved by Bro. E. L. Nunn.

Bro. F. G. Zeiser, second at Browns, on his honeymoon; relieved by Bro. Bethurum.

JOHN TILK.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call to her eternal home the wife of our esteemed Bro. C. W. Hall, and

WHEREAS, We with our brother deeply mourn his sad loss; be it therefore

Resolved, That the officers and members of Division No. 23, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Hall their heartfelt sympathy in this his sad hour; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, a copy to our esteemed brother, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

G. E. SOYSTER,
J. P. DOHERTY,
W. N. UPHAM,
H. S. DEMING,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

Kansas City Division—

WHEREAS, Death having removed from them, the beloved mother of Bros. H. E. and B. S. Williams; be it

Resolved, By Kansas City Division, O. R. T., that we extend to the bereaved brothers and the other members of the family our sympathy, believing the earthly loss is but a heavenly gain, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished both brothers, also a copy furnished for publication in THE TELEGRAPHER.

J. P. DOHERTY,
J. E. AERPACK,
J. F. STEPHENSON,
Committee.

Third District—

The C. & M. division is being put in fine shape, both tracks are relaid with 100-pound steel, new ties supplied and tracks well surfaced. Road-master Dave Man will have nothing to do next year but watch his lawns improve.

The congestion along the division is clearing up some; cabbage and beets were the only commodities on the list. Bro. Thompson, of Somers, shipped 570 cars of cabbage from his station alone in two months.

Bro. John Miller, at Hebron tower, while on a 30-day vacation, was relieved by Bro. O'Shea.

Bro. Joe Binstock, third at Walworth, reports the onion venture a success.

Bro. G. P. McNamara, agent Russell, has returned from a two weeks' trip to South Dakota, shooting ducks. Bro. Nelson, third trick, Ranney, relieved him, and was relieved by Bro. Oakins.

Bro. J. S. Spoor, agent at Rondout for many years, has one year's leave of absence and with his family will remove to New York State and take charge of his farm. We are sorry to see him go, but wish him well.

Bro. E. S. Adams, agent Gray Lake, just returned from an extended trip over the new extension to Seattle and Tacoma; relieved by Bro. Carleton.

Bro. Lucas, agent Wadsworth, has moved his family there, not wishing to take any more chances on the Russell highway crossing with his motor car.

Bro. C. W. Bush, for many years agent at Franksville, has accepted a position with the Frank Pure Food Co. "Thus the mills of the gods grind slowly but justly." Franksville agency is still open.

Bro. Magner relieved Bro. G. C. Brown, second Bardwell, while on a trip to Green Bay.

CERT. 64.

Iowa and Dakota Divisions—

When busy getting out our items of news I feel that I am doing something toward holding our noble Order together which may probably create a desire in the minds of the non-members to investigate it for themselves.

I hope every brother will do his utmost in lining up his station and making it solid, and if you have a minute and a penny to spare that you will buy a postal and write me a few items which happen around you.

Would it not be a good idea to call a general meeting at some point where it would be handy for the largest number of the boys to get to and from? If necessary have two of them, one for the east and one for the west end boys, as it is impossible for all to make the east end or all to make the west end.

This might create a longing for the "nons" to come across quicker than any other plan, and it would also give us a chance to see each other, get acquainted and get some definite view in mind.

I wish the brothers would write me of any plausible view they may have to increase our strength. We could then publish the acceptable plan in THE TELEGRAPHER and all pull hard for a general result.

Bro. Chamberlain, formerly on nights at Postville, is now braking on the way freight between Madison and Milwaukee. He first left the service to work in the machine shops at Milwaukee.

Mr. Barrett, second, Fort Atkinson, has quit and the place is being filled temporarily by Bro. A. A. Dwork. Mike Dunn, from Jackson Junction, relieving the latter nights.

Bro. Muetter, Emery, while on a two-months' trip, visiting Seattle and other coast points, was relieved by Mr. Beisson.

Bro. W. N. Isham, Running Water, off for a few days on account of sickness, was relieved by Mr. Driscoll, from Presho.

Bro. McCormick, at Tyndall, who was obliged to take a month off on account of his back giving out, was relieved by Bro. Beisson.

Bro. Griffin, Scotland, was relieved, while on a two weeks' vacation, by Bro. Thorpe, and the latter by the night man.

Men are as scarce as snakes in Ireland (my home). Couldn't get one for an 'atom.

I wish to thank the brothers on the east and west end for their items, and hope they will continue their kindly assistance.

Long pull, a steady pull, a pull altogether, and we win. CERT. 2248.

River Division—

Understand the electric automatic block signals have been authorized for the Short Line, but can hardly be installed before next spring.

Bro. Soyster, our worthy General Chairman, was a recent visitor in this vicinity.

Roy Lowen, formerly wire chief for the W. U. at Minneapolis, has been appointed Assistant Chief Operator in "C" Minneapolis relay office.

Bro. A. B. Enke, now in dispatcher's office at Minneapolis, was relieved on second at Wabasha by Bro. W. J. Maloney, of River Junction.

Bro. John Sainsbury relieved Bro. R. O. Staley, second, Red Wing, the latter getting second at Signal Tower on bulletin.

Bro. C. D. Gallivan, of "C" office, relieved Bro. F. A. Sanborn in dispatcher's office, recently, while the latter was away shooting ducks and then relieved Bro. Webster, I. & M. dispatcher's office, while on his honeymoon; Bro. A. M. Kehrer, Western Union, St. Paul, relieving Bro. Gallivan.

Bro. C. R. Latourelle, of St. Croix Crossing, will soon enter the Railway Mail Service. We wish him success in his new venture.

Bro. Tackaberry, agent Frontenac, while on his vacation to the Pacific Coast, was relieved by Bro. Martin. Mr. Lake relieving the latter on second, Frontenac.

Bro. Willard, a new man from the "Q", relieved Bro. Stegner, second trick, at Lake City, recently, the latter relieving Bro. Hanson, who went to Aberdeen to register for land, but failed to draw a number.

LaCrosse Division—

For some time past we have been either too late or too busy to get in our write-ups in time for publication.

The rush of business on this division for the last six months is still on the increase, and probably will be until after the holidays are past.

We haven't had a meeting for some time, but one will be held in the near future, so the brothers will have a chance to talk matters over and learn what is going on.

We are lined up in good shape and must try and bring those that are somewhat slack up-to-date, and keep things moving up to the old standard.

You will always find in any line of business slack ones, who do not appreciate a favor, no matter what it may be, and this is the case with some on this division.

In the past three years there has been several deaths where the brothers failed to keep up their insurance, thereby leaving their wives and families to look out for themselves. Two such cases happened in the year just passed. So brothers, be sure and attend to this, as it is a matter of only a few cents and a little time on your part.

Some of the brothers, I am told, expect to go to farming. Bro. Hagman, Bro. W. Williams and some few others tried their luck, so we will be assured of a job, providing they draw the lucky number.

Div. Cor., CERT. 249.

C., M. & P. S. Ry.

Musselshell Division—

I think this will be the first write-up of the C. M. & P. S. Ry. that has ever appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER.

I am a springer on the road, but I think we should all get together, get the boys lined up and see if we cannot persuade the management to grant us a schedule. We cannot expect anything without asking for it, and we cannot ask for anything until we find out how we stand.

While there are a great many good Order men on the road, there are quite a few who have no cards.

What we want to do is to get the boys all lined up. Let every member try and secure a new one. There will then be so few nons left that the rest will volunteer. Do not be discouraged when you run up against some "hard shell," but keep after him and you will win in the end.

This being a new road, none of the organized brotherhoods have a schedule, but I have been informed that the management told a member of a certain brotherhood that they would meet a committee at any time after they were organized. If they will meet a committee of the brotherhoods, they will also meet a committee from the telegraphers if we are organized. This being the case, we should all get to work, and try to be among the first to have a committee up.

There will never be a more opportune time to send a committee up than now. All the roads are very short of telegraphers at present, and it should be an easy matter now to get a schedule. While we can not expect the best kind of schedule at the first attempt, still by keeping steadily at the work there is no reason why we should not be among the first to get one.

The conductors are getting up a schedule to ask for better working conditions and higher wages. A clause requires the operator, where freight is unloaded at night, to put it in the warehouse. The rule now, is that the train crew is to assist in this work. It is not an uncommon occurrence to unload twenty thousand pounds of way freight at some of the stations along the line.

T. W. Wildemann, at Musselshell, is relieving Bro. A. L. Lewis, who is subbing for R. H. Fick, the agent, while visiting relatives at Cascade, Mont., and on an extended trip East.

P. A. Nelson, of Melstone, will enter the fistic arena this winter in the light heavyweight class, and make his headquarters at Los Angeles.

R. T. Wilson, of Melstone, has returned from the East, bringing his wife with him. He intends to leave the service next spring and work his claim.

B. T. Green has bought a paper at Melstone, and will run it in connection with second trick at that station.

Mr. Hayes is agent at Sumatra, his wife having relieved Bro. P. A. Nelson on second, when he departed for Seattle.

At Forsyth, the operator comes on duty at 8:00 a. m. and works 12 to 13 hours. Uncle Sam might step heavy with that big foot of his should he hear of this.

A. H. Harris is acting manager for the Continental Tel. Co., at Miles City.

If the brothers will kindly assist me we will try and have a write-up each month.

I desire to thank all the boys who have contributed to this write-up.

Merry Xmas to all.

SCOTT, CERT. 245, Div. 55.

International & Great Northern Ry.

The membership has lately been growing too indifferent in soliciting new members. By such indifference you make the enforcement just that much harder, as it means either stagnation or diminution numerically for us. In spite of this indifference, however, we have been gaining new members surprisingly fast; mostly due to Bro. Stanton's efforts as organizer. We hope to soon see our membership educated up to the point where it shall be able to keep a traveling organizer and grievance man, for furthering our interests, on 'the road continuously, the same as trainmen have. This will necessitate a more liberal financial assistance than at present.

Bro. T. B. Pedige, of Navasota, attended Houston carnival; relieved by Bro. Mattux, a recent arrival. Bro. B. C. Green, second, Trinity, another carnival visitor, relieved by Bro. Werner.

Bro. J. Valentine, Jr., agent at Phelps, also spent several days at the carnival.

A. J. Clarke, of "GN," Houston, is being relieved by Bro. R. R. Holland, during his absence at the carnival.

J. W. Seay, of Mumford, has been visiting near San Antonio, relieved by Bro. S. B. Werner, who has again returned to his first love.

Bro. Gayle, of Bryan, recently visited his father and mother at Magnolia.

Bro. L. M. Hewitt, at Bryan, tried dispatching on the "tin can," but has returned to his old position.

Bro. H. H. Young and wife, of Roans Prairie, who spent a very pleasant vacation seeing the

quaint sights of Mexico, was relieved by Bro. C. S. Slagele, of Calvert.

Bro. S. S. Hennington's wife, at Anderson, is visiting with relatives, and the lonesomeness of the brother is plainly noticeable.

Bro. C. V. Lansberry, first at Spring, off on account of sickness; relieved by J. T. Robinson, of Milano.

Bro. C. B. Halzman, of Willis, is relieving M. A. Johnson at Thorndale.

Bro. G. P. Bradberry, third at Sellers, is at Austin, owing to the serious illness of his grandmother.

Bro. J. P. Taylor gave up his Fort Worth Division seniority and successfully bid in third trick "RA," Palestine office.

Bro. G. M. Terry, of "M" Palestine, who has been sick for quite awhile has returned to work.

Bro. H. P. Williams, formerly on "the Orient" and later ticket agent at Hearne is now on second trick at Mart.

Bro. W. E. Gilliland, our assistant local chairman, on Gulf division, at Conroe, spent a few days in Fort Worth recently.

W. H. Wright, third Taylor, is contemplating entering the journalistic field, having found telegraphing too unprofitable, like many others. We wish him success in his new undertaking.

Our efficient local chairman, Bro. J. O. Edgington, of Tyler, has resigned and accepted a position with the Cotton Belt at Tyler in the accountant's office. The membership regrets extremely losing the services of the worthy brother, who has served them so faithfully, nobly and unselfishly and will be ever affectionately remembered for his great service in behalf of the cause. We all wish him great success in the new field he has chosen.

Bro. S. P. Dunlap, dispatcher's office at Mart, is now on third at Bryan.

Bro. L. H. Hungate, of Marquez, our local chairman, has been at Marlin several weeks on account of sickness and we all hope for his early recovery; Bro. D. D. Hungate is relieving him.

C. Murchison, of Crockett, after Bro. Stanton's return relieved Bro. E. L. Rhea, of Easterly, who has been spending a few days pleasantly among childhood scenes.

J. T. Robinson, of Milano, has been relieving Mrs. E. M. Devers at Troupe, while on a visit to Fort Worth.

C. Mitchell has been assigned to first at Valley Junction, and Bro. E. B. McLean to third.

We are exceedingly sorry to lose Bro. C. B. Cook, of Valley Junction, now at Groesbeck, with the H. & T. C.

Bro. J. S. Raines, of Taylor, visiting at San Antonio and other points; was relieved by I. Mathis.

Bro. L. E. Killen, of Goodwin, has been in the hospital for some time. We hope for his speedy recovery; he is being relieved by Mr. Merchison.

Bro. T. G. Mines, formerly of Artesia, whose grievance is awaiting complete adjustment, is temporarily at Bracken, now under bulletin, C. H.

Cable having bid in "DU," Austin, relieving G. M. Bynum there. Mr. Cable is still on the non list; securing all the benefits of our contract; too selfish to realize the necessity of an up-to-date.

Bro. Walter Tasch has returned from a vacation at San Antonio to his old trick at Marlin.

Bro. R. L. Belcher and W. I. Mathis are temporarily at Buda, during the fair, which has made business good down that way.

Bro. C. W. Sledge, first at Taylor, has been at "RA" Palestine a few days and was missed very much as it keeps a good man "going there somewhat" sometimes.

Bro. L. G. Doty, Round Bock, is attending court, Bro. R. D. Barnes relieving.

Bro. F. C. Avery, San Marcos, we understand, is clamoring for relief to take the rod and reel and hie for the streams around in that vicinity, but apparently is unable to get it on account of the shortage of men at present.

Laredo, third, made vacant by Bro. B. L. Livingston's resignation, has been bid in by Bro. M. Coleman, third Cotulla bid in by Bro. H. B. Hackley, just returned from the East. Bro. F. E. Finnie gets second at Cotulla.

J. B. Evans and A. P. Wilson, New Braunfels, have resigned and the positions under bulletin are being temporarily filled by J. H. Harper and Mr. Wilson.

Bro. J. M. Williams, of Venus, has found it impossible to furnish us with news this month on account of being so busy during the rush. He is always very prompt. Let's hope he will find more time next month.

Bro. C. B. Holzmann, of Willis, is relieving M. A. Johnson, who is still lingering on the non list.

Bro. B. L. Harris, of Calvert Junction, will be missed very much by the boys on the south end, he having successfully bid in one of the tricks at Italy, and was relieved by Bro. Werner.

Bro. Parker Pringle was assigned third at Marlin, his old home.

Bro. O. L. Miller, "GB" Mart, successfully bid in Highbank agency.

Bro. J. J. Thompson, cashier at Marlin, has been sight-seeing through Colorado, Montana and Wyoming.

Bro. C. A. Ault has resigned third at Conroe, and gone to Palestine; that position is again under bulletin.

CERT. 46.

Vandalia Ry.

East Subdivision—

With the newly-appointed efficient correspondents we should now have our regular write-ups. The division correspondents always appreciate all the news the brothers will send in, and I want to urge upon you the necessity of sending it as early each month as possible. We all like to read the news of our own division, therefore help to keep it up to a high standard.

At Reelsville recently Bro. C. J. Benefiel and Mr. Perkins had to work twelve hours on account of Mr. Pickett, third trick man, being sick.

Bro. Ransberg on a two weeks' vacation visiting home folks; was relieved by W. C. Brown, who later landed third at Eagles; Bro. R. L. Williams, second Eagles, bid in second at Funkhouser, Mr. Ruark having gone to Colorado Springs for his health.

Three more towers were reopened recently. Two on the west and one on the east end.

There seems to be a scarcity of telegraphers just now, and if any of the brothers know of a worthy brother out of work they might mention the fact that the old reliable Vandalia is seeking for just such.

Business with the Vandalia is on the increase. Trains running both ways are carrying more loads than empties. It is rumored that telegraphers' salaries in the East, on the Pan Handle, were increased 10 per cent on December 1st. Let's hope the prosperous tide will extend to the boys on the Vandalia also.

Will ask for the assistance of the brothers in order to have a good write-up next month.

CERT. 157.

West Subdivision—

G. F. Wells, of Highland, resigned; relieved by Bro. O. A. Gruenfelder, second, Pierron, who was relieved by B. F. Kelley, extra; J. E. Pacette on third.

S. W. Valentine, Stubblefield, in California on vacation; relieved by R. K. Bayles.

Bro. E. E. Pierron has returned from Salt Lake with Bro. O. A. Pierron, who had a severe attack of typhoid.

Bro. H. Keeler, of Montrose, has accepted third at Vandalia.

Bro. H. C. Miller, of Collinsville, spent his vacation with home folks in Ohio; relieved by Bro. J. C. Shea, of Vandalia.

Bro. T. A. Heiling bid in first at Funkhouser, C. M. Kilby and R. K. Bayles working second and third there at present. R. L. Williams transferred from second to third, Amo.

A. P. Munie, while on a recent hunting trip, was relieved by B. F. Kelly, who later relieved A. G. Godwin, of Formosa, while he was off sick.

Bro. O. A. Gruenfelder was relieved by G. Beck, extra, for a few days, at Highland, before returning to Pierron.

Bro. L. W. Myers, of the U. P., is now with us.

J. E. Stout, of Mulberry Grove, has recovered from injuries received by a barn falling on him, and his relief, J. E. Pacette, relieved Bro. Gruenfelder at Highland, who returned to Pierron, B. F. Kelly going to "K" tower, Terre Haute.

There are still a number of the boys who want to get off, but the shortage of extra men causes them to wait until some future time.

While the dispatchers have been taking their annual vacations and going over the road, Dispatcher F. Cotton has been working a split trick.

Mr. Wells has been reinstated and placed at Griswold. The work-train office, "WN," between Dexter and Altamont, has been abolished, and M. H. Floyd gone to second at Griswold.

Some of the old heads will remember what a treat it was at "QN," with night callers of black type. Hope the boys will not be bothered with them when old "QN" is reopened.

Don't forget your dues and assessments, as it will soon be the end of our semi-annual term, and get after that non that is working next door.

CERT. 276.

St. Louis Division, East End—

Amo seems to be a very attractive place from the way the boys bid on the trick there. Bro. R. R. Hodson, who is with us again, worked first there until relieved by F. R. Parker, who bid it in, J. Stewart bidding in second, being relieved at Coalesville by Bro. R. R. Hodson.

Bro. W. W. Stinson is now with the Houston & Texas at Corsicana, Tex.

Bro. V. Q. Benson, first at McKeen, with the Great Northern at Browning, Montana.

CERT. 115.

Middle Division—

H. A. Emrick, third at Casey, while visiting friends in Mangum, Okla., was relieved by W. C. Volrath, from Altamont.

Bro. C. V. Oliver, third at Homer, while visiting friends in Ohio was relieved by T. Wells, from Valparaiso.

Bro. H. Keeler, third Mt. Montrose, on a few days' vacation; relieved by R. S. Fogler.

C. A. Wilson, first at Schoyer, was off a few days; relieved by Bro. R. L. Williams.

J. B. Ray, second, Vevay Park, stopped fast mail No. 11, on account of being asleep. He was relieved by G. H. Eckert, from Harmony, who later went to Amo, Ind., on third; relieved by D. A. Emrick, from Casey, Ill.

Bro. J. W. McCullough, first, Vevay Park, will visit home folks near Indianapolis as soon as he can get relief.

J. T. Guyer, second, Oak Leaf, is a great sportsman, and spends most of his spare time gunning for quail.

St. Louis Division, West End—

Nos. 30 and 31, our new 24-hour New York trains, are making the time, and can make it in less. Have heard no complaint of any of our boys delaying them. That's good, boys, keep it up.

Bro. H. L. Hearn, second, "NI," Altamont, is visiting friends and relatives in the southern part of the State; relieved by J. W. Munday, third, who is being relieved by W. C. Volrath, extra.

C. E. Scholl, agent, "BN," Brownstown, is being relieved by Bro. T. Thomas, first, "BW," Brownstown tower, who is being relieved by B. F. Kelley, extra.

"FR," Funkhouser, has been reopened on account of more passenger trains being put on and heavy business. Bro. T. A. Lealing, of Pierron, bid in first trick, and Ray Williams is working third.

"AO," Amo, "QN" tower, and "HU," Griswold, are now on bulletin. These towers were all closed during the depression in business two years ago.

F. O. Berry, third, "H," Highland, spent Sunday recently at his home in St. Elmo.

PAN HANDLE PETE.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Central Division—

Brothers, this, my first attempt at a write-up, is owing to my being the successor of our worthy local chairman, Bro. V. C. Walker, one of the best on the whole system, who died on October 22. He was a proficient telegrapher, beloved by all, as evidenced from the large amount raised by his fellow-workers for a floral offering and funeral expenses, including \$25 donated by General Chairman Bro. Holman.

Bro. Walker is survived by his wife and mother, two small children and three brothers.

Bro. Kelton, of Chester, Ark., a great friend of our deceased brother, rendered valuable assistance in making preparations for the funeral.

It is but simple justice, as Bro. Walker's successor, to add my testimony to his worth, even had I not been one of his closest friends. He certainly was a hard worker for the Order, consequently the Central Division is in pretty good shape.

Several new members have joined recently and we expect more additions in the very near future.

W. W. N.

Joplin Division—

Our General Committee is up for a revision of the schedule, and will, no doubt, make our hearts glad when things are settled. Here's for their good luck and success.

Boys, the first is fast drawing near. Let us try to have a new card by January 1st, 1910.

I notice quite a number of new men working on L. & S. Some of the brothers should advise them if they carry cards to give their division and certificate numbers, so they can be transferred. If they have no cards, get after them and see that they get them as soon as possible.

Archie opened as a night office, was bid in by Mr. Wilson, who is made of the good stuff.

There is a new night man at Pittsburg, who is also of the right material; Bro. Blum will, no doubt, do the necessary.

Pittsburg, days, is up for bid. Several have their eyes on this trick, but Bro. Kays, of Joplin, will likely be the lucky one.

D. K. Coleman, of Cornell, and W. O. Long, at Panama nights, now carry the goods in their hip pockets.

Bro. R. S. Rader has bid in the agency at Har-risville.

Sedalia District—

Bro. Frank M. Curry, agent Independent, is coming to the front, having been appointed agent at Jefferson City, relieving Mr. J. B. Quinlan, who

resigned to engage in the wholesale grocery business in Nevada, Mo.

Bro. R. M. Crockett, agent at Blackwater, is also climbing the ladder, having been appointed exclusive agent at California, Mo., succeeded by Bro. W. H. Hadwen, agent Strasburg, who was relieved by Bro. J. S. Ford, Sr.

Bro. L. A. Smith, of Wellington, visited Bro. Stubblefield, at Medford, a few days.

The recent assignments of brothers are as follows: L. M. Nance, agency at Little Blue, on bid; J. C. Needles, of Wooldridge, Waverly agency; C. R. Williams, agency at Naptonville, on bid; H. C. Harkins, third, Lake City, permanent; D. E. Smith, of Lexington, bid in Sweet Springs, days; C. S. Phillips, second at Myrick, on bid; S. S. Johnson, of Gasconade, third at Boonville; C. C. Brown, of Bonnots Mill, second at Gasconade; A. W. Williams, of Warrensburg, Lexington days; E. F. Moody, of New Haven, gets third at Washington, and Bro. Kendall agency at Wooldridge, on bid. W. L. W.

White River Division—

Bro. S. Reed, telegrapher in the superintendent's office at Aurora, Mo., has resigned, and has been relieved by W. S. Avery. While we are glad to have Mr. Avery with us, we regret very much to lose Bro. Reed, and he has our good wishes wherever he may go.

Bro. H. F. Klotz has returned to Crane, Mo., after working a few days in the superintendent's office at Aurora, Mo.

M. L. Thompson, Springfield, Mo., has accepted the position of cashier at that place.

Ed Plant, Norfolk, Ark., while on a ninety-day vacation, is being relieved by Bro. G. W. McVey.

Bro. E. B. McNeill, agent and telegrapher at Calico, Ark., bid in a similar position at Crane, Mo. CERT. 1183.

Eastern Division—

Bro. I. W. Davis, agent at Little Blue, Mo., dropped dead in his office on October 10 from an attack of heart disease.

CARD OF THANKS.

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo., Oct. 29, 1909.

W. L. Wilmarth, Holden, Mo.:

DEAR SIR—Please thank the O. R. T. for their beautiful floral offering sent in honor of my husband.

Respectfully,

MRS. I. W. DAVIS.

St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Ry.

Arkansas Division—

Bro. Todd, of Wisner, on a vacation recently, was relieved by Bro. Duncan, of Winnsboro.

Bro. Brown, of Farmerville, relieved Agent E. D. Moberly at El Dorado, recently resigned. Bro. Brown was relieved at Farmerville by Bro. Graves, from the Y. & M. V. Bro. Graves' membership will be transferred to Division 31.

Bro. Myers, on the Valley Division several years ago, but who has been at Natchez, out of the

service, went to Winnsboro and relieved Mr. Davis, who has gone back North. We are glad to know that Bro. Myers has kept his membership up all the time he was out of the service.

Bro. Moore, at Lawson (a thirty-five-dollar job), was paid telegrapher's salary during the time he handled orders for the work train in September. Every one would appreciate it if this job was made a regular fifty-five-dollar telegrapher job, and it would be a big help to the dispatchers.

Some changes were made in the dispatchers' force at Ferriday recently. Griffin has been doing the telegrapher's stunt there recently.

I hope my assistants will send me some notes for next month's write-up of the happenings in their territory. DIV. COB.

Hoxie District—

In a certain station on one of the trunk lines in Arkansas, there hangs a clock, the accuracy of which has seldom been questioned. One day recently, as usual, it was measuring off the time in regular beats, its pendulum swinging in full view. No other sound broke the monotony except the click of the ever-busy telegraph sounder.

A genteel-appearing personage, who had been looking steadily at the time-piece, thrust a portion of his bank account through the ticket window, and as the busy telegrapher proceeded to hand him his change and the pasteboard called for, suddenly "broke in" on the serenity of the occasion with the query: "Say, Mr. Agent, is your clock running?" The urbane official, turning and looking at the object of inquiry, quietly replied: "No, sir, it is right where it was placed five years ago." And the continued clatter of the instrument was the only sound that was heard as the questioner retreated to the station platform.

The McAlmont office has been closed and a new one opened at the north end of the double track, in charge of Bros. Woodson, Hendricks and Richardson.

Sister Flossie Davis has been appointed first trick operator in the "GR" Union Station, Little Rock, and Bro. Brandon holds second trick there.

Bro. A. N. Bevell, a member of the Pacific Express Co. committee, has returned after a month's vacation, part of which was spent in St. Louis. He was relieved by Mr. Null.

C. L. Elliott, while on a sixty-day vacation, spent in Texas and attending court at Little Rock, was relieved by R. C. Clark, of Dumas, Ark.

Miss N. E. Proctor was relieved as agent at Russell by Mr. Callahan, agent at Olyphant, and succeeded R. W. Anderson at Cabot. These are non-telegraph positions.

Bro. U. S. Goodwin, who resigned first trick at Argenta and went to Kansas, was relieved by Bro. Cunningham.

Bro. Woodson, first at Double Track Junction, spent his honeymoon in the West.

Bro. C. E. Beam, agent at Higginson, on a hunting trip in White River Bottoms, is being relieved by Bro. R. M. Harrison, third trick. Arthur Johnson, agent at Garner, is relieving the latter.

Bro. M. E. Doyle, first at Newport, has left and was relieved by Local Chairman Nelson.

There is a new man on second trick at Newport. R. L. Sullivan, of Alicia, resigned and was relieved by Bro. Whitlow.

Texarkana District—

A new office has been opened at the new gravel pit, just south of Malvern.

Pine Bluff District—

Bro. E. B. Wall, of Higgins, now at Pine Bluff yard, days, was relieved by Miss Stone.

P. A. Dulin, agent at Farrell, has gone to the Rock Island. SPORT.

St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.

Northern Division—

Mr. Graham has been an active worker on the north end recently, securing several new members. If every member would follow his example for a short time, the north end would soon be non-less. Mr. Graham deserves all of the commendation this humble eulogy implies.

The automatic block system has been put in operation as far as Pleasanton, and soon will be extended to Fulton. Then look out for a new night telegraph office.

The new telephone is doing a great deal of good just now, in the way of dispelling ennui.

Mr. Butler, of Pleasanton, who took a vacation several weeks ago to spend a few days at the home of his parents, was kidnapped and put to work on the 87 report at "FD."

Mr. Barrel is on second at Pleasanton, and Mr. Messick, from Fulton, took the third.

Mr. Greenup has returned to work as agent at La Cygne.

Mr. Peck has returned as agent at Rosedale.

Mr. Cox relieved Mr. Ham, agent, Paola, until Mr. Fetterman, from Girard, the regular relief arrived.

Mr. Young has returned to Hillsdale, after spending a few weeks looking over his Texas land.

Mr. Vaughn, who relieved Mr. Hutchins recently, has been sent down on the south end.

GERALD W. MILLS.

Eastern Division—

Bro. Williams is on second; Bro. E. M. Fronbarger relieving on third, and Bro. M. M. Durham relieving Bro. McNew, the agent at Strafford.

Bro. J. L. Fry is on second, regular at Lebanon.

Bro. Barnett, agent, Sleeper, is off attending his father's funeral. Bro. O'Hallaron is off on vacation.

A new telegraph office has been opened in Springfield near the shops, with Sister Hogan and Bros. Moss and Duncan installed as telegraphers.

Bro. Pamplin is the new agent at Northview.

Bro. Ray Stevens has been assigned to third at Jerome.

Bro. E. Bradshaw has gone to Niangua; Bro. Shomate from Niangua to Marshfield, second.

Bro. Cox has been transferred from Nichols to "MS," Springfield.

Bro. Carney has returned to "SP," Springfield, second; Bro. J. A. Fry to Crocker, third.

Bro. Vaughan has resigned, and will soon leave the tower at Souther Junction.

Bro. C. A. Irvin, telegrapher at Clinton, is relieving the agent there for a few weeks.

Southwestern Division—

Bro. Vaughan has gone to the Northern, at Lacygne, while Bro. Cox relieves Bro. Greenup as agent; he rusticated through the West.

Bro. Heffner is now on third trick at Chandler.

Bro. Nelms, our old friend, is at Oklahoma City.

Bro. Mattson has been transferred to Tuttle as agent. Bro. Freeman, from Jones, to South yard, third.

Bros. Cleveland and Barnard, new arrivals, are at Lawton, on second and third, and Bro. Trevillion is cashier.

Bro. Gaither has been transferred from Jones to Pierce City, third.

Bros. Mullens and Harvey have been assigned to second and third, respectively, at Neosho.

Bro. Delaplane, of Afton, is off on a vacation.

Bro. Babb has been moved to second trick at White Oak.

Bro. Dean is at Catoosa again, after a thirty-day siege of typhoid in Springfield Hospital.

Bro. Zahn, at Catoosa, owes us the cigars. Some one ask him why?

Bro. R. C. Logan has gone to third at Dawson permanently.

Bro. VanLandingham has been transferred from Sapulpa to Dawson, and Bro. Malone, from Schuller, is now in "X," Sapulpa.

Bro. Schooler has gone from Stroud as relieving agent at Taneha temporarily.

Bro. Nowlin is at Bristow for a few days.

Bro. French has returned to Bristow again on third.

Red River Division—

Bro. Martin, of Mill Creek, is attending court; relieved by Bro. Brewer.

Bro. Rice is the new agent at Scullin. We are glad to have him with us.

Bro. J. J. Chapman, at Ada, desires the members to all drop him a line occasionally, giving such items as may come to their notice, to enable him to furnish the dope to the general correspondent monthly.

Bro. Harkins, in a pile driver accident, recently in Francis yard, considers himself lucky to get off with slightly bruised leg and ankle. He will soon go to Henryetta as station telegrapher.

Third District—

McMullin opened as a telegraph office for a few nights closed again.

The telegraph force has been increased one man at both Holland and Joiner.

Bro. Davis has been transferred from Blythersville to "GM," Chaffe.

Bro. Jackson, at Holland, please explain?

Dispatcher Stubblefield was out on the road recently.

Dispatcher Wehling and family were in Cairo a few days ago.

Bro. Harris, at Sikeston, is the recipient of a new watch.

Kindly report any changes on Third District to Bro. Huckaby, at Sikeston, as early in the month as possible.

CORRESPONDENT.

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.*Chicago Division, East District—*

The regular meeting of this division, held in Redmen's Hall, at Defiance, Ohio, on October 20th, had a very good crowd in attendance. Many interesting and important questions were discussed. Local Chairman Bro. Eiler gave a very good outline of what he would like to accomplish at Baltimore with the committee that convened there on November 1st.

We hope the brothers who failed to attend this meeting had good excuses, but that they do not belong to the class who seem to think it costs too much money to go to O. R. T. meetings. We would like to state right here for the benefit of such men, that our meetings are run under the sign "Free Show Tonight," and no charges for reserved seats. Should you become famished for want of something to eat, there are several brothers who will help out with coffee and hamburger.

At the meeting on November 17th, held at the same place, a number of interesting topics, including the reports of our committee and other important matters were discussed.

The office at Holgate, Ohio, has, with one exception become a full-fledged "ham factory." The writer has received information that "Prof." Shuman will soon take in two new students at fifty dollars each. "Prof." Hutto has one on his list now. We take great pleasure in stating that Bro. Magill, the second trick man at Holgate, is true blue. Bro. Magill is sandwiched between a pair of student teachers at that place, and has gained the respect of all the members on Chicago Division by putting up the fight he has. We wish to put these so-called "Professors" in the right light, so that good O. R. T. men will be careful with favors. A personal letter to each member would not be a bad idea.

Second No. 7 was wrecked about one mile west of Standley on October 26th. A refrigerator car loaded with oysters was badly damaged.

Local Chairman Bro. Eiler was over the road recently, and done some very good work. In fact, his success was better than looked for. Although he ran into some "Hardheads," the membership

was increased considerably. Bro. Eiler is a faithful worker, and fills his position as local chairman very acceptably.

Bro. Heffelfinger, who visited his home at Concord recently was relieved by Bro. Bushelfoot List.

Bro. Manion and Whiting visited Niagara Falls and other Eastern points of interest while on vacation.

Bro. Cook and Miller took in the carnival at Defiance.

Several good positions were up for bid on November bulletin.

Bro. C. A. Donart relieved J. L. Gant, at "RA" yard office, several days, the fore part of November, and Bro. John W. Kelley relieved him several days about the middle of that month.

Local Chairmen Eiler and Webster returned from Baltimore on No. 7, November 8th, and called in to see the boys in "RX" office.

Bro. R. L. Phelger, third, "RA," removed from Chicago Junction on account of some mix-up with the night chief at New Castle; relieved by Bro. P. A. Calloway.

"RX" office is getting a new spring jack switch board and new center table.

Business seems to be picking up each day on the B. & O.

If the boys will send me some notes each month, will try and fill a space in the journal.

Bro. H. H. Joslin, manager, "RX" office, spent his fall vacation at Jennings, Mont., fishing and hunting, and incidentally attended the Seattle Exposition, accompanied by his wife. He was relieved by Bro. J. H. Thompson; R. A. Mason taking Thompson's, and W. S. Gilbert, Mason's trick.

Bro. R. L. Phlegar, Wellsboro, bid in "RA" yard office; Bro. T. W. Gary landing Ayr's on bulletin. W. S. Gilbert, moved to Garrett, left the service.

Bro. P. A. Calloway, of New Haven Division, No. 29, filled in at "RX," while R. A. Mason was on vacation, and Bro. J. H. Thompson, while off on sick list.

If the brethren will send me their writeups by the 15th, will try to get in the east end items of the Chicago Division each month. Drop me a note at any time.

CERTS. 1028 AND 1574.

Chicago Division West—

We hope the members who are delinquent will all have paid up by the time this appears, as it will soon be time to get another card. The system needs the money. Our committee has already submitted a revised schedule to the G. M. It takes more than expired cards to get raises in our salaries. So I trust the brothers who are in arrears will pay their back dues, and get square again, as we need all assistance possible.

The November meeting at Defiance was better represented from west of Garrett than from the East District.

Three of Professor Donohue's product have been employed, and are now serving thirty days

each. The quantity of extra men on this division is good, but the quality is nit.

Bro. Chas. A. Donart, formerly general chairman of the G. R. & I. System, is working second at Kimmell, during the absence of Bro. Hontz.

Bro. C. E. Trainer, second, Concord, worked first trick at Kimmell, while Local Chairman Webster was in Washington, D. C., on committee work.

Bro. B. C. Briggs, manager at Garrett, off a few days recently, was relieved by Bro. Donart.

Bro. C. C. Otto, on second, Albion, until the position can be advertised, will probably bid this job in, and has seniority enough to make it.

Bro. Jesse Edson, after being laid up for more than two years, bid in second trick at Babcock, and moved his family there. We trust his health will steadily improve.

Bro. J. S. Davis has resigned the agency at Teegarden and bid in the second trick there.

Bro. M. R. McMillion secured the twelve-hour day trick at North Baltimore, Ohio, on November bulletin.

Bro. Tom Karr has been appointed agent at Babcock.

Bert Ritter, at Ripley, is now carrying an up-to-date card.

Jake Zimmerman, of the Postal, at Albion, is now working first at Millers. We are glad to welcome him to our district, but expect him to get a card soon.

Bro. W. S. Yeiser, who took a six months' leave to dispatch on the T. & C. Interurban, has tendered his resignation, and will remain with the latter.

R. M. Herrold has moved his household to Milford Junction, until he can land some regular job. "WB."

New Castle Division—

By the time this appears in print the committee will likely have met the management, and we will know the result of their work, or at least what the verdict is. There is no reason why we should work for the same wages now as we did three years ago, when living expenses have increased 50 per cent in the same length of time. It seems to be up to us to boost ourselves, by pulling our rates of pay up nearly equal to that of a hod carrier, and if it comes to a show down we hope neither the members of the committee nor the men will be found wanting in that necessary quality of a stiff "backbone." We want to be fair and decent, but at the same time we want a square deal in return, and when we size up our pay checks, it does not look good at all. Let us hope that the company meets us more than half way in a square deal all around.

There ought to be plenty of good O. R. T. material among the new men on the road. So, brothers, get busy and boost.

It is now Bro. Gary at Boughtonville, making all the west end telegraph jobs O. R. T., with the exception of the new men at Easton, and the bunch at "OD" tower.

We are advised by our local chairman that the revised seniority list will be published January 1st, and after this list is received, changes on the division will be published monthly. Revised lists will be furnished old members and also new members when they join, and they can then keep a correct list at all times if they desire to do so. Lists will be furnished members only.

We are just about holding our own in membership, with but a very few delinquents. We occasionally meet a man who seems to be up against the real thing and he may think it a temporary hardship to join right away, but what if we all thought the same way. Then we have one or two on the road, who have enjoyed the advantages gained for them by our time and money, and the extent of their thanks is to "knock" because they do not get more for nothing. Some deal in meat saws and some have not the ambition to deal in anything but grouches. Such men are not entitled to much consideration.

The following are some of the recent changes on the division: C. G. Russell, from third to second, Niles Junction; Bro. Barrett, second Niles Junction, to second Lowellville; Bro. Hill, second "KN" tower, to third Nova; Bro. French, extra, to second Ohio Junction; Bro. Kelsey, extra, to second Haselton; O. J. Artz, extra, to third "FS" tower, and Bro. Tom Siering, extra, to second "KN" tower. We are glad to see Tom at home again.

Bro. C. R. Fisher, second "XN" tower, was called to New Castle on a court case, in which the train crew involved attempted to clear themselves at the expense of Bro. Fisher. After it was over the division operator asked the superintendent to compliment Bro. Fisher on his good judgment, which was done.

Bro. Schatz, second "TF" tower, was relieved by Mr. Krueger for a couple of days recently.

Bro. Greene, first trick Ravenna, is again on the sick list; relieved by Bro. French, afterwards called to second Ohio Junction, and relieved by Mr. W. S. Robinson.

Mr. Thomas, a new man, is working third Niles Junction, while it is being advertised.

Bro. Prinn, second Ohio Junction, having left the service, Bro. Davis was called from third to second, and Mr. Mearns to third, temporarily.

Bro. Jones, first Newton Falls, on two weeks' vacation recently; relieved by G. L. Artz, a new man, who will be with us as soon as he has had the experience.

Bro. T. C. Cahill, third Lowellville, relieved for a few weeks recently by Mr. Richards, new man.

Bro. Trussell, who was working side wire at New Castle, has been relieved by Mr. Kimball.

Mr. Sarff, third "NC" Junction, night side wire, relieved by Bro. C. J. Leahy.

C. J. Leahy and W. H. Shaw are among the new brothers who joined recently, and we have the promise of several others in the near future.

Mr. Gorham relieved Bro. Post, Boughtonville, second, while on his honeymoon trip through the South. Sure we smoke.

Bro. Post, the newly married, has returned from his honeymoon to work.

Mr. Richards relieved Bro. Hill, third Nova, while he was in New Castle recently, and then went to "X" office, Easton, to try and improve the service there.

Bros. McConney and Hill, at Nova, have branched out in the moving picture business and are showing to a crowded house every Saturday night.

Easton both "X" and "SK" offices were changed from one to three-trick jobs the first of the month and filled by Extra Operators Doyle, Barnes, Richards and Anderson. Later Bro. McCannon was assigned to third trick "SK," and Mr. Anderson was sent to Boughtonville in his place.

Mr. Gorham relieved Bro. Lane, first "MR" tower, several days during the hunting season. Understand there was one rabbit less.

Mr. Mohn, second "OD" tower, Lodi, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Mears.

Bro. Elson, second "MR" tower, attending a wedding in Cleveland and visiting relatives elsewhere, is being relieved by Mr. Gorham.

Bro. Purdy, first Akron Junction, while attending the session of general committee in Washington, was relieved by Bro. Ault, first "NX" tower, Cuyahoga Falls, Mr. Doyle relieving Bro. Ault, who was afterwards relieved by Bro. C. J. Leahy, who also relieved Bro. Gray on third at Akron Junction, while he was visiting his parents in New York State.

Bro. Schatz, second "TF" tower, Kent, relieved by Mr. Krueger for a few days, Bro. Schatz and wife visiting relatives in Pennsylvania.

O. J. Artz, third "FS" tower, taking a vacation of a few weeks; relieved by his brother, G. L. Artz, who also relieved Bro. Schried on first trick for a few days.

C. G. Russell bid in second, Niles Junction, leaving third at same office.

W. J. Lackey, agent at West Farmington during the summer, has left the service; relieved by Mr. McFarland, Mr. Hammon, the regular man, having been granted an extension of six months on his leave of absence.

Bro. Hennesy, second at Chardon, is camping on the trail of a couple of nons on the lake branch. Hope he will have good luck in lining them up.

Bro. Browning, agent at Chardon, while visiting his old home in Virginia, was relieved by Bro. Jordan.

Bro. Cecil having returned from a month's vacation, Bro. Hennesy, second, Chardon, was then relieved for thirty days; relieved by Mr. Michner, who relieved Bro. French when he came to Ravenna.

Mr. McFarland is at Cuyahoga Falls as clerk and operator, and hope he will soon be in line.

Mr. Gorman, a new man, who relieved Bro. Lane, first "MR" tower, while off at the Akron Fair, also relieved Bro. Van Wrangen, of Nova, for a few days.

Bro. McCannon, third at Boughtonville, while visiting relatives in Pittsburg, was relieved by Mr. Walsh.

Bro. Burch, third "MN" tower, visiting friends in Parkersburg, W. Va.; relieved by Mr. Doyle, who was with the Southern Pacific in 1907.

The more items that are sent in the better the write-up. Everybody help. "UNCLE BIFF."

Pittsburg Division, P. & W. District—

The attendance at our regular meeting on October 21st was somewhat above the average. Local Chairmen Yeager and Safford were both present to receive suggestions for the proposed new agreement to be considered by our general committee which met at Washington, D. C., November 1st.

Bro. Yeager on his recent organizing trip over the line, met with considerable success.

Bro. G. W. Brown, from the B. & S., is on third at Frisco.

Bro. M. M. Fitzgerald is doing extra at Goehring and Bro. E. S. Wolcott at Callery.

Bro. Wagerman, agent at Clarion Junction, and Bro. S. O. Six, of Sharpsburg, have been taking a vacation.

Bro. Louie Schmidt, agent at Ribold, is breaking in his new Oliver typewriter writing letters to the nons.

Bro. C. B. King, first, Zeno, and Bros. W. J. Mellen, first, and C. E. Seybolt, second at Bryant, have all three transferred to this division.

Bro. C. D. Moorehead is on a trip through California.

Claude Harbison, son of our first trick dispatcher on Frisco second, is making good for a beginner.

Bro. C. J. Fisher, Elfinwild, has resigned and left for his parents' home at Pasadena, Cal.

Our November meeting was well attended. General Chairman Van Atta was with us and gave an outline of the work of the general committee to date.

Our committee is determined that in the general movement among railroad employes for increased wages, the telegraphers on the B. & O. System shall not be left out in the cold.

The membership is requested to support the committee in every way and to get all available outsiders into the organization at once.

There are a number of old-time nons on this division, who are apparently hopeless cases. While they cheerfully accept of all concessions and increases secured by the organization, they steadfastly refuse to line up with their fellow workers in their efforts for improved conditions and wages.

Local Chairman Yeager, who upon the adjournment of the general committee, took a trip through the Eastern cities, accompanied by his wife, has returned to work.

Among the assignments of the November bulletin we note the following: Bro. J. J. Lanning, first, Goehring; Bro. Loose, Frisco, and Bro. McGrath, first at Rock Point. This places these brothers back to their old jobs held before the reduction in force nearly two years ago.

Among the new members admitted during the month we note E. J. Robison, second, Wildwood, and J. V. Healy, extra, Callery.

We are glad to see Bro. J. V. Young back on this end, he having bid in third, Willow Grove, Bro. Fitzpatrick going to Sharpsburg.

Bro. Engleman, of Elfinwild, has been on the sick list for several weeks.

Bro. Miller, of Gibsonia, is thinking of quitting agency work and taking a block job.

Bro. J. R. Davis, of Callery, is spending Thanksgiving with his parents at Boyds, Md.

CERT. 66.

Pittsburg Division, Eastern District—

The members on this district seem to be disappointed if they do not find this district represented in the journal each month, but it seems that very few of them are interested enough to assist your humble servant in compiling anything of interest. The two correspondents that were appointed to look after this work having laid down on the job entirely, and therefore the work falls back on "Bill," who has everything to look after. Now, brothers, it is not reasonable to think that there is only one man on this big district that can do this work, and attend to the numerous other duties required of him, and I would be more than pleased if some brother would volunteer to take this part as correspondent, which probably would please the majority of the members, as I am very poor at newspaper work.

The changes have been so numerous on this district since last month that I will not endeavor to mention them all.

Bro. Jarrett, Hickman Run, and Bro. J. H. Smith, Lavenia, have been off for some time, and I understand they are enjoying themselves. They are both good men and also steady, and will be back in the near future. They are both relieved by the fair sex, which I regret to say are not members, but have promised to join us as soon as they have arrived at the proper age (I mean one year as telegraphers). We have quite a number of the fair sex on the Pittsburg Division now. They are giving very satisfactory service, and we want them all in the O. R. T.

Bro. Will Carr, of West Alex, was down East recently, and contemplates leaving the B. & O. if he can secure a position on some Southern road, as his wife's health has been failing for some time, and he is trying to move to some climate which will benefit her. While we would not care to lose such a good man, we appreciate his condition and wish him success, and hope that his wife will fully recuperate.

Bro. J. W. Marsh, who secured third trick at Versailles on last bulletin, off sick for some time, has resumed duty, Bro. Morgan returning to his regular place at Robbins.

Brothers, before this appears in our journal our general committee should be called before the officials of this company to effect a settlement, regarding our present schedule, and should it be necessary I hope that each and every member will

stand pat, and back the committee to the limit, if necessary.

I regret that the Pittsburg Division is not at present up to the average in membership, compared with the other divisions of the B. & O., but there are so many newcomers that it is almost impossible for your local chairman to keep track of them without the assistance of the members. So whenever a new man shows up at your office, please drop your local chairman a note and give name, and if members, certificate number and division to which he belongs, thereby assisting him materially. Without this information it is practically impossible for him to keep track of all of them.

BILL.

Wheeling Division—

Have you an up-to-date card in your pocket? If not, don't you think you should have?

Are you providing for a new card for the new year? Now is the time to make preparations for the new year. Don't wait until the present year has slipped by, before you become aware that you owe the organization that is keeping you a "V." Also remember the insurance department, which is keeping vigil over your old carcass, is due a premium for the next six months.

Are all the men working in your office up-to-date? If not, have you used your influence toward getting them in line? Is there a non in your office, or along the line that you know of? If so, have you talked the matter over with him? Are you doing all you can to further the interests of the Order? Did you attend the last meeting, or did you pigeonhole the notice and forget all about it; or did you fling it aside and say "I don't see any use of attending those meetings, I cannot see where they are a benefit to any one?"

Have you ever had a grievance, that you would like the Order to adjust for you? If so, did you refer it to your local chairman, or did you sulk it out and say the Order is no good? Are you perfectly satisfied with present conditions, as to salary, working rules, etc.?

Ain't you got a kick of any kind? I imagine I can hear you say "yes, I have a kick, I want more money, I want a pass, if not an annual, I want a trip pass when I ask for it. I want my tower scrubbed oftener, I want a yearly vacation with pay, I want Sundays off, I want my seniority rights. When I write the D. O. I want an answer."

Well, now, if you want all these things, why in "Sam hill" don't you get busy and help to keep the membership up to ninety-nine and nine-tenths per cent?

The Wheeling Division is in good shape, yet there is room for improvement, and I earnestly request each member to see to it that he has an up-to-date card, and to get busy with the newcomers and see that they are lined up promptly. When one shows up don't be afraid to mention the matter to him. If he is a member, get his certificate number and the number of the division

to which he belongs, and report it to your local chairman. If he is a non, open up your persuasive powers and tie to him, also notify your local chairman, giving his name and post office address.

Local Chairman Bro. A. G. Youst covered the division, the latter part of October, in the interest of the Order, gathering information relative to present conditions. This data was furnished the general committee, which is to be used by them in their present negotiations with the company. No doubt, before this is printed your general committee will have met the company, and we hope will have succeeded in securing a new set of working rules with a nice increase in salary for each of us.

Have you all done all that is possible within your power to make these negotiations a success?

Bro. C. E. Miller, of Glover Gap, has taken a six months' furlough, and is going to a law school at Morgantown, while we would miss him on the wire, we wish him success in his new undertaking.

Bro. M. Jones, of Denver, W. Va., has left the service, and is now sojourning in California.

There are two new men at Valley Falls. Who are they, Bro. Linn?

Bro. C. H. Mitchell has been transferred to the Newark Division, and Bro. W. F. Evans to the Ohio River Division.

Bro. L. E. Wilson, of Glover Gap, is making frequent trips to Barrackville, "nuff sed."

Tunnel Siding will be reopened as soon as the interlocking can be put in order; a good opening for three good brothers.

Bro. J. L. O'Dea, of Littleton, seems to have considerable business at Glover Gap of late.

Bro. W. A. Yeater has been appointed agent at Denver, W. Va., vice A. M. Garrison transferred to Jacksonburg.

Bro. Harry Zimmerman, of Cameron tower, is back at the key after a flying visit through Kansas.

Bro. H. A. Schultz, of "FI" tower, has returned from North Dakota, whence he recently was looking after his land interests.

Bro. C. L. Allender is holding down second at "WR" tower temporarily. He expects to take his regular turn at Glover Gap, which he bid in on the last bulletin, soon.

Bro. E. E. Holliday is copying in the dispatcher's office during the present rush of business. He will supplant Bro. Allender when through copying.

Guess I had better ring off—remember the slogan "No card, no favors." DEXTER.

Ohio River Division—

Wake up, brothers, wake up! I understand the company is contemplating running the steam shovel over the division, and burying the whole bunch of us. And say, can you blame them? We are certainly a lot of "dead ones." Here we sit and whine, wondering why we don't get a vacation with pay, an annual pass or an increase.

But do you think for a minute the company is going to come around and say "Well, boys, you have been real good this year, haven't made any noise to keep the baby awake, and we are going to reward you with an increase." Well, now if you have any such "brain storms" as that, you had better get you a new corn-cob pipe, for the one you are using is getting entirely too strong for your nerves. Or maybe you think your local chairman can go down to Ba'timore and say to the company we deserve so and so, and get it. Well, in that case you had better wake up, for they are all from Missouri, and he must show them.

Are you aware of the fact that the boys on the C. & O. got all they asked for? You bet they did. They went right down there and showed the company they needed what they asked for, and their requests were granted. Say! don't mention it, but just as soon as I get my board bill paid, so they won't pinch my "go-away-bag" when I start, I'm going down there to try and land something.

I wonder how many brothers on the division are trying to do something to get us a better agreement? Hands up! Well, I'm glad to see three hands go up. Only three. Now do you wonder that we do not get those things we ask for? Do you know that if you would work as hard for a better schedule, as you do to see your best girl, against her mother's wishes, we would be getting at least one hundred dollars per month. You lay awake nights wondering how you are going to see her tomorrow evening. Now, if you will do half this much, that is stay awake the next day and try to do something to get a new member, and take a little interest, we will be able to explain why we need more money and better working conditions. And then give the company good service. Don't sit and talk to some girl on the 'phone while the dispatcher knocks all the insulators off the poles for three miles calling you. Wake up, brothers. If you cannot do it any other way, try "pink pills for pale people."

I am going after the nons that I can reach, and I want you to do the same thing. Make them feel ashamed of themselves. The last non I went to see, I had him shedding tears in less than three minutes, and I'll have his application next pay day. He was broke when I called on him, for I went through his clothes, and know whereof I speak. Guess he spent his money buying new telephone transmitter he burned out talking to some girl. Now, I have no objection to you talking to the girls. They are very nice. But what I want to get through your "bean" is: we cannot get better working conditions unless you help.

This division is about ready for the undertaker, as far as you are concerned, and there you sit on the "west side" of your pants, too lazy to even attend the funeral.

The local chairman is going to call a meeting soon, and I want to see you there. Come and watch Bro. Frazee "throw a fit." Three cheers

for the Ohio River Division, hip, hip, hurrah. Let us pray.

Bro. Moore, at Huntington, says he is all right as long as he can get his Limberger. If there is anything George does like it's Limberger.

Bro. Clark, at Cox's Landing, is still able to hold his job, but don't know how he will stand it when he has to work overtime nights. Bro. Clark is married now.

Bro. Ellison says he loves the B. & O., but, O! you N. & W. Cheer up, Ellison, they don't ship tobacco all the year at Glenwood.

I understand Bro. Rutherford is thinking of taking unto himself a wife. Luck to you, Paul, we will always remember your short stay here on earth.

Dispatcher Flesher says, O! you baby doll. Now, I wonder what he means?

We understand Bro. Hall leaves soon for old "Kaintuck." Bring us back some "moon-shine," Bart.

Well, you must excuse me for not giving you more news. I am so busy that at the end of trick I find it necessary to rest my weary bones.

SLIM, DIVISION BOOSTER.

C. & N. Division—

There will be a meeting of the membership soon, and each one that can possibly arrange to do so should be present. Your committee has prepared a working agreement covering the next period, and you will be made familiar with the articles applying to our division. Now, boys, be there all of you, and show by your presence that you are willing to help and support your officers in their efforts in our behalf. Our local chairman will be in attendance and will explain everything fully from the committee's standpoint.

As we are asking for many new articles to be inserted in the coming agreement, let us one and all do our whole duty while working our tricks. Be prompt in reporting trains, and do not, under any circumstance, sleep on duty. Prove to the company that you honestly earn the improved conditions asked for, and at the same time you will make matters easier to handle when your committee confront the management. Remember that complete organization is our main dependence, so do not neglect anything that will further that end. Keep the good we are doing ever before the non next to you, and you will soon find your persistence rewarded.

We are in the midst of the hunting season, and many are the reports of famous killings that we hear on the wire at night, when our brother nimrods compare notes.

Bro. Walter Norris, second, Central City, spent a few days in the fields training his dogs for the hunting season. Bro. H. L. Wolbert, a new arrival from the Hocking Valley, relieving.

Bro. Huffman, third, Central City, is visiting in Texas; Bro. Wolbert relieving.

Bro. James Holcomb, first, Summit, was off hunting; Bro. Pierson relieving.

Bro. Stephen Gaines, first, Black Lick, is still visiting in California.

C. S. Rowe secured second at Big Walnut on bid. He will very soon be entitled to the prefix, brother. CRR. 1698.

Cumberland Division, West End—

Business on the division is still on the boom, and it is beginning to look like old times.

The nons are still coming into the fold. Three new ones this month. Let the good work go on.

The office at Empire has been reopened, on account of the heavy traffic moving over the division at present. Bros. Luethke and Walters and a new man are holding down the three tricks until advertised.

Bro. Summers, of Grafton, caught the turn at the temporary office put in just east of that place, where improvements are being made on the right-of-way.

Local chairman Shaffer was absent ten days this month, on committee work at Washington.

Brothers, if there are any nons in your office, go after them and help the local chairman make the division solid. Remember that grand old O. R. T. slogan "No card, no favors," and see that it is enforced.

And another thing to remember, brothers, is that we have a very important proposition before us at the present time, and whether we win or lose all depends on the support you give your general committee; therefore, let everyone of you put his shoulder to the wheel and help push the matter to a successful conclusion. Get after the nons, and pay your dues promptly. Support your general committee when called upon to do so, and then you can well and truthfully say that you have done your part.

Div. Coa.

Cleveland Division—

Mr. Barnes, Peninsula, off a few weeks on vacation; relieved by Mr. Brown.

Bro. Dan Brisler, third trick, Bridge 80, has taken indefinite leave of absence on account of poor health; Telegrapher O'leary relieving.

Bro. O. R. Baumgardner, second, Columbia, with his family, left for Tampa, Fla., November 19th, expects to be gone all winter. He may locate there; relieved by Bro. Sayers.

Mr. Shanks, Lorain, first trick, off a few days, visiting. This should read "Bro." Shanks, but it don't.

B. C. Fidler, third, Uhrichsville, is off sick. Mr. Heaton, "DO," was compelled to put in one night in Mr. Fidler's place, on account of a shortage of men.

Bro. Kilbow, third, Akron, Howard St., was off, a couple of days, attending his sister's wedding.

Bro. Hoover, Sandyville, off on a vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Dewitt.

Bro. Hood, East Akron, is temporarily filling in at Botzum; H. M. Brown going to East Akron.

Mr. Fitch, for last few years at Broadway, got tired of his job and left without notifying any one. Mr. Thompson, who relieved him, did likewise, and Mr. Betts is now on the job.

Our last meeting was very interesting. Quite a number of the boys turned out, and Local Chairman McCoy gave us a report of general committee affairs at Baltimore.

General Chairman Van Atta will be with us at our next meeting, and all the brothers should turn out and get a line on what is doing. "RED."

Connellsville Division—

If telegraphers continue to drop out of existence on this division, it will be necessary to have Sherlock Holmes to solve the mysterious exits.

After feeding a stray telegrapher, Bro. Barfoot, "RN" Connellsville, was rewarded by having his micrograph stolen by the recipient of his charity.

Bro. J. W. Thornton, "D" Connellsville, made a hurried trip to his home in Virginia recently.

Bro. Kuhn, "D" Connellsville, is at present scouring the West in search of choice lands to be disposed of by the government.

Bro. Emerick, first at Foley, is in "D," Connellsville, superintendent's office.

A. G. Fry has severed his relations with the Connellsville division.

Bro. Knotter, of Brooks, has returned from a trip to the Dakotas.

Bro. S. M. De Huff and family visited relatives in Coatesville recently.

FOR RENT—One-room shanty, equipped for solitary and light housekeeping. Apply R. Marshall, Indian Creek, Pa. Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered our ranks, removing our brother, Grover C. Davidson; and,

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Davidson our division has lost an esteemed and valuable member; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Pittsburg District Division, No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family and relatives our heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. YEAGER, JR.,

J. D. DUNBAR,

S. O. SIX,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the O. R. T. members on Newark Division of B. & O. Division, No. 33, who so kindly sent beautiful floral offerings and for expressions of sympathy in our sad loss in the death of our little daughter, Mildred, on Nov. 2.

MR. AND MRS. P. FERGUSON.

Barnesville, O., November 16, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to call to eternal rest our esteemed friend and worthy brother, T. Butler Howe; and

WHEREAS, In the death of Brother Howe his family have lost a true and loving member and System Division, No. 33, a loyal member, who at all times tried to do his duty toward God and his fellow-men; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Newark System Division, No. 33, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family and relatives their heartfelt sympathy and consolation in this, their hour of sorrow, which we share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, spread upon the minutes of our division, and a copy furnished to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

O. A. FAUST,

F. D. HORN,

C. A. ANDERSON,

Committee.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Chicago Division, Danville District—

Our notes for the October journal were given to a party to mail who put them in the railroad instead of the U. S. mail, and they did not reach the editor in time for publication.

Our committee will be before the management for revision of our schedule shortly, and we hope that an agreement satisfactory to all will be made.

Business is good with us again and we hope that it will stay so for some time, because we know if the company is doing lots of business we should share in the profits to the extent of five or ten dollars per month.

Boys, when a new man comes into your office to work, you should find out immediately if he belongs to the Order, and not wait until he is finally transferred to another position. Let's show these nons that we are alive to the fact that they are accepting without a blush the products from the seed sown by the O. R. T., and not costing them one cent.

Our general manager will probably not be able to meet our committee for two or three weeks yet.

There is a shortage of cars with the C. & E. I., also being experienced by other roads. Quite a number of box cars received lately from the north, however, distributed along the line, has relieved the situation somewhat.

Bro. Johnson, first at "BX" tower, on sick list recently, relieved by Mr. Ross, who later relieved Bro. Kaneen on second trick there.

Bro. G. W. Kruse, second at Woodland Junction, also on sick list, being relieved by Mr. Miller, who has not worked at the business for some time. We hope to see him with a new card before long. He is now relieving Bro. C. E. Honeter, third at Coaler, who has left the service.

Mr. Mack is taking Woodland Junction, second, until Bro. Kruse returns to work.

Bro. Fitzhenry, first at Chicago Heights, is on vacation; relieved by Bro. Parrett.

Bro. McDonald was the successful bidder for third, "HJ" Chicago Heights, relieving Bro. Hall, who took third at Coaler.

Bro. Judy, Chicago Heights, is off on a ten days' vacation.

Bro. J. Vail, Henning, expects shortly to return to Jamaica, where he hailed from about two years ago.

Bro. Johnson, Sr., agent at Perrysville, is having considerable sickness in his family.

Bro. Huston, "NE" tower, and Bro. Curren, Hoopeston, have exchanged places, Bro. Huston bidding in second there, and Bro. Goodin from third at Coaler to second at Hoopeston; relieved by Bro. Hall.

Extra Goodin, from second "NE" tower to third at Coaler; relieved by Bro. Wolschlag.

J. M. Studer, agent at Steger, while on a trip to South Dakota, was relieved by Mr. Haggerty.

There is a very new man at Fairmount Junction, first trick.

Bro. Adams, from Dewey, visited Bro. Payne at Watseka while on his vacation.

Bro. Bahls has received Danville yard third regular.

Bros. Johnson and Kaneen, at "BX" tower, doubled while Bro. Thompson was at Hoopeston on sick relief recently, and Bros. Thompson and Kaneen doubled during Bro. Johnson's absence on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Bro. Johnson, first trick at "BX" tower, was called home Tuesday, October 19th, on account of his mother being seriously ill, but the chief called him back to work the next morning.

Extra Bolla is at "DA," Oaklawn shops.

O. L. Moore, agent at Rossville, resigned to travel for Washburn-Crosby Flour Co.; relieved by Hayes, from Grape Creek; now on bulletin.

Bro. C. W. Foudry, second at Coal Bluff, is now with the C. I. & S.; relieved by Extra Cooper.

Div. Cor.

Chicago Division, Terre Haute District—

Bro. Barnes was the successful bidder for third trick at Jackson; relieved at Atherton by Mr. Brown, an ex-member, who promises to make good soon.

Mr. Miller, extra, third at Jackson, transferred to third at Woodland Junction; relieved by Bro. Barnes, permanently.

Mr. Hearst, from the Vandalia, on second at Atherton, relieving Mr. Scowell, discharged.

An extra set of dispatchers have been added to the force, and we have a fine set of men. Harry C. Griffith has accepted a position as yardmaster at Seifert, joint E. & T. H. and C. & E. I., succeeded by P. L. Reynolds, dispatcher at Brazil.

Bro. Bahls landed third trick at Danville yards.

Bro. Lawkins, Terre Haute, now on second at "DH" tower, Danville.

"VD" office, Chicago, which opened recently, has been closed, and all business for Chicago officials is now taken at "GO" office. Div. Cor.

Chicago Terminal Division—

Business is good around the "Windy City."

Mr. Brown, of "GO," left for the Southwest, to accept a position some place as manager. Bro. Kelly is doing the early morning stunt until Mr. Townsley gets broke in.

Mr. Davenport, Mr. Hixon and Mr. Cowen, a fine bunch of fellows whom the Order can be proud of, will be with us soon; also Mr. Hansman, at "FO."

Bro. Harding is at "VD," the new office at 77th Street.

Yard Center is solid now, with Bro. Smoot on first, Bro. Willis second and Bro. Zimmer third.

Bro. Ingle, at Haney, did not return to the C. B. & Q., having been offered a concession to remain.

Mr. Maebor, agent at South Holland, has not been able as yet to get relief for his vacation.

Thornton Junction tower boys are doubling, Bro. Hock on first and Bro. Curwin second.

CERT. 330.

Pere Marquette Ry.

Petoskey Division—

The report that the office at Thompsonville was a ham factory is erroneous. The two boys there are both lined up and good workers for the Order. The agent at Beulah, on the Ann Arbor, however, is said to be turning them out in grand style, and the railroad company is encouraging him with his "ham factory" business.

Bro. Bird, second at White Cloud, while on a thirty days' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Harrison, of Bitely, and Mr. Cook relieved Bro. Harrison.

It looks as if we were all setting back and waiting for the other fellow to go ahead. Now, fellows, this is no way to do business. If we ever expect to get anything we have got to take hold, and the first thing is to get in all the nons, and then we will be ready to talk business to the management.

Mr. Miller, a new man, is working third at Petoskey.

Bro. Henderson has returned and has the clerk and operator's job at Bellaire.

Mr. Gillespie, agent at Bellaire, is with the Detroit and Charlevoix. Bro. Benton, who had the clerk's job there, is now the agent, having received it on bulletin.

Bro. Belding, agent at Interlochen, has resigned; relieved temporarily by Relief Agent Totten until Mr. Parker was checked in.

CERT. 326.

Port Huron Division—

There has been nothing in THE TELEGRAPHER from this division for some time. Wake up, boys, and send in whatever news you can hear of, and make a better showing for our division. Also get busy with some of those nons and bring them into the fold.

Bro. M. Irwin, for several years agent at Yale, resigned recently and went West to the N. P. Co.

but has returned and is now with the L. S. & M. S. in Detroit.

Bro. C. E. Epley, second at Yale, landed the agency at Ruth, vice Bro. McLean, who is relieving on the second at Yale until the new agent arrives.

Mr. H. A. Williams, who has been out of the service a number of years, has landed second at Yale, but is filling the agency until C. L. Curtis, of Romulus, arrives.

The agent at Juniata landed the agency at Rose Center.
CERT. 14,991.

Erie Ry.

Susquehanna Division—

Brothers, the beginning of the New Year is close at hand. Let us start in with a clean slate and keep it clean. Let us show the company that O. R. T. men strive to give good service, whatever else others may aim to do. Get the proper amount of rest when off duty and be in shape to attend strictly to business when you come on. Let us resolve to keep our names off the discipline list. Those on the list recently were all for offenses which they ought to be ashamed of committing. How good it would look if at the end of the year it could be said, that there was not an O. R. T. man's name on the discipline list. We can easily accomplish this if we try, so let's do our best. The desire of every O. R. T. man is to give good, clean service, but judging from what some of the others have been doing lately, their object must be to give the very worst service they can.

The Erie will soon put in use fifty of the largest locomotives in the world, with the possible exception of the three great pushers at Gulf Summit Hill, or one in use on the Santa Fe. They are of the powerful "H-21" consolidated type, equipped with Vanderbilt or Circular water tank. They are being built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia.

General Lorenzo Tarres, President of the State of Cancio, Mexico, accompanied by his wife and private secretary, passed over this division recently in his private car, No. 18, "Nauenaes De-Mexico," which was attached to train No. 14.

The towers at "AQ," Adrian, Cameron and Addison have received fresh coats of paint, both inside and out. Addison is now red and green, the same as the stations are being painted.

The interlocking tower at Chemung has been given a general overhauling by a floating gang from New York.

The inspection train passed over the division recently, and the officers seemed to be making a thorough inspection of everything.

The clerical force in the yard offices along the line is being reduced.

Barton gravel pit and tower was closed on October 25th.

Boys, when you happen in Waverly, don't fail to drop in at Bro. Arthur Hill's lunch room, just a few doors up from the station. You will

be sure to get a good, square meal and a hearty welcome, whether you buy a meal or not. We are glad to know that Bro. Hill is prospering in his new business, and we wish him continued success.

Bro. J. T. Conroy, resigned, is now on the D. L. & W.

J. H. Connors, Waverly, third, while visiting in Hornell a few days, was relieved by Bro. J. L. Wilson. Mr. Connors will carry an up-to-date beginning with the New Year.

Bro. Murphy, of "GJ" was off duty recently on account of the death of his sister. Bro. Murphy has the sympathy of the entire division.

Bro. Malloy, of "GJ," who fell from a tree some time ago and injured his back, has recovered and is on duty again.

Bro. Wayne, of "XU," on account of a bicycle accident, was relieved a few nights by Extra Telegrapher Young, who later relieved Bro. T. Ryan, of Big Flats, while acting as clerk of election.

Bro. H. M. King and Guy Owens have swapped tricks at "RX," for a few weeks.

Mr. Spencer, of "Q," while seriously ill, was relieved by Mr. Coonan, from "FD," and Mr. Popeck relieving Mr. Coonan.

Mr. Taylor, of "GY," who bid in second at "S," later bid in "KU," third; Telegraphers Pitt and Young did the extra work, while these changes were being made.

Bro. Monahan, of "XU," on a few days' vacation; relieved by Mr. Mulcahy.

Dispatcher Verian, second, east end, off a few days, was relieved by Mr. Dickey.

Bro. Victor Hadley, of Adrian, took a trip West recently, accompanied by his mother.

We wish to thank Bros. Deering, of Wellsburg, and Coddington, of Painted Post, for their generous contributions to this write-up. Brothers, we hope you will continue the good work.

We have no items from the Tioga Division this month.

There will be only one more meeting held this year, and we hope for a good turnout. Date not yet decided on.
Div. Coa.

Alleghany Division—

The writer, who has assumed the responsibilities of division correspondent, will endeavor to have the Alleghany Division represented each month, if the members will furnish all available items.

Let us get the Alleghany Division lined up solid. Each member should be able to secure at least one convert, but do not stop at that, get as many as possible.

Talk O. R. T. to every non you meet, explain the benefits of organization, and keep after him until success crowns your efforts.

I have plenty of application blanks, which can be had by dropping me a card.

It is again nearly time to pay dues, and there are still several members on this division who are behind for the present term.

We must keep an eye on these delinquents, and not allow them to drop out of the fold.

If any of you are interested drop the local chairman a card asking for a list of delinquents, and endeavor to induce them to pay up.

It is certain that we all must work together if we expect to accomplish anything. Merely paying dues will not bring in new members.

Brothers, don't dismiss this matter as soon as you have read this article, but get busy.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Bro. Karl, and hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Daley, second, "FY" tower, has returned from the vacation he took for his health in the forests of Pennsylvania.

The following positions are advertised: Third, Friendship; second, "HR" tower, and second, Dayton.

Wishing every reader the compliments of the season.
J. F. KARL.

Mahoning Division—

On account of the next meeting night coming on a national holiday, it was decided at the November meeting that we would not meet again until the regular meeting night in January, 1910.

F. J. Jones, first trick dispatcher, is in New York City. This moves Dispatcher T. C. Eddy up to first, E. Chadwick to Eddy's place, and Side Wire Man W. T. Williams running trains, third trick, in Chadwick's place.

W. E. Goodsell, second, Wilson Ave., resigned, and bid in by F. L. Cogsil, of Sharon.

W. W. Donanant, Brier Hill shop, off a few days, relieved by C. G. Perry.

C. W. Mitchell is working second trick at "YO," and Dorothy Dean third.

C. C. Fenstermaker, first trick at Garrettsville, while off a few days, was relieved by C. H. Fitch, second, and the latter by Harry Snyder, a Pennsylvania man.

W. W. Marshall, "RN," attended K. of P. Convention at Lisbon, Ohio.

R. G. Kistler, De Forest tower, off a few days; relieved by F. E. Brooks.

Second and third tricks at Sharpsville are advertised.

H. J. Perry, first, "NK," Youngstown, eloped recently with the division engineer's youngest daughter.
Div. Cor.

Meadville Division—

The O. R. T. dance given in the Excelsior parlors, Youngstown, on November 18th, for the benefit of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, was a great success fraternally and financially. While the crowd was not as large as expected, every one there enjoyed an elegant time.

Your local chairman is pleased to announce the receipt of a number of applications from new members, and wishes to congratulate the brothers who are keeping after nons. We hope to increase the membership still more, by each brother doing his part and keeping after the non working beside him. If there is anything your local chairman can do to assist you, don't be backward in calling on him.

Don't forget the meetings which are held at Warren, Ohio, the third Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be December 18th, and we hope to have a good turnout, as some important business is to be transacted, and we want you to have a voice in the matter.

Bro. Brown, agent at Freedom, occupied his new depot on December 1st.

Bro. Noble, first trick, "FM" tower, who broke his collar bone some time ago, has so far improved that he expects to resume work in the near future.

Bro. Spencer, agent, Ravenna, has returned to first trick, which moves Bro. Mushrush up to second, and Bro. Milnes to third. The agency is now filled by A. G. Beach, transferred from Watts Flats.

Sisters Ethel Wilcox, second at "MK" tower, enjoyed a vacation the first two weeks in November, being relieved by Mr. Mosher, from Union City.

I regret that I did not receive more news items this month, but trust some of the brothers will get busy and send your local chairman some items before the 15th of December, so we can have a good write up in the January journal.

Carr. 88.

New York Division—

Well attended meetings were held at Park Riley, N. J. (N. J. and N. Y. Divisions), October 15th, and again on November 13th.

Bro. Romaine's hospitality is as wholesome and as hearty as his faith in and loyalty to the O. R. T.

A good crowd greeted Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson, Bro. Shields, of No. 44, and Bro. Lynn, of No. 26, at Jersey City, November 6th. We desire to express our hearty appreciation of these brothers for the trouble and inconvenience they suffered in order to attend this meeting, and to wish for them hearty good cheer. Come again.

Bro. Fitzpatrick desires to make grateful acknowledgment of the sympathy and friendship of the many friends and brothers on the occasion of the death of his daughter, and the beautiful floral offering.

The meetings at Jersey City are usually well attended by side line members, who cannot attend meetings at Paterson. Main line members can as easily go to Jersey City meetings as they can go to Paterson meetings.

This being true, why not concentrate our gatherings at Jersey City.

From many points of view, as well as that of economy, the meetings should be at Jersey City only.

The Ladies' Auxiliary department of the Order is growing much in favor in many parts of the country, but as yet nothing has been done here.

We should get our women folks interested in this department. Our well of intellectuals is not so full, neither have we such an overabundance of grace, tone and refinement that we can be indifferent to those who can and would add so much of

those essentials to our social and business life and workaday world.

Moreover, it may be true as claimed, that the members of the auxiliary succeed in converting hard-shell non-members to our cause, but most of us know that nothing short of a club will drive a razorback hog away from a full trough.

Fraternally yours,

F. W. COLEMAN.

Wyoming Division—

Bro. C. Crane, "WA" tower, after working "AJ" third a few days, went to second "WN." Mr. Norris, "WN" has returned from his trip in Connecticut.

Billy Smith, third "WN" on first at "WA."

Bro. Avery, after working a few days at "WN" in November, returned to "CM."

Mr. Buckle "DO" office has taken up commercial work in New York.

J. F. McFarland, agent "AR," while on a hunting trip in the wilds of Wayne, was relieved by Jake Heiss.

Bro. York, second "GI" has resigned to take up commercial work.

L. S. Kizer, telegrapher at "DO" has been appointed agent at Gravity, vice Mr. Swingle, resigned.

Bro. D. E. Sherwood, while on sick list a few days, was relieved by Jake Heiss.

Bro. Adams, at "EY," sick a few days, was relieved by Bro. James Smith, who also was relieved by Bro. Cortright at "EY."

Mr. Games, third at "KO" transferred to third at "CM."

Paul Ware, wireless man, has resigned and gone to Philadelphia.

Bro. James Curran, while on a trip to New York recently, was relieved by Billy Smith.

N. J. & N. Y. R. R. Division—

We feel very grateful to Bro. Romaine, who helped to arrange for the open meeting at his home in Park Ridge, N. J., on October 15th, this being the first meeting the division has held in a long time. Arrangements have now been made to hold meetings more regularly in the future, but no permanent hall has been secured as yet.

The brothers have at last got busy along the line and landed quite a number of new members recently, with good prospects for several more. Let us all try to make the division solid or at least 95 per cent by January 1, 1910.

The owl trick at "DA" Oradell tower, owing to Bro. Kershaw leaving the service, is held by R. Romaine until bid in.

Bro. Kershaw is now with the C. B. & Q., at Eckerly, Colo.

Bro. Ritter and Weitman, "NF," Nanuet, while on a recent vacation took a trip to Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. N. Cotaggoe, agent, Carlstad, recently transferred to "HZ" Hackensack, vice Extra Agent Current, was relieved by P. Sellers.

The agency at Woodcliff Lake, transferred to Mr. Ireland, owing to Mr. Kelly leaving the service, is now open for bids.

Telegrapher and assistant agent, Radney, "SV" Spring Valley, returned from his recent vacation accompanied by a bride. With such added responsibilities, he should now come into the fold and be one of the big family.

Brothers, remember, "no cards, no favors."

CERT. 345.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Like some of the rest of you, we have been very busy in the grain business, and have not been able to send in a write-up for several months.

Bro. "Tim" Harrington, at Buchanan and Warman Pits during the past summer, has bid in the night shift at Edmonton.

Bro. Davidson is back at Borden after a two months' vacation spent in Ontario.

Bro. F. E. Fizell, of Atikokan, has the new agency at Kitscoty, which will be duly bulletined when a suitable station is erected to accommodate the agent.

Bro. H. G. McGill, relief agent, secured Bruno on bulletin and is now busy studying "Ways and Means of Handling the Mennonites." A very interesting book.

Bro. Willis, "FD" office, transferred to Humbolt days, Bro. Stephenson bidding in agency at Muenster.

Bro. Smith is now handling relay work and "CS" at No. Battleford.

Mr. Fullerton, from the C. N. R., is at "FD" nights. The Battleford brothers should see whether he has a card and is up to date.

Howell station temporarily opened, with Mr. McKinnon, of Maidstone, in command. Bro. Robinson, of Wadena, while on vacation was relieved by Bro. Hinsberger.

Owing to the scarcity of operators, Bro. Harrop, of Fielding, has been unable to get relief, although rather indisposed.

Bro. Fallow, of Maymont, while on his wedding trip was relieved by Bro. Bill Prevost.

Third District—

By the time these notes appear in the journal dues for the coming six months should be paid up. We want every telegrapher on the division to be up to date, and any new men coming on with cards from other divisions should arrange to be transferred to Division No. 43 at once. We need the support of every telegrapher to carry on the good work.

Quite a large number of new stations have been opened on account of the wheat rush, which we hope may all be kept open permanently.

Bro. D. W. Hunt is very ill in Dauphin hospital with typhoid fever, but we all sincerely hope that he may have a speedy recovery. Bro. Neibel is now night operator at Dauphin. Cor.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Savannah Division—

A certain agent located on this division at a heavy station, recently promoted desired to make some changes in the salary. The agency paid \$60.00 and the telegraph position \$50.00. He asked the superintendent to allow him the \$110.00, and let him do all the work. The express pays about \$30.00, thereby making the salary for the station a very neat one. This is one of the heaviest two-men jobs on this division, and untold trouble has been experienced in getting an agent to stick, as two men heretofore have had to work from twelve to eighteen hours per day.

This particular man does not, nor never has belonged to the Order. Had he, no such arrangement would have been thought of. The general committee have never been successful in getting a dollar for this station, and this young gentleman seems to have forgot that his action would go against him, and that station the next time the general committee meets. Every man on this division knows what particular station is referred to and also knows this non, who has been working from end to end on this division, drawing so many advantages from our schedule. This is how he repays us. Of course, we don't expect much better from a man who will sponge on us for several years, but his days are numbered, and he will soon see the handwriting on the wall.

It seems there are only two divisions on this line of road represented in the journal regularly, viz., Savannah and Chattanooga. The Macon and S. W. seem to be overworked. I like to have forgotten the old Cols Division. So seldom anything is ever seen from these divisions, it would look somewhat odd to see their names appear in print. Brothers, how can you expect your membership to keep interested when never a line appears in our journal. Very seldom a letter to the nons. If we are to keep up our standard we certainly must let the boys know we are watching them, and that their names will appear in print, if they don't keep right with the Order. It is no trouble for one man on each division to write a small piece monthly, and you don't know how much good will be accomplished thereby.

Members who allow their dues to lapse and become several months behind show a very poor policy. Some day they will get their reward in reduced salary.

Bro. C. G. Rogers, recuperated from several weeks' sickness contracted at Midville agency, has resigned and secured a more lucrative position with the A. B. & A. Ry., at Roanoke, Ala. He was relieved by F. W. Shumpert, telegrapher there.

Bro. E. M. Strickland, of Pooler, is now at Cordele with the A. B. & A. We were sorry to lose Bro. Strickland, as he was a staunch worker for the Order, but our loss is the A. B. & A.'s gain. He was relieved by Mr. E. H. Beville.

A. J. H. Williams, of M. & A. Junction, third, is now with A. C. L.; relieved by Bro. J. H. Hodges, of Tennille, third, until filled by I. B.

Bell, of Wadley, third, who was relieved by Bro. C. C. Carroll, of Meldrim, Bro. J. H. Hodges returning to Tennille, third.

Mr. McGowan, who had relieved Bro. Hodges on third, ordered to Savannah.

Bro. J. H. Wright, of Stillmore, while on sick list, was relieved by Mr. Blitch, from Nunez.

B. L. Briggs has been assigned Meldrim agency, vice Bro. D. W. Moland.

Bro. M. H. Smith, Adrian, as day telegrapher, vice J. D. Youmans.

Bro. W. T. Channel, from A. C. L. to Brewton agency, vice Bro. Smith, who goes to Adrian.

Bro. W. K. Horne, Waynesboro nights, to Meldrim, vice a "Mr." Coa.

Chattanooga Division—

The beginning of the New Year is a good time to stop and give a moment's thought to the question, "Have each of us done our duty toward the Order during the year that is just passing?"

Every one should resolve to do our best, individually and by all working together make the next year the greatest in the history of the Order on this division.

Bro. Dunaway, of Chickamauga, has returned from a three weeks' vacation.

Bro. Conyers, of Newman, has been obliged to lay off on account of having trouble with his eyes. Bro. Abrams is relieving him.

Boys, wake up and let us have a write-up each month from the Savannah and Chattanooga Divisions.

Don't forget, it's time for the new card.

CERT. 263.

Ann Arbor Ry.

The interlocker has been recently overhauled and electric signals installed. Bro. Herrich has been looking after these improvements for some time and they were very much needed.

The P. M. Ry. has installed a record case for Agent Herrich and all records on P. M. Ry. are up in yearly order, making it very handy for reference. We hope the A. A. Ry. will soon do likewise.

Improvements have been made on the station at Annpere to the extent of three or four hundred dollars. The building has been lathed, plastered and remodeled with fine dwelling rooms.

The trainmen are up for a new schedule. The telegraphers and agents should arrange to do the same thing, and all the roads go in as one association for better wages and hours. Some of our one-man stations put in 12 to 14 hours daily. Let us get after a minimum one that is right. Stop and reason, boys, when the trainmen want a good schedule they go after it, while we sit around and simply wish for one. The time it takes for a man to become an experienced telegrapher entitles us to get wages that will compare with other trades. Any man who can handle stations and wires, should draw not less than \$60.00, and that is putting it easy. There are Western roads that have raised the telegraphers

and agents \$5.00 per month and were not even asked to do it.

Brothers, we have as nice a set of officials as any road could ask for. They are always very reasonable when conducting investigations, and I have never heard a trainman even say a word against the officials of this road.

Now, boys, use them as well as they use us, and in the future I am sure we will get more money and the best of treatment.

The dispatchers are very kind at all times and willing to help out by taking messages whenever they can. Let us look at these favors in the proper way, pull together and go after a minimum, and I am sure we can get it.

Chief Dispatcher J. S. Graghan has returned from his vacation and we are all glad to see Jim back again.

Bro. A. J. Herrick, agent, Annapere, with his wife and daughter, have returned from a two weeks' trip on the M. C. R. R.

Bro. Harry Thompson, on the owl stunt, is away on a ten-day vacation.

Business is good and the Ann Arbor is getting a lot of new box cars, gondolas and four new engines of the heaviest type. There has been quite a shortage of cars recently, but the old cars are being repaired, and these with the new equipment will soon reduce the shortage to a minimum.

This increase in business means more revenue for the company, therefore don't get stale, but keep up your dues and let us see if we can't have a little of this increased revenue added to our pay.

Let every man get his card up-to-date, and get every one in line.

Wake up, and let us hear from you. It's a cinch no one is going to add anything to your bank roll, unless you go after it.

Chief Dispatcher Graghan, while on three weeks' vacation, was relieved by third dispatcher, Lehy; Mr. Johnson, extra dispatcher, relieving the latter.

Bro. Berryman, first, Hallett, off a few days recently was relieved by Mr. Traphaggen, of Toledo, who also relieved Bro. J. W. McNamee, off several weeks, in search of a healthier climate.

Bro. W. H. Terrel, of Pittsfield, got Byron on bid. Pittsfield bulletined and Buelah and Ban-nester agency and telegrapher's position at Annapere are also bulletined.

Bro. L. R. Taylor, Cadillac yards, first, has been transferred to "A" office, Toledo.

Bro. Smith, Cadillac, has gone West, in search of better conditions.

Bro. A. J. Herrick, Annapere, on couple weeks vacation recently relieved by Bro. Floyd Mattis, of Lakeland.

Give us a little news once in a while. Will be glad to hear from some one on the north end.

G. E. L.

Why in the name of the great tooth-picks, don't we have a meeting some time, somewhere. The trainmen, engineers, firemen and shopmen, are going after the company for a raise and other changes in their schedule, and they don't need it any worse than we do. It don't cost them any more to live than it does us. Why cannot we get together, and do a little something for ourselves. I would like to have every brother, and others write Bro. Taylor, care the "AA" depot, Toledo, and give him a date when they would like a meeting. With all the trains running on Sunday, what is the matter with us having a good old time meeting, get a committee appointed, and frame up something. Bro. Taylor is a busy man, but I know that he will attend to it. Write him, and suggest a day. How about January 2d, the first Sunday in that month. Please advise him. Let each and every one get in an application for transportation early, and all get together and do something. Any one in favor of a better date let him know.

Bro. J. W. McNamee, third at Hallett, recently while attempting to board the P. M. local, to Alexis, and catch A. A. No. 1 missed his footing and fell under the wheels, getting his foot badly crushed, and necessitating the amputation of all his toes, with the exception of the large toe. Last reports were that he was getting along nicely. Bro. McNamee has had a run of very hard luck in the last year, and the members of the division extend to him their sympathy. Bro. Ide relieved Bro. McNamee, "Uncle Joe" is always on hand when badly needed.

Bro. Berryman at Hallett, has not succeeded in getting his sixty days leave of absence yet on account of the scarcity of telegraphers.

Bro. Arnold, of Ithaca, has left the service. Not bulletined yet.

Bro. Taylor, our worthy chairman, seems to have his hands full at "A" office, Toledo.

Would like to have a few notes and suggestions from some of the men on the north end as I am unable to reach the boys there. Some of you please help out with a few items. It will make us all feel a lot better.

"UNCLE DUD," G. E. L. & G.

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

Fourth Division—

Bro. F. W. Aiken, general chairman, was over a part of the Fourth Division recently to see how the boys were getting along. We were all glad to see him. If all the members were as alive and wideawake as he is, we would soon have a strong division. We can be if we will work together and get all the nons in. There are not very many on this division and we ought to be able to line them up.

We now have a local chairman, Bro. C. L. Tucker, agent at Fort Garland, and we should all take more interest in matters pertaining to our interests and help things along. Let us show the others what we can do when we all try.

Quite a number joined during the month of October on this division. Let's see if we can't do better and better every month.

Bro. Strawn, on vacation, was relieved by Mr. Dolson, who resigned and went East on his return.

Bro. Richards, second at Durango, who resigned and went with the Colorado Southern at Loveland, Colo., was relieved by Mr. McDougal, who later went to the first division.

H. Moore, extra third trick dispatcher at Alamosa, has returned to Durango as telegrapher.

Mr. Lively, La Veta, has taken third at Chama, extra.

Mr. Means, agent at Chama, has resigned. Two operators are to be cut off there, making it a two-man job.

There is a new man at Silverton.

This is the first writeup from this division for some time. Let every member send in the news to the local chairman early each month so we can have a writeup in every issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

CERT. 711.

Third and Fourth Districts—

Bro. Fridy got San Carlos first on bulletin.

Bro. Kennedy is back after a six weeks' layoff, spent in California, in Routt County, "deer hunting." He was relieved by Bro. Compton, from the Rio Grande Western.

Bro. Vaughan, night agent at Salt Creek, while on a short vacation to Canon City and Colorado Springs, was relieved by Bro. Barr, from the Frisco, who went to Canon City upon Bro. Vaughan's return.

Bro. Edson, at Graneros, while on an extended layoff, hunting, was relieved by Bro. Compton.

Bro. Happy, while over in Greenhorn country in search of the antlered birds, was relieved by J. T. Gardner, from the "Monon."

Bro. Johnson, while accompanying his wife as far as Colorado Springs on her way home, was also relieved by Gardner, who will soon be a brother.

After ninety days off, Bro. Bailey, of Huerfano, on ninety days' leave was relieved by Mr. Forsman, who is one of the kind that can't afford the necessary.

Bro. Whitney went to Castle Rock on bulletin. Bro. Kirk to third, Warfano.

Send your notes to THE TELEGRAPHER up to "RS" by the 15th of the month.

Let us help Bro. Roberts all we can by looking up the nons and the new men that should be transferred.

"SHORTY."

Second Division—

Bro. Morris, agent, Tennessee Pass, has returned from an extended hunting trip and a visit with his folks in Illinois and his wife's folks in Nebraska.

Bro. Reedman, acting agent, Tennessee Pass, in the absence of Bro. Morris, has resigned and

gone to his home at Columbia, Mo. He expects to take up telephone work, but will continue to have an up-to-date card.

Ex-Bro. A. Smith acted as agent after Bro. Leedon's departure until Bro. Morris returned. He will be with us again by the first of the New Year.

Bro. G. A. James, from Division No. 138, is working second, Tennessee Pass.

Bro. Griffin, from the N. P., is working third, Tennessee Pass.

Bro. F. Crossno, first trick, Minturn, was called to Lilbourn, Mo., recently on account of sickness of his brother's wife.

Bro. J. F. Jones landed second and Bro. J. L. Shy third trick at Minturn.

Bro. B. M. Howe, second trick at Minturn, landed the agency at Eagle.

Two more operators have been put on at Avon recently.

As Bro. "Q" is gone and I am taking his place, thanks to Bro. "FY" for helping me out with items during Bro. "Q's" absence. All the brothers try and send some news to Bro. "Q" at Tennessee Pass in time for the next TELEGRAPHER.

STUB.

Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry.

It has been a long time since we have had a write-up from this road. Herewith are a few items.

Bro. C. W. Smith, third, "JR" tower, secured Red Raven, on bid.

Bro. B. B. Gehr, first, Conneautville, while on short vacation, was relieved by H. K. Duffield, a new man.

Bro. C. W. Smith, first, "BO" while off a few days was relieved by Bro. J. H. Brooks.

Bro. O. D. Niesen, days, Albion yard, resigned; relieved by Mr. Miller.

Bro. M. C. Hahn, first, "NA" tower, Albion, while attending court as a witness for the company recently, was relieved by Bro. Brooks.

Bro. H. C. Herrick, agent, Cranesville, took in the sights at Pittsburg and Jefferson, Ohio, his old home, during his vacation.

Bro. C. G. Grove, first at "JN" was sight-seeing in Pittsburg a few days recently.

W. E. Wright, who has been farming in the West about a year, will soon return to Plata, as agent again.

Bro. W. H. Hall, third, "XG" tower, has accepted a position with the wireless at Erie, Pa. C. P. Hallinger, relieving.

Bro. J. McCochran, first, "XG" tower recently took a few days off.

Bro. S. D. Ames, third, State Line is back again after about a month of illness. We are all glad to see him out again; C. P. Hullinger relieved him.

W. B. Risley, our S. & T. has returned to "CH" from his annual vacation.

CERT. 130.

Southern Pacific Ry.*Sacramento District—*

The following assignments were made for positions, shown on bulletin No. 51: Bros. W. H. Gorton, third, Roseville; S. J. Billheimer, second, New Castle; E. F. Stewart, first, Blue Canon; D. Daley, second, Yuba Pass; P. B. Bell, third, Boca; R. W. Scruby, third, Verdi; H. E. Hyde, second, Marysville; C. C. Stroupe, third, Woodland; M. C. Gorton, agent, Yolo; R. H. Loban, agent, Williams; M. L. Shearin, agent, Colusa Junction and F. M. Thompson, clerk and telegrapher.

Bro. J. Finland, while on his recent vacation trip through the northwest, was relieved by Bro. C. S. Greene, who on his return relieved Bro. G. W. Blair at Gridley for a short vacation.

Bro. H. J. Hendrick, agent, Maxwell, transferred to Western Division, for benefit of his wife's health; relieved by Mr. Shumaker, a new man on the division.

J. S. Quire has returned from Nome, to his old trick in Sacramento "H" office.

W. H. Todd, an old Sacramento division man, lately farming in Sutter county, has returned to railroad service.

Bro. E. L. Sharp, on his recent eastern trip, took in all the sights on the Atlantic coast.

Bro. B. D. Mullen, Sacramento, transferred to Roseville "YD" until permanent assignment is made.

Bro. Jas. O'Conner, Sacramento, was in San Francisco recently for a short vacation.

Bro. J. F. Neideffer is dispatching the mountain east, during the absence of Mr. Geiger.

Bro. F. F. Bush, extra at Marysville, was in San Francisco, recently, attending the Portola festival.

Bro. L. L. Brewer relieved Bro. Hyde, agent, Lincoln.

Bro. E. F. Stewart, the successful applicant for first, Blue Canon, is working temporarily at Truckee.

Bro. M. E. Jepson has recovered from his recent illness and returned to Verdi.

Bro. H. L. Bruce, Boca, on the sick list and Bros. Yaeger and Bigelow are doubling on account of there being no available man for relief.

Bro. T. C. Morebeck, Jr., lost all his household goods in a recent fire, at Summit, when about 2000 feet of shed and the depot were burned. The fire had gained such headway before the alarm was sounded that Bro. Morebeck and family barely escaped with their lives.

The following positions are shown on bulletin No. 52 and will be held open for seniority bids thirty days: First telegrapher, Elvas and Spruce; second telegrapher, Summit; third telegrapher, New Castle, Gold Run, Spruce, Summit and Verdi; agent, Truckee, Lincoln, Dunnigan, Folsom and Placerville.

Bro. H. Didlake is on second at Reno, Bro. C. S. Greene is expected to resume duty on first soon, and Bro. F. M. Roy, who has been in the

hospital many months reports he will be able to work in a few weeks.

Bro. A. T. Johnston is at Verdi until filled by some regular man.

Bro. H. M. Baxter spent Thanksgiving and the holidays with relatives in Los Angeles; Bro. C. C. Stroupe relieved him.

Bro. T. C. Morebeck, Jr., agent, Summit, on sick list, relieved by Bro. Frank McCloud, of Capron.

Bro. J. F. Ford, second, Summit, has resigned to go in other business.

Bro. Harry E. Fender from an eastern road, on third, Summit, he says it snows some in his country, but not to such depth as at Summit.

Bro. A. V. Kellar, first, Spruce, has resigned and gone with a northern road.

Bro. C. W. Manuel, Yuba Pass, is visiting friends at the bay, relieved by Telegrapher Wilson.

Bro. A. Randall has been working extra at Emigrant Gap and Yuba Pass.

Bro. Paul Storey, who holds the record for traveling, having relieved ten or twelve men in the past six weeks, is now at Towle, relieving our local chairman.

Bro. J. F. Casey, first, Colfax, was called to San Francisco recently on account of the serious illness of his father.

Bro. J. A. Foster, Biggs, on an extended trip to San Francisco and other points, relieved by Bro. Starr, a new man.

Bro. F. N. Shumaker, who relieved Bro. Hendricks, agent, Maxwell, has been relieved by an eastern man.

The agent at Placerville, placed on the pension list; relieved by Bro. A. W. Stewart; Bro. W. B. Lewis, filling position of clerk and telegrapher.

Among the agents and telegraphers on the discipline list, may possibly be some members of the Order. This is against the policy of our organization. We desire to have all our members make a special effort to give first-class service to our employers, which will strengthen our Order and save the division officials time and trouble.

Our local chairman has just returned from a trip over the district, bringing in twelve applications. The few non-members still with us, all promise to come in "soon." Div. Cor.

San Joaquin Division—

Brothers: It is the desire of the local committee that we have a few notes of interest in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, covering the San Joaquin division.

Bro. E. W. Kinney, Caliente, will report Bakerfield to Sangus; Bro. James, Fresno to Bakerfield and branches; Bro. Sloan, Summerland Coast line and branches, Santa Barbara to Los Angeles. Now, if each member will co-operate by sending items of interest to any one of the above, we will have a page at least. Let's hear from you.

Business on this division seems to be on the increase, nearly equal to the fall of 1906 and 1907.

The Santa Fe could not handle its business with the regular amount of motive power and borrowed several engines from the Salt Lake R. R.

The Santa Fe are using the S. P. main line, Bay Point to San Pablo, on account of the cave in, in San Pablo tunnel, 100 trains passed Valley Junction one day last week. The S. P. tracks will also be used Bakerfield to Los Angeles. This will open up 8 or 10 new jobs.

The Southern Pacific has commenced distributing the new 90-pound rail to be laid from Bakerfield to Mojane and the sidings are also being extended at several places, the contracting outfit is now at Limón, where twelve hundred feet more sidings is being built.

The company is still extending sidings, Ilmon, Bealville, Rowen, Cameron and Cable are the points being worked on now.

Roadmaster Lorentzen is hurrying the distribution of the new rails. It cannot be laid too soon. Broken rails are discovered almost daily, but through the vigilance of the employes there have been no accidents. This portion of the line is protected by the automatic block system.

Business is good on both Coast and Valley lines, but there seems to be no scarcity of men at present.

Local Chairman, Bro. J. E. Sloan, passed through on No. 107 recently and met all the boys on duty between Los Angeles and Fresno. He found the membership in good spirits and few nuns on the division.

There are several offices where operators are being worked ten hours with one hour off for meal, this occurs generally to second trick men, which does not compare well with the other two men at eight hours, the reason given is that it is to avoid overtime and give the agent the benefit of the hours.

Our new bulletin is just out with a number of changes which it will not be necessary to give here, as each one interested gets a copy.

The division 90 per cent strong and the other 10 per cent have no valid reason other than they think the rest of the boys will carry them along and save them a dollar.

Mr. Creighton, at Selma, takes the benefits but never comes through. Position as day operator vacant here.

Mr. Dresser Kingsburg is going to quit to become president of the X. Y. Z. R. R. some day.

Mojane is still having its usual changes. No one seems to care to work there. If you have ever been there then it is unnecessary to give the reason for dissatisfaction with the place.

Bro. Kriemkle, of C. M. St. P. is temporary agent at Malaga and has bid in on the job.

Bro. L. M. Rothenburg has bid in Moorpark.

Bro. Geo. Leon is doing lots of biz at Fowler.

J. H. Sheridan, who resigned to accept a more lucrative position with the Santa Fe, at Fresno, has been succeeded by Mr. Clark, from the Oregon Short Line. We hope he will fill the place

as successfully in all respects as "Jack," who had the "OK" of all within his jurisdiction.

Our friend, C. S. Green, C. C. to superintendent has resigned. Not in the history of the Southern Pacific will you find a man as popular and loved by all for his kindly consideration and courtesy to all, as "Father Green," as he is familiarly known, and the title amply fits the man. Night Chief Peckham succeeded "Father Green." Dispatcher Warner succeeded Mr. Peckham, Extra Dispatcher Bullock succeeded Mr. Warner, and G. N. Wilson extra dispatcher.

C. T. U. Bro. Adams has the new position of sixth man in "K," Bakersville.

Bealville, Marcel and Warren have been made three-men offices and Rosamond opened as a night office. Look out, brothers, don't sleep on duty. It resulted seriously to quite a few recently. The company will not accept any excuse.

Bro. C. B. Taylor, from the Vandalia Line, is relieving Bro. Sexton, of Tehachapi temporarily.

Bro. McLeash has resigned and returned to Nebraska.

Bro. Malakowitz resumed work at Keene.

Bro. and Sister Heck, at Edison, are still figuring when they can retire to that orange grove.

Bena has just been opened from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m. with Bro. W. Compton transferred from third, Marcel, closed on account of a scarcity of telegraphers.

Caliente office since the fire is still located in a box car. Mr. Timmons, third trick there who left the service by request, was relieved by Bro. W. E. Blume.

Sister C. D. Ryan, assistant agent, is on leave of absence, visiting relatives with her daughter, Miss May, at Detroit, Mich.

Bealville force has been increased by a third man position filled by Mr. Downing, who will soon be a brother.

The wife of Bro. Malakowitz at Keene, who died recently, left him two little motherless girls, one only about a year old.

Bro. Northmeier just resumed duty after an extended tour through the East visiting relatives and friends.

Cameron has new faces and Bros. Moffett and Kerb have been assigned to Lancaster on last bulletin.

Warren now has a third man, position filled by Bro. Best.

Members on the extra list, who belong to other divisions, should send their names, Cert. number and division numbers to our local chairman. It don't cost anything to be transferred.

Bro. True, an "old time" Mo. Pac. telegrapher, is at "EX," Bakersfield.

Bro. O. W. Hall, Malaga, was relieved by Bro. Barron, and the latter by Bro. Meiser, a newcomer.

El Paso Division—

The last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER had the first write-up from this division that has appeared in a great while. Let's try and do better and send in a write-up every month.

Now as we are almost solid, let's get after the few strays left.

The results of the last bulletin are as follows: Bro. Luce landed "WD," days; Bro. Taylor, "BN" nights, and Bro. Barnhart, the "RC" agency.

On bulletin this month, "1A" agency and third trick at "FA."

Bro. Barnhart has been acting agent at "FA," while Bro. Hubbard attended court at Houston. Mr. Boyd, a new man, relieved Bro. Barnhart.

Bro. Ash, third, "VN," has resigned and returned to Mississippi.

Bro. Bourling, third, "RK," has returned from his sixty days' vacation.

Bro. Ragin at "MY" has been off buying a farm in East Texas. Bro. Hare, who relieved him, later on relieved Bro. Duthy for sixty days.

The brother at "BN" nights was obliged to vacate his office "muey pronto" recently, owing to the unceremonious call of some very unwelcome guests, on account of the office door being wide open. When he returned and answered the furious calling of the dispatcher at "CB," that good natured gentleman inquired: "Whose dead in that office?" CERT. 1641.

East Side Division—

Our local chairman reports applications coming in at a lively rate now, having received two in one day. Let the good work go on. It just takes a little coaxing to get some of the nons, so get busy on that non you are working with and never let up until he has made good. The local chairman cannot do it all. He must have the assistance of the membership in securing new members and transferring members from other divisions. When a member comes on the line get his certificate and division numbers and send to Bro. T. M. Boyd, local chairman, Oakland, Oregon. In this way you can help to build up Division No. 53.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is growing rapidly, and we believe it is a good move in the right direction. Now, brothers, invite your wives to join the L. A. They will be glad to have an up-to-date card, as they are dandies. Our local chairman will furnish you application blanks on request.

Some of the members have not remitted the special assessment of \$2.00 for revising the schedule on the Atlantic system. This is something we should by all means be prompt in doing. Those who have not paid should send \$2.00 to Bro. O. P. Bates, Orland, Calif., at once. Our brethren on the Atlantic system came to the front in assisting us to secure our last schedule and we should do the same by them.

It would be nice if all the brothers would take an interest in furnishing items for our write-up each month. Try and do this. Give us all the changes at your respective stations and any other items you may be able to furnish. Also drop your local chairman a card advising him of any new men coming on the division and whether

members or not. This is the only way he has of learning of the new men and he will appreciate this effort on your part. See if you can't report having secured at least one new member by the next issue. Push, don't knock.

The depot at Creswell was robbed recently and I understand Bro. Land lost about \$70.00 in cash. Harrisburg depot was also robbed twice during October, but did not learn whether Bro. Hearn lost any valuables.

Understand Sherwood and Newburg offices are being closed alternate Sundays. This makes it nice for the telegraphers there.

Bro. C. W. Bell, third, Medford, has been relieving the agent at Rosenbaum, while the latter visited in California. Bro. F. H. Newell is now holding first, having bid it in last bulletin.

Bro. Clarke, Forest Grove, bid in the agency at Yoncalla, and was checked in there recently, and Bro. Brown, of Forest Grove was the successful bidder for Myrtle Creek.

Agent Garfield, at Oswego, has resigned and the job is on last bulletin. Bro. C. E. Deakin is holding it down extra.

Bro. Scholes, is now at Independence.

Bro. F. H. Newell, first, Medford, has resigned and gone East. We wish the brother success in his new location.

Mr. Oswald, a new man is at West Fork.

Bro. W. Brown, our committeeman is now agent at Myrtle Creek.

Bro. J. R. Kelly, third, Oakland, taking press for a Medford paper, relieved by W. S. Fish. Success to Bro. Kelly, he is a mighty good worker for the cause.

Bro. I. N. Woods, agent, Dallas, has accepted the position as chief dispatcher, for the Salem Falls City and Western. We wish Bro. Woods success in his new position.

Bros. Scholes and Jennings were recently hustled to Dallas to relieve a couple of nons who were charged with partaking of an over-dose of fire-water. It is to mourn?

G. F. King has been reinstated on first at Cottage Grove.

I wish to thank those who have assisted in securing these few items and earnestly beg of all of you to help me in this work in order that we may come in closer in touch with each other.

CORRESPONDENT.

Bro. Reynolds, who holds an up-to-date O. R. T. card, has been put in as operator at Medford, with hours 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. This greatly relieves the strain on the first and second tricks.

C. C. Crow, a new man, is working extra at Myrtle Creek.

G. F. King, Cottage Grove, recently reinstated in his old position on first trick operator, will take up his membership again shortly.

M. A. Henry, Colusa Junction, Cal., is on third at Cottage Grove, relieving Bro. J. J. Dillon, who has gone to Frisco.

Bro. Speer, Junction City, has been assigned to first trick at that place.

Bro. L. Boyd, of Halsey, who has been confined to his bed with rheumatism for some six weeks past, is being relieved by Bro. Mansfield.

E. B. Pengra, chief dispatcher, Roseburg, while on a six weeks' trip through Washington and Idaho, was relieved by Olaf Alsson, first trick dispatcher.

Bro. F. W. Cantrell, of Drain, has returned from a pleasant visit to his old home in the East.

Bro. B. J. Simpson, agent, Clendale, while on a three weeks' vacation, was relieved by Bro. Olson.

Bro. Kelly at Oakland recently returned from an outing at the seaside.

Oregon Division—

For months and months I have been watching for an item from the O. R. & N., but in vain. It seems to me something ought to be done here. This is the oldest road in Eastern Oregon, almost 30 years old, if I am not mistaken and still no schedule. We are paid \$65, the minimum wages on the S. P. in Western Oregon, where living is much cheaper. The boys on the O. S. L., our eastern neighbor have a \$75 minimum now. We have no seniority rights and every job is rated at \$65 with a few exceptions, where only \$60 is paid.

The officials cannot expect to hold good men unless they come up to the O. S. L. minimum, and would probably give us a square deal if properly approached. We cannot expect a raise however, unless we make our wishes known.

I wish some brother on this road would make a few suggestions through THE TELEGRAPHER. If we do not help ourselves, we do not deserve any better. Think it over.

CERT. 6605 Grand Div.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Great Ruler of the universe in His divine wisdom, has taken to her rest the beloved wife of our esteemed Bro. C. Mallokowitz, of Keene, Cal., that we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to our bereaved brother and his little ones, our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and these resolutions be published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

E. W. KINNEY,
C. C. DICKINSON.
J. E. SLOAN.

Committee.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Lake Superior Division—

Since Bro. Remy left for the South no one seems to have contributed any items from this division to THE TELEGRAPHER, and letters written to several of the boys asking for news from their respective districts have elicited no response. I wish some one would wake up and give me a hand.

On November 1st, Bro. Sam Johnson was called to St. Paul to attend a meeting of the Railroad Department of the American Federation of Labor. The meeting was called to order by the Secretary-Treasurer Bro. Richardson. Bro. Thos. VanLear, of the Machinists, was unanimously elected chairman, and our worthy general chairman, "Sam" Johnson, secretary of the department.

Bro. Richardson in a very interesting talk gave an outline of the aims and objects of the Railroad Department of the A. F. of L., pointing out the benefits to be derived by the different crafts getting closer together. He explained the causes that had led up to the formation of this department. He stated that so far nine system federations had been formed and three others were in process of formation.

Bro. Brown, chairman of the System Federation of the R. I. System; Bro. Howley, president of Switchmen; Bro. Vurpia, of the I. B. M. of W. E., and Thos. VanLear, representing the Machinists, all spoke very enthusiastically of the Federation, and vouched for the undivided support of their respective organizations. After a lot of other business was transacted which time and space prevents me from giving the details at present, the meeting was adjourned, subject to call of the chairman.

The readers of THE TELEGRAPHER have no doubt read what has been published heretofore in its columns relative to this department and also noted what Bro. I. N. Holmes had to say in his recent circular, so you should be familiar with the aims and objects of these system federations. If any of you wish for further information I am sure Bro. Perham, our President, will gladly furnish same on request.

I regret to announce the demise of our worthy, esteemed brother, T. H. Line, who passed away at Brainerd Hospital, on October 30th, after a lingering illness. The remains were sent to St. Paul, where they were met by a delegation of O. R. T. boys, including Sam Johnson, general chairman, Division No. 54; W. J. Liddam, general chairman, Division No. 76; G. W. Lewis, general chairman, Division No. 119; W. L. Albrecht, general chairman, Division No. 96; Bro. Beamer, president, Twin City Telegraphers' Club and a great many other brothers. The funeral was all arranged for by the O. R. T. boys, and a beautiful floral piece was contributed by Division No. 54.

The immediate needs of the bereaved widow were alleviated by a donation from the Terminal and N. P. office boys and a loan from Division No. 54. The family, owing to the lingering illness of Bro. Line, was left in a rather dependable condition. It is to be hoped that the worthy brothers of Division No. 54 will show that they are made of the right material, by sending what they can spare in the way of cash donations to Bro. Sam Johnson, Box 23, North Branch, Minn., who will gladly see that the same is forwarded promptly to the bereaved family.

A few changes have taken place in the first, second and third districts in the last few weeks.

Mr. Boist was discharged from the service and Bro. F. W. Youngberg appointed agent at North Branch in his place.

D. O. Olson, agent, Moose Lake, left the service, and little Bro. Tommy Sebasta is agent there now.

Mr. Arnold, at Finleyson, "canned," I understand; don't know yet who landed the job.

Understand John Willig, second trick, Rush City, is coming over with the goods shortly.

C. L. Despard, at Motley, discharged, and Bro. Sam Johnson relieving until regular agent is appointed.

If you notice all those discharged were "nons" and some of them "trustys" of 1905.

Mr. Frank, third trick at Moose Lake, has sent for application blanks, and expect he will probably cross the divide in a few days. Likewise "little skinny" Joe O'Brien, at Pine City.

Bro. O'Sullivan relieved at Hinckley by Mr. Rager, has taken first at Ashland, Mr. Fiola goes to Central Ave., and Mr. Sparks to Iron River.

I would like to say something to the few "back sliders" on our division, but if I were to write it the way I feel the editor would probably be obliged to cut it out. However, I wish some worthy brothers would turn Bro. Holmes' circular of November 15th over to you and call your attention to the last half of it. It will do you no harm and may do you a deal of good. Bro. Holmes sent me a few extra copies and I am mailing them to some of you. I know and hope you will see to it, that you mend your ways.

Div. Cor.

Rocky Mountain Division, First District—

We are going to try and have our division represented in THE TELEGRAPHER hereafter. Wake up, boys, and send the division correspondent all the news you can as early as possible each month.

A very successful meeting was held at Garrison, October 22d, the first called for some time and it was well attended. The enthusiasm displayed should result in bringing out all the members of this division at future meetings. Several matters of importance, especially the bond question, were discussed and a very interesting talk was made on organized labor by Bro. E. R. Rowan.

The meeting at Garrison on November 22d was also well attended. Mr. W. C. Showalter, our worthy chief dispatcher is very kindly doing his part getting the boys to and from the meetings.

We are gratified to find our new assistant local chairman, Bro. E. R. Rowan, taking so much interest in conditions on this division. He seems to be the man we have so long needed. No doubt with the proper assistance from the brothers, he will do the division good work. We must see that he gets all the help possible from every one of us. Let every one speak an encouraging word to the nons, and each brother try and do his part to make a showing for Division No. 54. It will only take a few minutes of each member's time to help things along. Let every one of us show our local chairman that we are willing to help and it shouldn't take long to have

our division solid from Hiland to Paradise. There is lots of work to be done on this division and lots of good material to work on, so don't be backward, boys, let's get things in a better condition. Several applications have been secured recently as the result of Bro. Rowan's good work.

Come on, boys, and line up, you will feel better carrying an up-to-date card.

The completing of the double track from Garrison to Missoula, has caused the closing of most all the block stations. Boys at Garrison have been relieved of carrying running orders for extras, by a bulletin put in effect by Supt. M. M. Fowler. It looks funny not to see a stock of slow orders, a foot high on west end at G. R.

The force at Gavling has been reduced to three men and D. A. Friedell was transferred to "D" second, relieving J. E. Newbrough, who went to Clinton, third. The latter has been out of the service several years.

A. Balzhiser, third trick, is still in the hospital, but doing nicely.

H. L. Carl, at Big Bend, has resigned and returned to Ohio, and Big Bend has been closed.

Bro. W. W. Quinn is in the mechanical department at Missoula.

Mr. Bullis, first at Blossburg, bid in Lolo agency on last bulletin.

Bro. C. M. Shelver is now agent at Drummond.

Bro. E. R. Rowan, of Blackfoot, is doing his own cooking while his wife is visiting in Eastern Illinois.

Bro. E. F. Clough transferred from third trick "GR," to second; A. S. Leeper from first "GR," to third, Bro. L. M. Blankenship taking first at "GR."

Bro. Burns, of Bonita, is spending his vacation in Ohio. We hope he is having a pleasant time, and will see his pleasant smile at our next meeting.

Bro. Johannis, who has been relieving at Stuart, has returned to second, Drummond, relieving P. A. Friedell, who relieved B. of R. T. Bro. Armstrong on third, who had previously relieved A. E. Covey.

Mrs. C. P. Sheldon, Gold Creek, relieved by A. E. Covey, who relieved H. L. Sears, third at "GO," for a few days.

Bro. C. P. Seldon, being called to Tacoma, will not be able to attend our next meeting. His wife substitutes for him while away.

Bro. Hart, of Avon, was one of the guests at a social dance at Garrison recently.

Bro. Cooper and wife have returned to their regular tricks at Weed.

Bro. W. P. Larson, second, "JN," drew third, "MA," Missoula Yard, and was relieved by Bro. H. M. Burlingame, formerly agent at Larson, Mont. Burlingame, third at "JN," resigned on his way West, and was relieved by Mr. McDonald, who was bumped at "JN," by J. N. Mullin.

Bro. Covey relieved Bro. Bixby while out after deer. Relieving after a two weeks' unlucky tramp, he was obliged to eat bear meat, which he did seem to relish very much.

Bro. Nisewanger relieved Bro. G. A. Brown while he tried his luck in the mountain brush.

Bro. Radite is holding down first at "QN" now.

Bro. R. D. Lee is still single and billing logs at old St. Regis.

Bro. Doc Gondy, at Donlan, bagged a nice doe when the season opened, having better luck than Bro. G. C. Nutter, third.

Bro. Force, Saltese, is being relieved by N. H. McDona'd.

Bro. Crane is now located on the top of the mountain, at Lookcut.

Bro. W. D. Parks is agent at Arlee.

CERT. 1053.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Bro. H. A. Desforges, whose address is Lock Box 5, Sentinel Butte, N. D., has been appointed division correspondent for the Yellowstone Division and will serve in that capacity until further notice. All members who are desirous of seeing the division represented each month in the journal will assist Bro. Desforges and myself by furnishing either of us any news items for this purpose. This division is large enough in miles and membership to afford a splendid write-up each month, with a little effort on the part of the members. It should be a division for all, not for one or two as it has been in the past. This month's write-up speaks well for our correspondent. Let us double his output next month by each assisting him a little.

M. A. SMOOT,
Local Chairman.

Yellowstone Division—

I was greatly disappointed in not seeing any writeup in the October number for this division, but sincerely hope we will make a better showing on this division in the future than ever before in work and strength.

I will do all in my power to represent this division each month, and all I ask is the kind assistance of each member to keep me posted on any changes made at your station, and any news items to reach me not later than the 18th of each month.

Let us all be up and doing, and see if we can not make this division better than ever before.

If there are any nons at your station, get after them hard. One thing we may feel proud of, nons are few on this division.

Have you ever thought how nice it would be to have some convenient place to hold a meeting, say about once a month?

I think it would be one of the finest things we ever done if you all would approve of the idea and help carry it out. I think Glendive would make the most convenient point for us all, as it is about the center point of the division.

Let us hear from some one else on this subject. I am sure we would all be more than pleased to see this done, as it would enable us all to get together and see where we stand.

Do not forget your semi-annual dues, and take out your new card, and keep the ball rolling.

Bro. Smoot has sent out a letter to one brother at each office, asking your assistance in getting his mailing list revised again. If you have not done so as yet, please give this your kind attention, and do so as soon as possible, so he may get this mailing list up to date before December 31st, and be able to start out the new year properly.

The following are a few changes I have received through the kind assistance of Bro. Peck and Bro. Smoot:

Bro. Arnold was transferred from the Lake Superior Division and is working late night trick in Glendive office.

Telegraphers Skoda, Victor and Settoon are in Glendive office, all having just recently re-entered the service after an absence of several months. They are all one-time members and have expressed a willingness to get lined up with the majority again soon.

Miss Heckman, second, Sanders, has returned from a few weeks' vacation, being relieved by Mr. Smith, who on her return went to Gladstone.

Miss Walseth, third, Sanders, on vacation recently; relieved by Mr. Sheffer, formerly with the W. U. at Miles City. He has gone to Sweet Briar, and we hope to see him with us before long.

Mr. Abernathy, of Pompeys Pillar, has gone to Lockwood and exchanged tricks with Miss Poole.

Bro. Roberts, third, Forsythe, has taken the night manager's job at Glendive, a new office just established there.

Bro. Kerlin, second, Forsythe, has taken the early morning trick since the additional man was put on. Mr. Robinson, a new man and former brother, has taken second trick there. We understand he will resign shortly and go to the C. G. W., somewhere in Illinois.

Mr. Roberts, of Mandan, went to Yates as agent; is a new station just opened up. Relieved by Bro. Farley, of Gladstone, third, the latter being relieved by Mr. Smith, second, Sanders.

Bro. Whitledge, second, Glen Allen, has resigned and gone East to his home; relieved by Bro. Clark, third, Hebron, he being relieved by Bro. Sheffer, a new man on this division.

Mr. Parker, third, Medora, has resigned and goes to Lewiston, Idaho, on a branch line, being relieved by Mr. A. S. Thomas, a new man on this division, and a one-time member, who will be lined up with the majority again soon.

I hope you will all be pleased with my work as division correspondent, and assure you I will do all I can to please you, if you will only give me your kind assistance.

If the brothers on the Third and Fourth Districts will keep watch for news items, there is no reason why we should not be represented each month in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Many thanks to those who helped contribute this time.

Drv. Cor.

Pacific Division, First District—

This is probably the last time this section of the road will appear under this caption, as on November 1st all of the present First District of the Pacific Division passed under the jurisdiction

of Supt. Fred E. Weymouth, of Seattle, Mr. Ohlson, night chief, Tacoma, taking charge as chief in Seattle. All the Pacific boys were glad to know this, as he is a good, square man.

The latest all-metallic circuit fones for block-ing have been installed in place of the telegraph. While they are as good as fones can be, this method of communication will never be as sure for similar sounding letters and figures as the telegraph.

Understand the company is now engaged in stringing another wire, which will be used by the dispatchers in handling trains by telephone, in place of the telegraph. It will probably be some time before this new system will be installed.

It is reported that the telegraphers on the Montana Division of the Great Northern, where fones have been put in, have had a 15 per cent cut.

Thorpe—Bro. K. M. Hudson, transferred; was relieved by Bro. L. C. Wyse, from Borup.

Bristol—Mr. C. J. O'Connell is now on first, vice J. A. Butchcoe, transferred; Bro. S. H. Brown on second, vice Bro. O. H. Littlepage, transferred. Bro. W. F. Kenney is back from the south end jungles on third, having been off the road altogether for some time.

Cle Elum—Bro. Reilly, second, resigned and went to the wireless at Olympia; relieved by Bro. S. M. Moore, from Easton.

Nelson's—Bro. J. Garriepy, second, resigned, putting Bro. F. C. Fischer on second and W. A. Dingledine on third.

Easton—W. Wilson goes to third at Martin; relieved by Bro. A. W. Handerson, Bro. K. M. Hudson, Martin to Thorpe.

Stampede—Bro. W. Inthout, late of Canadian Pacific, resigned. They are now working twelve hours at this important point.

Borup—M. C. Bayler is back from his vacation; Bro. K. M. Hudson, third, has bid in Palmer Junction.

Weston—J. Bassett, third, while off a few days on account of being hurt by a hoop thrown from a train, was relieved by H. T. Bailey.

Lester—Agent Kirstetter transferred to Rochester. Mr. Peterson is filling the agency temporarily, Bro. E. G. Mathews taking first and C. E. Babcock third.

Humphrey—Bro. E. S. Curtiss while off recently was relieved by Bro. T. C. Hampson.

Eagle Gorge—Bro. W. J. Parks is holding this position until it is filled permanently.

Palmer Junction—A. McCarty, who has left the service, was heretofore erroneously reported as up to date. Bro. and Sister Jones are doing twelve-hour stunts here.

Kanaskat—E. C. Amspoker while on vacation was relieved by W. Jolly.

Ravensdale—Bro. F. Wall and C. Gregory having left the service, Bro. O. H. Littlepage took second and Bro. G. J. Clayton third.

Kent—C. H. Girardot, from third to first at Kalama. Bro. T. C. Hampson is now working third and Sister Nellie G. Wiley takes first at Kent.

First Street—J. A. Butchcoe bid in first, vice Bro. Wright transferred. E. C. Amspoker took second, vice Bro. Frank L. Kruger, who bid in and was transferred to day job at Eagle Gorge. The boys at this end were mighty sorry to see Guy and Frank move, as they are both princes to work with.

Auburn—Bro. Fred Rockway while off on a short vacation, was relieved by Bro. Otto Rockway.

Puyallup—J. Gress while off recently relieved by B. F. Waldo, and Bro. Huffman, third, was relieved by Bro. C. J. Forsythe.

Prescott—Bro. Boruff and R. Welsh, who relieved him, have both resigned, and the third trick was assigned on bulletin to Bro. Sherwood, from South Tacoma.

"WR," Tacoma—A fifth man put on here and the position bid in by Bro. G. D. Wright, from First Street, Auburn.

Second District—

Work on the double track, Tacoma to Portland, is being rushed. A. B. C. block will not be introduced on south end, as no orders will be needed after the double track is in operation, except "run-lates," etc.

Woodland—Bro. W. F. Kenny, an old-timer, worked third here a few days recently. N. B. Roach is on second.

South Tacoma—Bro. Sherwood transferred to Prescott, third.

Yelm—Bro. Royce on short vacation, was relieved by Bro. G. W. Milton. Mr. Graham, a new man, is working the wire end.

Tenino—Bro. J. W. McKee has the agency here.

Wabash Junction—Bro. H. D. Patterson, second, Woodland, now joint agent O. & W. and N. P. here.

Chehalis—T. J. Mullen is taking a rest.

Napavine—Bro. J. W. Coughlin has resigned to engage in the real estate business. We wish "JO" good luck. Understand Bro. Fuller goes to South Bend days.

Sopenah—We welcome Bro. J. Narcotte back after quite a spell of typhoid.

Castle Rock—Bro. W. A. Dickinson is back from his vacation.

Kelso—Bro. N. K. Halsted is relieving Bro. John Ax, on second.

Dist. Cor.

Montana Division—

Bro. E. L. Burroughs, third at Hoppers, resigned and gone to the D. & R. G.; relieved by Telegrapher Balzhiser, who later resigned and was relieved by W. E. Travis (non), a new man.

On the return of Bro. C. U. Brown at Cardwell, Mr. Huntley returned to Springdale, relieving Bro. Guy McNabney, who went to Big Timber, Telegrapher Brown, at Springdale, taken out the service.

Bro. Joe Lund is assisting the night chief in the Livingston dispatcher's office.

L. A. Whaley, transferred from Laurel to Butte. His so-called up-to-date will not bear investigating.

A new man named Godfrey was assigned third trick at Homestake.

* Bro. A. B. Williams is now working the extra trick at Logan.

Bro. C. A. Guersney received P. P. Junction on bulletin; relieved at Townsend by Bro. M. B. McMullen, later transferred to third at Clasoil, being relieved by Telegrapher German, from Clow.

Bro. B. I. McDonald, from the C. & N. W., relieved Mr. Perkins at Townsend, who secured second at Rekap on bulletin.

Bro. J. A. Montague transferred from Clow to Mission; relieved by Mr. Hatton.

Bro. Wims, of Div. 14, is on first at "KD," Laurel, and Bro. Geo. Zepp on second, both recent arrivals.

Bro. Wright bid in second, Big Timber; relieved at Yegen by Bro. Marshall.

Bro. S. Barry was recently appointed night chief at "BG," Billings, Bro. Guyer holding a trick in "S" office there.

Bro. S. S. Figger, of Div. 55, is working second at G. N. Junction. "Hardup" Winters gave up the agency at that point and exchanged positions with Bro. Thompson, on third.

Several of the boys on the west end are increasing their larder with deer, which helps out a great deal when they are doing their own cooking.

Paul Bryan, the notorious non on the east end, was discharged for sleeping on duty at Laurel and drawing a gun on a conductor.

Brothers, just because the weather is getting near the zero mark, stay alive and work with the O. R. T. for your own interests. Read very carefully the circular dated November 15th, mailed by Bro. Holmes. Start the new year right with a clear conscience and an up-to-date card. Get transfers promptly, beat the other fellow in getting new members, assist your local chairman in every way possible, give the nons no rest, but use them like you would a white man, until you find them impossible, then use them like you would any common "dead beat." A man is indeed hard up when he really can not spare \$10.00 per year for the necessary card in the Order that is continually striving to keep his wages up to the standard.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that the dispatchers are complaining very bitterly of the poor service the operators are giving them on the Montana Division. They claim they are compelled to call an unreasonable length of time for train reports and orders. Do you realize that this is one reason why fones are being installed on different roads? Show your appreciation of the shorter hours by giving first-class service at all times. CARPENTER.

Idaho Division—

Mr. MacNerney, second at Paradise, is on an extended visit in the East; relieved by Telegrapher Mason. There are now four tricks at Paradise, and W. J. Bronson, the new man, is the only brother in the office.

J. T. Snyder, second at Plains, has accepted a position on the O. R. & N. at Tekoa, Wash.; relieved by Mr. Bassett for ten days, who then resigned to enter other business, and was relieved by W. E. Floyd, a new man.

Bro. E. R. Hodgkin, one of the best, third at Thompson Falls; relieved by E. W. Hartman, a new man, and transferred to Hope, third, has accepted a first trick on the G. N. at Odessa, Wash.

Bro. Hawley returned from an extended vacation, will take second again, and Bro. Poole will go back to third.

Bro. Frank Hartman and Mr. Green have each moved up a trick at Thompson Falls. We hope "EW" will follow the good example set by his brother Frank, and join us before long.

R. R. Clancy was relieved at Trout Creek by Wm. Hope.

Bro. Finkbone, just returned from a six weeks' vacation with home folks near Columbus, Ohio, third at Heron.

Bro. Colwell, agent, Cabinet, enjoying a month's vacation; relieved by relief agent, M. H. Hancock. Bro. Chapel has been suspended, relieved by Bro. Finkbone.

Mr. Timmer, third, Noxon, and G. L. Updyke, third at Cabinet, have traded places.

Minn. Division—

Mr. Goodburn has resigned and the position filled by a new man from G. N.

Bro. Setterholm, on the sick list, is expected back soon.

Bro. Young, of Luce, has been off getting his farm in North Dakota located, where he expects to show us how to raise chickens next year.

Mr. Howe, New York Mills, on vacation; relieved by Mr. Robinson.

The members should all get busy now and line up those not up to date. See if we can not get the Minn. Division solid.

If there are any brothers who hold cards in other divisions working in the same office with you, or elsewhere, kindly notify me and I will arrange to have them transferred to Div. 54.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Relay Division—

Wanted—A strictly first-class division correspondent for the Relay Division; one who can compose an interesting write-up out of nothing, with the ability to gather items from the various offices without assistance; a mind reader preferred.

We would suggest that the ability to write in a dead language would be quite helpful, the deader the better—the language of an Egyptian mummy, for instance. Living words having proved unavailing to arouse the sleepers and bring forth a response, we think it possible that some ancient tongue may contain a musty word with a sting in it capable of eliciting a grunt at least.

To the possessor of the above qualifications a good opening is offered and, if to these he adds

a taste for making speeches before a deaf and dumb asylum, we can promise him rare sport.

Candidates will apply to the division chairman.
Div. Com.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His wisdom, has deemed it wise to remove from our midst Bro. T. H. Line; in memory of our brother who has been taken away from us, and in sympathy with his bereaved wife, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division 54, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the members of the family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Line, Division 54, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, loses a true and faithful member; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. J. O'SULLIVAN,
SAM JOHNSON,
I. N. HOLMES,

Committee.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.

Boys, remember the meetings are held every third Saturday of each month, at Navarre, at 7:30 p. m. Let's make it a point to meet next time and have it changed to a more convenient place to get to and from, and then meet. Don't wait for the other man to come first, come yourself. Having to bump the extra list, and being here and there, I hear lots of the boys complaining that the Order is doing no good, that our officials are not trying to get a new schedule, and that they want more money. How are we going to do these things, if you will not meet with us and help to get them? Think it over, come to the next meeting and let's talk it over, and arrange to do something.

Some changes were made in the general office at Canton, the first of November. A. P. Titus, assistant superintendent, taking charge of the telegraph lines, abolishing the office of superintendent of telegraph; Mr. B. B. Baughman taking the position of first trick dispatcher on the Cleveland Division.

Brewster, "3," office has been moved to Sugar Creek, a point two miles west.

Second trick at Massillon was bid in by Bro. T. J. Horton, and third by Bro. L. D. Schulz, relieving Bros. G. D. Hill, on second, and T. E. Lucas, on third; Bro. Hill going to Sherrodsville for a few days, and Bro. T. E. Lucas going to Somerdale until bid in.

C. Satterfield is off for a few days; relieved by C. S. Hendricks, who will soon become a brother.

Justus days was bid in by Bro. G. W. Lucas, Bolivar, second, by D. K. Webster.

Bro. G. C. Schlegel, agent, Jewett, visiting relatives in northwest part of Ohio, being relieved by Bro. Guthrie, who was relieved by Bro. Hill.

Mr. Kessler, third, Pittsburg Junction, who expects soon to be a brother, while visiting relatives in Toledo, was relieved by Mr. Fitchet.

The dues for the current term, January 1st to June 30th, are due and now payable, and all members should get an up-to-card at once. Remit to Bro. C. R. Guthrie, general secretary and treasurer, Jewett, Ohio. Amount, \$4.00.

CERT. 132.

West End—

Business is rushing this fall, and the company was so short of power that it leased an engine from the Ann Arbor, to help handle the business.

Bro. Dennis, agent at Lodi, and agent Burton, at Oak Harbor, have traded positions.

Bros. W. W. Dunn, Piper and Ingram, former W. & L. E. boys, are very well pleased with Montana.

Bro. Reese bid in Huron Junction, third, on last bulletin.

Bro. L. L. Gebhardt has been transferred from Orrville depot to the message office at Norwalk shops; Bro. F. C. Hull, from first, Norwalk yard, to relief agency, and Mr. Taber, from Norwalk shops, to the trick vacated by Bro. Hull. Bro. E. A. Weirich was transferred, from Norwalk shops, to Orrville depot.

Bro. R. Van Nest, second trick, Norwalk yard, while off recently entertaining his brother from Michigan, also an operator, was relieved by R. Buchanan, who on Bro. Van Nest's return went to Pine Valley, second, and was later transferred to second, Orville Junction, which he won on bulletin.

Bro. H. R. Porterfield has returned from his Northwestern trip, and is now working extra again on this pike.

Bro. H. P. Smithhisler, second, Huron Junction, while off recently on account of sickness in his family, was relieved by Bro. H. R. Porterfield.

Bro. L. E. Brown, Norwalk depot, who visited the Bellevue Fair during his vacation, was relieved by E. L. Locke, who then went to Bellevue tower on his return and relieved Mr. Swanson, on third, for a short vacation.

Bro. F. F. Konrad, an old W. & L. E. boy, for several years with the Southern Pacific, at Donner, Cal., while on his wedding tour East, recently called on some of the boys on the west end, and received many congratulations.

We should have a write-up from this road in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, and hope our regular correspondent will wake up. CERT. 113.

Houston & Texas Central Ry.

We still have a few nons who may be induced to line up with the proper influence. Brother, suppose you try them. You may be the very man they have been waiting to ask them.

Bro. W. A. Wilkin, from the G. H. & S. A., has accepted the agency at Alma. We are glad to welcome the brother.

Bro. O. G. Smith, agent, Richland, for several years, bid in second, Bremond, and has moved his family there. Bro. Walter Garland bidding in Richland.

Bro. W. H. Bowlby assigned to Midlothian, nights, before taking charge, relieved Bro. Jack Rader, at yards, Dallas, who was sick for a few days.

Charlie Daffan, first, Denison, resigned, and gone to San Antonio, relieved by Bro. L. E. Akers pending bulletin.

Bro. E. H. Wages says he is tired of doing the act of "traveling telegrapher" and filed on, has been assigned to Howe, days, permanently. He was at "UD," Dallas, during the fair.

We learn, with regret, that Bro. J. N. Kelly, of Hutchins, is very sick. We trust his condition is not as serious as first reported.

Bro. O. I. Robertson, third at McKinney, who was in the hospital awhile this month, has resumed his position.

Bro. J. J. LeFebure, of Waller, secured Kenne-dale, and has moved there.

Bros. F. M. Kelly, of Sherman, and C. W. Kelly, of Dallas, recently visited their brother, who is sick in the hospital at Houston.

Mr. "IQ," "FN" office, Ennis, has accepted the cashiership for the Santa Fe, at Lubbock, relieving Bro. R. M. Lea, resigned.

Division No. 57 is much in need of a correspondent, who will correspond. So far we have made a complete failure trying to secure some one, who will assume the task. Don't all speak at once. CERT. 9.

Southern Ry.

Knoxville Division—

All Members: By instructions of the general charmain I made a trip recently over the Southern Division in the interest of organization, which was most successful, due to the fraternal spirit and co-operation of the members. I was treated with the utmost courtesy and hospitality, and I want to extend my thanks and appreciation therefor, especially to Bros. Corbett and Coward, of Morristown; Bro. Berlin, of Newline; Bro. Edwards, of Piney Flats; Bros. Fisher and Tucker, of Bluff City, and Bro. Vaughan, of Knoxville.

Compared to two and three years ago, I found the service improved a great deal, that all concerned are beginning to understand each other better, and just what organization means. This is evidenced by the fact that the men have organized to about 95 per cent, which has been a benefit both to the employer and the employes, and bettered the conditions of families as well as individuals. It has also infused a spirit of equity into the mutual relations of the employers and employed, which serves to keep before the eyes of both the precepts of duty. As a result a bet-

ter class of men are now officiating with the organization on the Southern Ry.

I also noted the great change in the fraternal feeling and treatment of each other among the telegraphers generally, showing that the boys are seeing things in a different light, and realizing that a more brotherly spirit is necessary for their welfare.

The end of the division, between Morristown and Asheville, known as "Up the River," was where I found true friendship and brotherly spirit among the telegraphers. I met lots of big-hearted boys on the main line, and I give them all due credit, but it was "Up the River" that I felt at home, and where I was given a hearty welcome and co-operation. It was largely through the assistance of the jolly bunch at Marshall that I was able to bring back the goods, and old Bill Bailey don't wear that "Possum Grin" for nothing. Richards, Chandley, Bailey and West are a good bunch, and if you should happen to stop off there, with an up-to-date, you need not worry about the rest.

I had the honor of dining with Sister Stokeley, at Delrio, one evening on my trip, and had quite a treat.

The conductors and enginemen have done much to assist the telegraphers, by speaking to the non-member down the line in regard to his remaining out of the organization that represents his best interests, and I hope the telegraphers will do all they possibly can to help the engineers and conductors in every way.

The changed conditions heretofore noted means good for all concerned, and has brought about better service on the Southern Ry. This has been conceded by the management. This, however, is not to be wondered at, as many prominent men of the country admit that labor organizations are here to stay.

There are some yet, however, who seem to think that organizing means getting ready to blow up something. To show such skeptics what men of brains think about labor organizing, we quote herewith the sayings of some of our greatest public men on the subject:

Bishop Potter—"Organization, co-ordination, co-operation, are the right of every body of men whose aims are worthy, and must needs be the resource of those, who individually, are unable to persuade their fellow-men to recognize the justice of their claims and principles."

Cardinal Manning—"Labor is capital. Labor has the same right to protect itself, by trade unions, as any other form of capital might claim for itself."

Wendell Phillips—"I rejoice at every effort workmen make to organize. I hail the labor movement. It is the only hope for democracy. Organize and stand together. Let the nation hear a united demand from the laboring voice."

The late Senator Mark Hanna—"If we can by any method establish a relation of mutual trust between the laborer and the employer, we shall lay the foundation stone of a structure that will

endure for all time. It is all wrong to suppose that the laboring element of this country is not ready and willing to join in this movement. I speak from experience. I have found the labor organizations ready and willing to go more than half way."

The late Potter Palmer—"For ten years I made a desperate fight against organized labor. It cost me more than a million dollars to learn that there is *no labor* so skilled, so intelligent, so faithful, as that which is governed by organization, whose officials are well balanced, level-headed men. I now employ *none but Union men*, and never have the least trouble, each believing that the one has no right to oppress the other."

President Taft, addressing the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, last December, said:

"Time was when everybody who employed labor was opposed to the labor union, when it was regarded as a menace. That time, I am glad to say, has largely passed away, and the man today who objects to the organization of labor, should be relegated to the last century. It has done marvels for labor and will, doubtless, do more. It will, I doubt, not avoid the reduction to a dead level of all workmen."

I am glad to say that we now have a superintendent who is willing to co-operate with the organization, and since he came to this division everything is moving along to the betterment of the company and all concerned. We have a good set of dispatchers also, who are trying to help the division officials and treat the telegraphers right. This should be appreciated, and we should do all we can to help them make a good record.

If our members will come to realize the importance of giving good service at all time, ere long the Knoxville Division will have reached as high a standard as any road in the country. As a whole, however, I believe the men on the Southern are giving good service, and are as good employees generally as any road has, but if only two or three begin sleeping on duty, become careless in other ways, then it makes it harder on the good men who are trying to do right and help build up the service.

We know of a few on this division whose failings the dispatchers have been lenient enough to overlook, but they cannot expect a continuation of such leniency, and sooner or later retribution will follow such dereliction of duty. Therefore, brothers, and none also, keep awake and attend to business. Let us all put forth every effort to give good service. Treat the dispatchers and officials with courtesy, and should you at any time want assistance, you can rest assured that you will get it. Conditions are not as they once were, and the Southern Ry. management is co-operating with the organization.

I hope that no man with an up-to-date card will ever be found guilty of giving poor service, but instead will strive to show to the officials that a union card is a recommendation, and a badge of honor.

Men who may consider they have neither position nor character to lose, will find they will have to change in this respect if they intend to remain very long on the Knoxville Division.

Let everybody now get down to business and make this the banner division of the Southern Ry.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

W. H. CORB.

Now, brothers, we have 95 per cent membership, and we must do everything we can to keep it that way.

By the time you read this, your general committee will be in session at Washington, D. C., and as they expect to bring back the goods, it is up to you to remain firm and support the committee.

The telegraphers on the C. & O. have just secured an increase of \$15.00, put the telephones in the schedule and raised them \$15.00 per month.

It is reported that several offices up the river have had students. Members of the organization caught teaching students are liable to have charges brought against them, and expulsion will be the result.

About nine out of every ten students taught in railroad offices get the telegrapher's job where they learn, and, besides, students are a dangerous element, being liable to get on the wires and interrupt business, or pull the board and cause a serious accident, and the telegrapher in charge of such an office will be blamed.

Furthermore, to have public sentiment, as well as 90 per cent of our fellow-workers and conductors and enginemen, down on us because of having a student hanging around, is enough to set any man to thinking.

Besides every "ham" you turn out helps to lower your salary, and injures you and your family to just that extent.

The telegraphers of other roads have seen what this student teaching leads up to, and have cut it out.

The Southern Ry. boys should get wise, too. While there is not near as much of it on the Southern as there was at one time, there is still more than is good for us.

Now, boys, you want to watch this student business. Report any member found teaching a student, in violation of his obligation, to the proper officers.

The excuse for having a student to help do the work, is a mighty poor one. If you cannot do the work alone, notify your general committee and ask for assistance. Several of our best men who left the service on account of too much work have in each case secured a better job.

There are plenty of instances on record where students have gone to the C. D., or superintendent, and made all kinds of charges against the man who taught them the business, and finally secure the positions held by their benefactors at less money than was paid for the place before.

There is no more need of the telegraphers on the Southern being afraid of the telephones, than

the men on the C. & O. were. They have telephones and they are covered by contract. We can do the same, and then either telephone or telegraph as long as we get the salary. Don't get weak-kneed so soon.

Good men don't have to remain in undesirable positions long.

Bro. Miller, of Cleveland, has resigned and gone into the banking business at Norton, Va.

Bro. Johnson, of Bulls Gap, has resigned on account of too much work, and, I understand, will go in the mercantile business.

Bro. Wetmore has resigned and secured a good job out West.

Div. Cor.

Between Morristown and Asheville—

Brothers, how does that 95 per cent strong look to you. This means, if we will stay 95 per cent strong, that our conditions are soon going to be bettered, and every telegrapher on the division benefited. We know this, because our good judgment teaches us that the only way to better our conditions is to organize and to stay organized.

Just look back three years ago, when we were working twelve hours a day and receiving \$50.00 per month, and now we are receiving \$52.50 per month, and only working eight hours a day. This is the result of organization.

The result of the work done by our Local Chairman, Bro. W. H. Cord, in organizing between Morristown and Asheville, is almost too great for me to try to explain. It certainly is wonderful to see how he has the boys lined up. When he left this end of the division he carried with him an application from almost every non between Morristown and Asheville.

We all know that Bro. Cord has worked hard to get the division to 95 per cent, so let's all go to work and not stop there, but try to get it solid. That is the way to show Bro. Cord that we appreciate his good service. Now, let us help him to make the Knoxville Division the banner division of the Southern.

Keep up-to-date, and always try to have your new card before your old one has expired.

I have been appointed local correspondent between Morristown and Asheville, and I hope every one of you will help me to give this end a good, newsy write-up every month. If you hear of any changes along the line or anything else than will help, please mail it to my address, Marshall, N. C.

Bro. Bob. Driskill, second, Roe Junction, transferred to Afton, third, and Bro. Huntsman is working second, until bid in.

Bro. Roy Driskill, third, Roe Junction, bid in third trick at New Line, and Bro. Anderson is working third at Roe Junction until bid in.

Bro. Campbell is working a twelve-hour trick at Newport, relieving Mr. Harmon.

Bro. Coffee is working first at Hot Springs, relieving Mr. Madgett.

G. A. Robinette, first at Rollins, recently treated the inside of his office to a fresh coat of paint, and himself to a nice new up-to-date card.

Bro. W. L. Richard, of Vance, bid in third at Bailey.

Bro. S. S. Chandley, first at Bailey, with a number of business men from Marshall, went quail hunting recently. Bro. Chandley being relieved by Extra D. D. Robinson.

Bro. W. E. Corbett, third at Alexander, while off attending his grandmother's funeral was relieved by Bro. A. S. Corbett.

Bro. C. D. Mater, Alexander, bid in the agency at Bulls Gap, being relieved as agent and first telegrapher by Bro. L. M. Plemons, second, from Craggy; Bro. O. C. Hawkins doing second, at Craggy, until bid in.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas.

J. J. BAILEY,
Local Correspondent.

Asheville Division—

We had a very nice meeting, at Salisbury, on Saturday night, October 23d.

There was quite a good crowd present, but we could have accommodated many more.

Mr. Powell, of the Section Master's organization, was with us and made us a good talk, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

We were very much pleased in having Miss Page, of High Point, with us, also.

It was quite a disappointment that so few of the boys from the Asheville Division were apparently unable to be present.

Another meeting was held, at Salisbury, on the fourth Saturday night, November 27th. The boys should make it a point to get their passes in time to attend these important meetings, as that is the place to become acquainted with each other, and learn how to better work together.

Bro. Huffman advises that, while out organizing, he found that many of the boys were showing greater activity in the work and beginning to realize that to be thoroughly organized, means better pay and annual passes.

All should get busy and help to show the boys that it is to their interest to join with us, and not let them put it off until after the first of the year, as some seem to want to do.

The extra men are getting all the work they can do at present.

Bro. Headrick, agent at Arden, got second at "WD" on bid, and Bro. Nettles, of Landrum, secured the position of agent and telegrapher at Arden on bid.

Landrum agency and telegraphers position, second trick at "UN" and "CO" are all open for bids.

There has been a third man put on at "MG," with R. E. Sigmon in charge.

Bro. Huffman, who has been out organizing for the past month, has returned to first at "J," relieving Bro. Hodden, who is now relieving Mr. Gilbert.

Bro. Garvin, of "S," has bid in second at "JU," getting back home.

Bro. Wagner, of "Q," has been off on a few days' bird shooting trip.

Bro. Alexander has left "DX" to make his home at Charlotte. We are sorry to have him leave our division.

Bro. Frazier, of "JU," has bid in the agent-telegrapher job at Landrum.

As it is cold weather now, while staying by the fire, take enough interest in the Order to mail me all the news you can, not later than the 15th of each month. I will appreciate it very much, as it will enable me to represent our division properly in each issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Don't forget to attend the meetings, and get your cards for the new semi-annual period as soon as possible.

I hope all the brothers and sisters will have a "Merry Xmas" and a "Happy New Year." Best wishes to all. "KD," CERT. 2258.

Atlantic Division, South End—

Bro. Allen, our local chairman, has had wonderful success organizing on the Atlantic Division. He is now canvassing the Selina Division with excellent results.

I notice the boys from the various divisions have considerable to say about good service to our employers. It will be very well for all of us to give this some thought, as we usually reap a harvest of the seed we have sown.

Help the dispatchers with the movement of trains in every way you can. Don't be afraid to do him a favor. You may want him to do you one tomorrow.

Another thing we must not forget to attend our meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month, at Flovilla, don't violate the laws, but get relief when you can. If there are any vacancies overlooked by the chief dispatcher, and not bulletined, call his attention to it or get Bro. Allen, our local chairman, to do so. As far as we know all vacancies are now being properly bulletined, and there is nothing now on bulletin.

Brothers, now is the time to keep busy and help Bro. Allen.

If we all do our part, he will soon be able to clean up the whole division. It is very encouraging to find those who were out, so ready to come in on the first visit of our organizer.

First trick at Macon passenger station was bid in by the first trick man at Macon yard office, and the second trick by Bro. Reeves.

"Pol Hill," first bid on by both Bro. L. C. Merritt and Mr. Knott, was secured by the latter, and Bro. Lawrence went to Macon yard office. This leaves a vacancy at "Cork," third, which has not been bulletined yet, but hope will be soon.

There are four or five extra telegraphers here now, all making good time.

Nos. 5 and 6, our tourist trains, were put on nearly a month earlier this season than heretofore, owing to the increase in business, and big freight trains are running thick and plentiful.

There is a reception under consideration for about New Year's, regarding which all will receive notice. We hope every member will try to make it a grand occasion

Talk to your wives and sisters about the Ladies' Auxiliary, and have them join.

We will have a meeting on each fourth Sunday at Flovilla. The last one was called off for business reasons, which will be explained at next meeting.

Let's all take renewed courage with the new year.

Wishing all brothers and sisters a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

DIV. COR., CERT. 2049.

Charlotte Division, North End—

The regular meeting set for October 28th was called off to allow all who wished to attend the joint open meeting at Salisbury, on October 30th, for the Asheville, Danville and Charlotte Divisions. It was not convenient for the boys from this division to go, as they could not get back to work; Nos. 35 and 43 leaving there before the meeting was over.

At the called meeting for November 10th, in Charlotte, to attend to routine business, on account of the regular meetings being called off as stated above, there were some fifteen in attendance.

Our General Chairman, H. G. Alexander, has moved his family to Charlotte, N. C., from Drexel, N. C. We are glad to have him near us.

Bro. A. E. Woody, agent, Spartanburg Junction, was called to Lynchburg, Va., recently, account of sickness of relatives.

Bro. W. S. Long, third at Newells, has been made clerk to Chief Dispatcher W. L. King.

Bro. W. H. Hays spent a few days in Richmond, Va., this week, on a visit to his mother.

We are glad to have Bro. Abe, of "TS," nights, in the ranks. He is a live wire, and always has a smile for every one.

Bro. Culp is working third at Belmont, N. C., while Thompson is off on leave of absence for sixty days.

H. C. Hastings is filling in on third at North Charlotte, while H. E. Galloway is working in "TS" a few days. Mr. Hastings has engaged in other business about a year. He will be with us again shortly. We also have the promise of several other nons coming in soon. These men are with us in sentiment.

It will not be our practice to mention the names and movements of all the nons we know of in write-ups, but some may be mentioned at times probably. If they have no interest in us, we have none in them. We will, however, extend them the glad-hand of welcome if they will signify a willingness to join us. We have no criticism to make of them, only to say that they are rather to be pitied than censured, if they cannot be convinced of their error in being out of the Order. I feel that the time will soon come when they will see that they cannot stand alone; that organization is the only salvation for us at this time, and that the men outside the Order will soon find themselves very lonesome.

The paper sent over the line recently in behalf of Bro. J. G. Pethel, who is sick in Asheville, N. C., was successful in securing about \$46.50 in subscriptions, about \$25.00 of which was paid in at our last meeting. I trust others who have subscribed to this fund will come up with the amount promptly, as Bro. Pethel is in need of money. Any one else wishing to give anything in this case can remit the same to Bro. W. A. League, No. 10 North Graham St., Charlotte, N. C., and the same will be turned over to Bro. Pethel promptly. Boys, this is a most worthy cause and every member should feel called upon to help as they can. When you have money in your pocket and think of spending it foolishly, stop and think of the brother, and think how much you would appreciate the same thoughtfulness if you were in his condition. For the information of any who do not know of Bro. Pethel's conditions, I will say: He has been confined to his bed practically for the last year, with that dreaded disease consumption; what little savings he had, has been wiped out, and he is now in need of help. His faithful wife is with him and shares in his want. The entire Southern System, No. 59, should help, as well as other members of the Order over the entire country.

Any one having any news items, or changes, please let me know. I cannot know everything that is going on over the division.

There have been about 800 members taken into the Order in the last six months, that sounds good and goes a long way towards making a solid front. So cheer up, boys, and nons take notice that it's time you were getting wiser.

Our committee expect to confer with the officials, about the first of the year, and there will be something coming to us in the near future, but it takes a solid rank to get anything worth while. So line up, nons, and help to get something for yourself and families. The company can not help but come across with what is reasonable when we present a solid front. B. F. DARST.

Danville Division--

My first impulse upon receipt of my journal, is to look for something from the division I work on, and the next most interesting thing, is to look up notes from other roads I have worked for. It is very disappointing to go clear through the fraternal department of the journal and not find a single note from any of them.

The regular correspondent can do very little, unless the membership gives him notes from their stations. Every change and all such news of interest should be sent to him every month. This, brothers, I believe, would create an interest and cause more of the brothers to attend the monthly meeting.

More interest must be shown among the members of the O. R. T. if we ever hope to get all the nons in the Order. It is as much our duty to be fraternal as it is to be organized. Enthusiasm will get the non much quicker than any other way. Let him see that there is more to the Order than

paying dues. It is up to us to show them there is something fraternal in our Order. Our local chairman, on the road nearly a month organizing, reports that some of the members do not even know if the man right beside them are members or not.

Do you ever call up the man next to you and test him? A few nights after I started to work over here, wanting to get acquainted, I tried the man next to me. He said he knew what I meant, but could not reply, and said "wait a minute." Pretty soon he called and gave me the proper answer. This brother was obliged to go to his home and look up the wire test before he could answer. Then we had a long and friendly talk. It seemed like being home to know I was blocking with an O. R. T. member.

I do not favor our general committee going to Washington for a revision of our schedule under the present conditions we lack enthusiasm, and it is up to the membership to put forth every effort, so the committee will feel that it is backed by something more tangible than simply a lot of paid up dues members. They need more assistance now than ever before, and we must be up and doing, as the time is short.

Not long ago I heard a man telling of a little courtesy an agent had shown him once: This shows that a little kindness goes a long way. We should never be impatient with the patrons of the company. It is our duty to promote its interests, and we could not do it in a better way than to be courteous to its patrons. A large part of the company's business is controlled by the agent-teleg-rapher, and we should be mindful of this fact. It will reap its reward in a way that we know not of.

Be courteous to the public, fraternal to your brother members, loyal and just to your Order and to the company, and you will see the O. R. T. advance on your road.

Now, I hope there will be a general rush next month to see who can send the correspondent the best notes from this division; don't wait for the other brother, do it yourself and send them early.

CERT. 615.

Memphis Division--

Since our Local Chairman, Bro. Wilson, returned from the recent meeting at Asheville, he seems to have such renewed faith in us that he has set the alarm in the hope of awakening some of the dreamers over here on this end of the pike. I feel safe in saying that it has been heard in every office on the division, and we are exceedingly glad to see so many awakened and ready to stand by their fellows. I was already converted, and only waiting for the invitation-song, and now I am going to ask you all to join with Bro. Wilson in the chorus, and get after the nons good and strong. Write that one working at the next station, and if he don't send in his application, why write him again and if he positively refuses to answer, try to catch a chance and go over and

see him. Now, brothers, the harvest is great, let's show our good faith by our works.

A good many of the boys have promised to join right away, and we hope they will be as good as their word, for it is their duty to come in and help get the line solid.

Ed. Smith, on a recent two months' vacation, has returned and promises to be with us soon.

We all miss our chief, Mr. Duncan, who left us recently, and hope his successor will make us as good a chief as his predecessor.

Mr. Gormley, former relief agent, is relieving A. T. Vaughan, on third, "DJ," Decatur Junction, who has accepted a position with Decatur Cotton Co.

L. Ennis, second, Tuscumbia, who accepted first trick in chief's office, Memphis, was relieved by Bro. M. J. Bryan, of third trick. Bro. R. P. Higginbotham took third "DS," Decatur, relieving Mr. Deramus.

If the boys on the west end will let Bro. Wilson have any news they can get by the 20th of the month, we would be glad to have it. Now, boys, don't lay down on this, for it is to your interest to get the boys lined up, and the sooner we can show up a high mark, the better it will be for us. Get after the nons, and show them where to head in.

CERT. 2271.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God in his wisdom to remove from our midst our esteemed brother Clifford K. Gane, of Fern Bank, Ala.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Southern Division No. 59, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend his wife and parents their heartfelt sympathy in this their great bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our next regular meeting, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. L. CLAY,
M. A. STRICKLAND,
J. B. BELK,

Committee.

Queen & Crescent Ry. (North).

Cincinnati Division—

The meeting held at Williamstown on the evening of October 8, presided over by our local chairman, was a complete success, both from a business and social point of view. After matters of importance were considered and discussed, large, fat cigars and tempting fruits were in evidence, thanks to the hospitality and generosity of Bro. Boutwell. While there were not as many present as was hoped for, yet the representation of the north end of the division was very gratifying. We expect a much larger showing at our next meeting and predict that all members attending will be thoroughly benefited and entertained. Quite a number of the

boys from the south end will undoubtedly be present if a proper effort is made.

Bro. C. H. McNeill, of Sadieville, has been appointed division correspondent, to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Bro. Witt, and he requests that all who have items of interest will forward same to him not later than the 14th of each month, as these notes would have appeared in the November TELEGRAPHER had they reached St. Louis a little earlier. Without this help we will be unable to have a complete write-up.

In the matter of a paid-up membership, we have the banner division on the Q. & C. We feel a pardonable pride in knowing that the brothers and sisters of this division are wide awake and realize their obligation to their co-workers, which means enthusiasm and earnest endeavor. A little individual effort in getting a few more nons in line will crown our efforts with complete success.

Bro. E. H. Boutwell, our local chairman, is visiting relatives in Georgia, his native State.

Bro. G. W. Arnold, of Corinth, visited Norfolk, Va., and other Eastern cities on his honeymoon.

H. R. Arwood, Blanchet nights, has been taken to St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, suffering from brain fever; relieved by J. H. Wayne.

Bro. G. L. Brewsaugh is now on second, McKinney, relieving Bro. H. L. Dumas.

Bro. M. J. McGuirk, McLean Avenue nights, while visiting relatives in Vermont, favored us with an instructive letter regarding conditions in the far northeast, which was read with much interest at our meeting in Williamstown on October 8.

Bro. M. W. Witt, third, Sadieville, has accepted the position of second trick dispatcher with the L. & A. R. R. at Richmond, Ky. We extend every good wish for his future welfare and prosperity. He was relieved temporarily by Sister Frances Threlkeld, it having been bid in by Bro. G. Glascox, second "SJ" tower.

We understand Tom Conway, second Lexington, will be married shortly, and that as a fitting complement will become a member of the O. R. T.

Bro. J. V. Hall, of Georgetown, is now dispatcher on the Lexington Street Ry.

Miss Julia Clark, first Lexington, while on a recent trip to Denver, was relieved by Bro. Pates, from the L. & N.

Sister Julia C. McGinnis, agent Rogers Gap, while visiting was relieved by Leo Harvey.

We are indebted to Bros. Brewsaugh, Sullivan and others for items and sincerely trust they will continue to lend their much-needed assistance in the future.

Div. Cor.

A. G. S. Division—

I am glad to note the boys are taking more interest in the Order, and if this continues we will improve our conditions and have the A. G. S. up to the top notch. Our local chairman advises that there could be more ginger put into some of the boys yet, as to handling their positions. What we want to do is to try and handle the business that is required on our tricks so that there will not be

any complaint whatever from the officials. When this is done you can expect something better coming your way. If your general committee convenes and know that you have been working your job strictly up to the rules of the company, they feel like asking the officials for something and the officials feel like giving something. On the other hand, if some of the boys have been falling down on their jobs, the general committee has a hard road to travel. Every man on the road knows what the rules are and you have no excuse for not carrying them out. So do business and earn what you are getting and about \$10 more per month, and the general committee will try and get that ten spot for you.

Bros. Willison and Stone have been on the A. G. S. and am glad to announce that a large number of the non-members lined up. The scattered few still left have promised to get right in the near future. It takes money and trouble for a man to go over the line, and if every member on the road would make an organizer out of himself it would not be necessary to go to this extra expense of canvassing. Every member should find out who he has working with him, and if he is not up-to-date, see that he falls in line. If we all do this, it will be easy to keep one hundred per cent solid. We are now ninety-two per cent strong—better than the road has ever been. So all get to pushing and keep it this way while making an effort to get the other non-members.

On looking over the local chairman's report, I note that very few on the A. G. S. understand the contract we have, and these are the ones who always kick because they think the contract is being disregarded by all concerned. Any one can get a copy of the contract from the G. S. & T. After you have familiarized yourself with it, if you find you have a grievance, handle it as outlined in the contract. Don't sit around and knock. If you do your part the other will be attended to. You have to help yourself before you will be helped by the O. R. T., or any one else.

It would be advisable for some of the brothers, as well as the nons on the A. G. S., to familiarize themselves with their national nine-hour law, as I know one or two that are not making any attempt to live up to this law, and the company is not requiring them to violate it either. Some time a stranger is going to land in your town and when he introduces himself as a representative of Uncle Sam, you may be sorry before he gets through with you. If you have not got a copy of this law, Bro. H. B. Perham, St. Louis, will send you one by requesting it from him.

Bro. O. M. Cathey, Epes, Ala., has lined up with us again, and he says it is "No card, no favor" with him around that city. That is the kind of talk that sounds good to your Occident. There are also about fifteen or twenty more on the A. G. S. that have lined up recently.

Understand our general committee will soon convene for a revision of contract and an increase, and I wish to impress on all of your minds the necessity of having the line solid beforehand.

It is very important to the nons to use members before the general committee goes in, for it can not represent you or your position without you are a member, and you are liable to come a few dollars short on pay-day in comparison with the first trick or second trick man. Every member will be mailed an information blank before the general committee convenes, to be filled out, and if you fail to fill this out and send it to your local chairman, you will get your foot into it again. You can not be represented without you fill out this blank and send it in. I am merely educating you all on this line in time so there will be no fall-down on this important question.

Keep your eye on the nons, and as soon as one lands, light on him and feel of his pulse and if it is not right, shoot a little glycerine in it, and keep shooting it in until his pulse is right. I have asked several brothers how about the other fellow working here, and his reply will be, "I don't know whether he is up-to-date or not." That is awful. The first thing I consider my duty when a man comes to be broke in is to feel of his pulse and then I know how to put him next to the job.

It has been decided to name the social club, organized at Chattanooga on July 22, the "Look Out Telegraphers' Club." There will be a meeting called in the near future at Chattanooga, and all members on the C. N. O. & T. P., A. G. S., Knoxville, Atlanta and Memphis Divisions of the Southern Railway and C. of Ga. Ry. will be notified, and I hope that every member will attend these meetings, as there will be some very important questions up for discussion. Also bring along any nons who may wish to join. I believe we can prevail on our good brother, Dr. Henry, of Chattanooga, although a very busy man, to attend this meeting. There is going to be "big doings" throughout the country for the telegraphers within the next few months, and it is very important that all nons get in line.

It is almost impossible to write an interesting article without the help of the boys out on the line, so do your part and send me your news items by the 15th of the month. Div. Cor.

Chattanooga Division—

There have been several changes on the second district in the past month, and several offices opened that were closed during the panic of last year, which is a pretty good sign of returning prosperity.

Silerville, which has been closed for some time, has been reopened, and Sunbright, which was a one-man twelve-hour trick, is now a three-trick station.

Bro. H. L. Dumas, from second McKinney to second Eubank; relieved temporarily by Bro. G. L. Brewsawh, extra.

W. H. Black, an old-timer, who was here a few nights in October, worked at various points on this line some twenty-five years ago.

Bro. Shadoan, Tateville, bid in second, Moreland, vacated by Bro. Singleton, who bid in second, McKinney.

Bro. Dumas, second, Eubank, on sick list a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Hovious, extra.

Bro. O. K. Holland, former ticket agent at Tuscaloosa, Ala., worked third at Moreland a few days.

Bro. Baird bid in third at Moreland, made vacant by the resignation of Bro. G. F. Dungan.

Bro. W. O. Bastion, agent at Science Hill, is off for a six months' vacation.

Bro. Holland worked a few days at Oakdale, relieving Bro. Mack Williams.

Bro. J. W. Bailey, Junction City, has returned after a six weeks' rest.

Telegrapher Bell worked first trick, Moreland, for a couple of days, relieving Bro. Compton, who was relieving Bro. Shewmaker, while attending court. Bro. Bell went to High Bridge from Moreland. Div. Cor.

Queen & Crescent Ry. (South.)

New Orleans Division—

Dad's boy wants to know why some of our brothers have allowed themselves to follow in the footsteps of the very few nons who remain with us? Brothers, you should stay awake and show the officials that union labor is superior to non-union labor in every respect. It is our duty to give them good service, and expect good pay in return. You all know that we need an increase in salary, so be sure and don't leave any room for the officials to complain to our committee which we expect to send up before long, that they are not receiving as good service as is expected for present pay, and turn their backs on us. This would be embarrassing, to say the least. It is ridiculous to imagine one sleeping on an eight-hour trick, delaying fast trains. Of course, we can't expect much from the non, for he has not enough interest in his future welfare to get in line and fight for his rights, but we earnestly ask each and every member to be on the alert. Some may be satisfied with present conditions, but I am not, for the great increased expense of living necessitates a \$60.00 minimum; in fact, a \$5.00 raise all around.

Have you an up to date? If not, why not?

Two of our agents are teaching the art to their helpers. Their hearts can not be in the right place or they would realize that it will only be a short time until their students will be holding down the stations they now occupy. Have you asked these professors to do what is right? Probably they have not been asked to join the Order. Go after the nons; they won't bite you.

We should feel ashamed when we turn from page to page in our journal and find no write-up from our line. Get busy, don't wait for some one to do your part. There is nothing helps a division more than a good write-up each month. Don't be discouraged; we are still alive.

We must get busy and land the few nons left on this line. It can be done by talking to them in the right way. They are all human, and if

each one of us will get one, there will soon be none left. How about the men you are working with? Are they up to date? You should see that they show the right color before treating them as brothers. If you dish out favors there is then no inducements for them to join.

Brothers, we are not lacking for a good local chairman. All he needs is the support of the members. Remember he is only one, and can not do it all.

Perhaps some have forgotten where to remit their dues. Bro. J. C. Talley, Poplarville, Miss., is the man. Now, get right and be at peace with your Creator and all mankind.

We have good officials to work for, men of reason. They do not want to work ragged and half starved men. They require us to appear neat and orderly at all times. They seem willing and ready to do what is right, yet we rest contented with what we have, while the brothers on connecting lines are working hard to better their working conditions.

All of you who are near enough and can, should attend the monthly meetings held at Meridian and Laurel. See what the brothers on our sister roads are doing and be convinced.

Dad's boy thinks we need a regular correspondent, and asks Bro. Fields to appoint some one to represent us each month. We must get that long-needed determination in us, to go after a new and revised schedule to take effect on March 1, 1910.

Let Bro. Fields know that we are behind him and looking to him as one of our leaders. We must pull together.

Be on time at your work; don't creep in late and cause your fellow workman to work more than nine hours.

We toilers on the south end had a lively time last month handling L. & N. detoured trains, that line having used the N. O. & N. E.'s rails during the interruption of their line, caused by the disastrous storm that swept over several Southern States, destroying life and property. You may be next. Make hay while the sun shines.

The changes are as follows:

Bro. E. L. McConnell, Enterprise, gone to the S. P.; relieved by Mr. Carpenter, a student, owing to the present shortage of telegraphers.

Bro. Bostick has returned to "RD" from "SU," dispatcher's office, New Orleans; relieved by R. W. Collett, former manager "JC," Meridian shops.

J. W. Ford, first "MA," on short vacation; relieved by W. C. Strahan, wireless, Port Arthur, Texas.

Mr. Stallworth, third "JC," transferred to third at "H" terminal station, Meridian, relieving Telegrapher Mills, who has gone with the A. G. S. at Birmingham, Ala.

No card, no favors.

JUST DAD'S BOY, THAT'S ALL.

Great Northern Ry.

Cascade Division—

It begins to look like winter on the hills now, considerable snow having fallen and the snow plows will soon be in operation.

The happenings at Merritt recently have been rather sensational. Bro. Lewis F. Lawton resigned and returned to his old home in the East; relieved by T. A. Haukins. H. H. Smith left without saying good bye to anyone, but the local chairman notified the members on the Spokane Division to look out for him. Smith was relieved by Chas. S. Bly, late of the new Milwaukee line, who became affected with the same mania and disappeared the third day at daylight with an old pal that came through in the night. Our local chairman was careful to advise the members on the east, end to also look out for them. Mr. Bly tried to get a member to let him have an old card to travel on, but he didn't get it. The same day Bly set sail. J. W. Kelley, late from the East, now stopping with relatives at Blaine, reported for work, remained long enough to get a square meal at the hotel, which he did not pay for, and without notice departed for the West after an unsuccessful attempt to pawn a revolver for transportation. The most important thing we wish to impress our readers with is that not one of these men were members of the Order, nor could they show that they ever had been.

Bro. W. S. Seward, located at Gold Bar, has been transferred to Division 70 from Division 54, where he served as local chairman for the past two years. Bro. Mann has appointed him a member of the local board of adjustment here.

J. W. Donnally, of Bellingham, has been suspended, owing to a difference with our mutual enemy, the bond company. We hope the matter will be straightened out favorably for him.

Bro. Fred Misner is relieving the agent at Bow.

H. P. Christenson, agent at Wooley, has returned from his vacation.

W. P. McHughes relieved M. Krombeck at Drury, who went to Berne, relieving Bro. John Taber, resigned.

Bro. J. E. Bucklew, of Scenic, has returned from a thirty-day vacation to Oklahoma.

Bro. Ray A. Pake, agent at Scenic, is on vacation; relieved by Bro. E. W. Baker.

Bro. L. D. Anderson, second at Mosher, has traded tricks with C. E. Jackson, of Edmonds, third, making it much more convenient for both.

Bro. A. B. Van Valin, formerly of Mosher, is now located at Sky.

A third trick was opened at Chiwaukum, taken by Bro. Ross M. Donohoe, who was relieved at Index by Bro. A. O. Phillips.

Mrs. J. G. Vickers, second, Chiwaukum, who has been on the sick list, is again back at work.

Bros. Ross M. Donohoe, of Chiwaukum, and I. D. Phelps, of Mosher, have been sending some items in each month which shows that they have the interest of the Order at heart.

Excepting the local chairman who sends in items each month, there has been only one or two in-

stances where any other member has furnished any news. We appreciate the interest that Bros. Donohoe and Phelps are showing and hope that they will keep it up; also that a few more members will pattern after them.

Please forward the items to H. F. Reagan, Box 77, Richmond Beach. Cor.

Marcus Division—

There seems to be a fearful lack of interest on this division in matters that are of vital importance to all of us. How many have paid up for the next semi-annual term? How many have secured one new member in the last six months? If we each got one we would be very much stronger than we are now. How many of you get all the overtime that you earn?

It is impossible to do anything until we have a strong organization. That takes money and that means prompt payment of dues. Why the members and telegraphers generally can't realize this is certainly hard to understand.

One of these fine days the company officials will be coming along with the telephone and pay you telephone operators' wages. Then it will be too late to kick, except to kick yourselves because you did not line up and get in shape to prevent such a situation.

I don't mean to say we can keep them from installing telephones. That is their own business, but we can prevent them from cutting our wages if we present a solid front of organized telegraphers.

I hope you will wake up and get in the game. Use as much good judgment and common sense in looking out for yourself and your future welfare, as you do in handling your employer's business.

If you think I am right, mark this copy of your journal, send it to some non, and keep after him until you land him. If you think I am wrong, just sit still and idle and some day you will say that you had plenty warning.

Bro. H. S. Votaw, agent at Laurier, stayed so long in the East on his vacation that a Spokane barber took him for a tenderfoot when he landed in Spokane on his return. Bro. W. E. Ketchum, who relieved Bro. Votaw, is visiting his folks at Springdale during his vacation.

Mr. Christmas, at Valley nights, during the absence of Bro. Hoskin, is now at Oroville.

Bro. John Raitor, of Loon Lake, on vacation, is being relieved by J. S. Chinn.

Bro. I. Johnson is back at Marcus.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Spokane Division—

The Waterville Line was opened for traffic on November 1st. Mansfield and Douglas are the only two points at which agencies have been established.

W. R. Walker, of Wenatchee, is agent at Mansfield, and Bro. Knowlton, of Columbia River, at Douglas. A mixed train each way runs daily from Wenatchee to Mansfield. No telegraph instruments have been installed, and it is quite

probable that none will be, as the phone built during construction period is being used.

J. J. Barnes, the G. Y. M. at "Z," although a great friend of the operators, delights in regaling them with visions of the future, when the phone will cause the extinction of the railroad operator. We have to excuse Joe, as most of his talk is "foney."

The men at some of the second and third district offices change oftener than the president's of the Central American Republics.

Bro. Combs, of Harrington, and S. C. Smith, of Lyons, are now working at Newport. The latter has been on the sick list for a few weeks, is back and is beginning to feel a little uneasy about his sincerity.

Bro. Disparois, cashier at Wilson Creek, who has been on the sick list for a few weeks, is back at work. Bro. Campbell, of the same place, was called to Edmonton recently by the serious illness of his mother.

Bro. A. W. Orvis took a rumble up into Canada recently, but decided to return, and is now working at Leonia.

Bro. A. A. Kott, of Newport, who recently left the system, is now with the S. I. Ry., at Eastport, Idaho.

Bro. Flood Smith, of the G. T. System, relieved Bro. Knowlton, at "CM."

Bro. C. L. Taylor relieved Mr. Clark, at Sand Point.

Thomas Constantine is working third at Cashmere. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Dakota Division—

While we have not been heard from for some time, we are still alive and those of us who have our dues paid have a clear conscience, as we know we are not taking benefits which have been gained by the efforts and money of others, because we can produce credentials consisting of an "O. R. T." card upon which is inscribed in bold figures 1909.

Those of us who donated our mite each year to employ "talent" to secure the benefits we enjoy have a right to feel better than the grasping "nons" who have never made any effort to even help themselves, but are always ready to share in such benefits. They certainly cannot be considered true fellow-workmen.

Organizer R. W. Shipley has been making a successful tour over this division and the way he has been bringing the "nons" across is very gratifying indeed.

Our strength lies in unionism, therefore let us get busy and make this division 100 per cent strong.

We need a chairman to handle our grievances. Don't let us be backward in this work, but ask for our seniority rights the same as the men on other up-to-date roads are doing.

Read the journal and get posted as to what the members on other divisions have been granted on account of being thoroughly organized. Let us continue this fight and bring our working conditions up to the standard.

After Bro. Shipley has gone over this division, we should give him encouraging support and each of us stand solid behind our organization. This is necessary for our own welfare in the future.

Wishing all the members success, happiness and prosperity in every way, I remain, yours fraternally, CERT. 342.

Butte Division—

I am in receipt of a circular letter from Bro. P. M. Abbott stating his address has been changed to Three Forks, Mont. I wish I had enough copies of this circular so I could place one in the hands of each foner and telegrapher on this division. You who have been stung with a nice little decrease of fifteen per could doubly appreciate it. I am not going to comment but very little on it for each of you well know that the reason you accepted that decrease was because you were not organized and could not help yourselves. Will you kindly take a pencil and figure how many cards that fifteen per reduction for one year would amount to. After you have done that try and figure what was the matter with your brains a year ago when we begged you to organize, warning you that this very thing would happen. "Nuff Sed." Get busy with the New Year. Don't let it get any worse.

There is very little changing around on this division, as the thermometer has registered below on several occasions, and the boys are sticking to the warm fire. I presume the membership of this division enjoy these short write-ups as none of them have volunteered to send in any items this month and others failed to respond to written request therefor.

M. P. Quigley has been relieved as agent at Billings, by J. S. Watson.

W. L. Press, former messenger, "PD" office, now working first, Judith Gap. J. A. Hoyser back on second and W. Maddox on third.

C. W. Lemon is back as agent, Cascade.

C. H. Porter, agent, Craig, on a short vacation, relieved by Relief Agent Warner.

W. L. Epperson returns to agency, Stockett, relieving W. R. Bell, who goes to Wolf Creek.

E. C. S.

Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Ry.

Ohio Division—

Although the notice was a little short and relief men scarce, our meeting at Dennison Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, brought out a good crowd of enthusiastic O. R. T. members. The meeting was opened by our worthy general chairman, Bro. V. B. Turner, who ably discussed the object of the meeting, after which he called for a general opinion of the members present. Quite a number took part in the discussion and much interest was manifested but each member seemed to follow practically along the same line as taken by Bro. Turner. The meeting closed after about three hours of fraternal co-operation. Now, brothers, you that do not attend the meetings do not realize the benefit to be attained. These meetings

are held to educate and promote the welfare of the organization of railroad telegraphers and every member should attend that can possibly do so. Come out once and you will certainly not stay away again.

Every member of this division should take an active interest in the organization that has benefited us so much. Business is very good now, the reports of the railroads each week showing larger increases in net earnings, than in 1907.

By thorough organization we should be able to ask for a revision of our schedule before many moons. Let us all get busy and line up all the nons before January 1st, 1910. Come over, boys, and help support the cause that has secured what you now have and can get more for you, if you will only do your part.

Quite a number of positions open and on bulletin now, but have not learned who have bid them in. November 15th, as follows: Cozaddale, third tricks; Stewart, third tricks, and Harpers opened as night office..

Cozaddale, agent, first trick bid in by Bro. W. W. Wires, formerly of this place, but recently operator at Loveland, Ohio.

Bro. C. D. Morrison bid in third trick at Stewart and he wears a smile that won't come off, only eight miles from home.

J. F. Witherspoon, first trick, "DA" tower, bid in first trick at Washington "CH." The ticket agency is tacked on to this and he will probably need a scoop shovel to handle the money—\$4,000 or \$5,000 monthly ticket sales.

E. E. Lyons, first trick, Blanchester, off several days on account of the death of one of his wife's relatives; relieved by Telegrapher Baker.

Bro. T. E. Fitch, off duty three weeks in November doing good work for a good cause—understand he met with great success. Three cheers for Bro. Fitch. Do it some more.

Bro. O. G. Harper, agent, Windsor, and son spent a day in Cincinnati shopping; relieved by Bro. Morrison.

We were glad to see old time brothers like C. F. Ogier, agent and first trick, Madeira and C. E. Toops, first trick, Wilmington, attend the meeting. Welcome brothers, come again.

H. G. Leever can now be called brother.

Bro. C. C. Hulbert, agent, Guysville, while on short vacation, was relieved by K. D. Figelstahler.

Bro. J. A. Malone, second, Athens, spent a month at home relieved by Mr. Shallenberger, of Wellston.

Bro. D. P. Watson, second, Belpre, while on a trip to Warren and other points in Indiana, was relieved by J. E. Givson.

Bro. W. J. Harris, third, Byers Junction, who was recently married there in his own home, spent his honeymoon at Cleveland, Buffalo and other eastern points.

Bro. P. Costello, agent and first trick at Belpre, and his wife recently visited their son Thomas P. Costello, formerly with the B. & O., now at Ottawa, Kas., and relatives at Lincoln, Neb., and other points in Kansas and Nebraska.

J. E. Gibson, of Chillicothe, was on second at Belpre while Bro. D. P. Watson relieved Bro. Costello, as agent and first trick man, during the latter's absence.

Bro. F. A. Grate, third, Pleasant Plain, while visiting relatives and friends at Zaleski, was relieved by Mr. Sheer, of Chillicothe.

E. E. Lyons, first, Blanchester, visited his mother at Greenfield, recently.

Bro. H. J. Mathews, second, "DA" tower, bid in third, Greenfield.

J. F. Witherspoon, first, "DA" tower, bid in first at Washington, "CH," vice Bro. Grassley.

L. C. Johnson bid in second, "DA" tower.

Div. Cor. Cont. 261.

Ohio Division, East End—

Bro. T. K. Maloney, Little Hocking, nights, was called home recently on account of the illness of his sister; relieved by Bro. O. Ray.

Bro. C. V. Hester, agent at Mineral, has accepted a position as salesman with the Carbon-dale Coal Co. Bro. J. P. Emish acting agent during his absence.

Bro. H. O. Shirley, agent, Canaanville, on a short trip; relieved by H. Cunningham from Little Hocking.

Bro. C. D. Morris recently spent a few days at his home near Coolville.

Stewart has been made a three trick office; Mr. Jennings working third until the position is bid in.

Bro. P. Costello has resumed work after a three weeks' vacation.

Mr. Watkins, third, Zaleski, off a few days; relieved by F. E. Dunfee.

Mr. Isler is working second at Marshfield, and Bro. J. P. Emish is doing the agent's stunt at Mineral.

We can now call L. J. Farrell brother.

Div. Cor

Illinois Division—

Our last meeting at Flora on Tuesday, November 9th, was not as well attended as it should have been, but nevertheless no one who was there had any cause to regret the sleep he lost, and those who were not there missed hearing some very interesting subjects discussed. We were favored by a very interesting address by our general chairman, Bro. E. C. Turner, also by our former general chairman, Bro. J. M. Peck.

There still remain a few nons on our division who need our attention, but I am glad to say that they are very scarce.

The following jobs have been open and bid in recently: third trick, Sumner, by Telegrapher Lavelle; third trick, O'Fallon, by Bro. C. D. Russell; third trick, Trenton, by Telegrapher Simms; second trick, Xenia, by Bro. W. L. Deabler; second trick, Clay City, by Bro. J. L. Moore; third trick, Clay City, by Telegrapher G. G. Moore; Furman, by Bro. B. H. Richards.

Bro. M. R. Taylor, agent, Xenia, relieved by Bro. W. L. Deabler, past few weeks on account of illness of his wife, who is now in a hospital at St. Louis.

Bros. C. H. Drummond, first, O'Fallon and W. H. Helms, of third trick, Breese, have both resigned to try their fortunes in the wild and wooly West.

L. L. Sanders, first, Carlyle, has gotten in bad with the W. U. Co., in some manner and dismissed; relieved by Bro. C. D. Russell.

Bro. G. C. Hadley, of Furman, received second trick, Trenton, on bulletin.

Second trick, Iuka, is open now being filled by Bro. B. H. Richards.

Bro. C. E. Ansbrook, agent, Aviston, on a short vacation recently was relieved by Bro. H. B. Lingeman, first, Trenton, who was relieved later on by Bro. Ed Helms.

Bro. C. D. Russell has been relieved by F. F. Bruner, third, Lawrenceville tower, who got Lebanon on bulletin and third, Lawrenceville was bid in by Mr. Summers.

Bro. Webster, second, Olney, while on short vacation, was relieved by Bro. Russell.

Bro. L. Sefton, agent, Summerfield, who has taken a trip to the great West for several months, was relieved by Bro. A. J. Apple, second Breese temporarily. Bro. W. Helms, regular third, relieved him later on and he in turn was relieved by Mr. Richards, extra of Claremont.

C. E. Trent, second, Shattuck tower, on short vacation, was relieved temporarily by Bro. J. Moore, of Noble, and Bro. Moore was relieved by Bro. Drummond.

Bro. W. L. Deabler, second, Iuka, while on a two weeks' vacation was relieved by B. Richards.

R. C. Heuer, agent, Beckemeyer, on short vacation; relieved by Bro. H. B. Lingeman, first, Trenton, until relieved by Mr. Conner, of Wheatland.

Bro. Ed Helms, second, Trenton, resigned; relieved by Mr. Simms, of Summerfield.

Bro. M. R. Traylor, agent, Xenia, while on short vacation, was relieved by Bro. Deabler, second, Iuka until relieved by B. Richards.

Bro. C. D. Russell off a short time on account of a very sore hand; relieved by Mr. Spitzer, third, Shattuck tower, while the latter was off on his vacation.

Fay Pritchett, brother of our second trick dispatcher, a former telegrapher for the past two years in the U. S. Navy, has returned to his home at Xenia, and intends to return to the telegraph service again. Div. Cor.

O. R. T. KNIGHTS.

You cannot find a better kind
Of friends, where e're you go,
Than are the boys through Illinois;
Along the B. & O.

A wealth of cheer for every tear
From these, the friends I know,
Who work the key, with certainty,
Along the B. & O.

It's good to see knights of the key
Whose hearts do not outgrow
The harmony, that you can see
Along the B. & O.

It's good to hear a word of cheer
When sorrows come, and know
Your friends can feel, a mute appeal
And sympathy bestow.

And so I raise my voice in praise,
In rhymes I wish might grow
In every heart, before we part,
I, and the B. & O.

CLYDE ADDISON WRIGHT,
CERT. 386, Carlyle, Ill.

Block District—

They say a word to the wise is sufficient, but judging from what we have said to some of the nons, to no avail, it is but natural to suppose that they are far from wise. On man said recently get the other nons in and I will follow. Let's make him prove it.

It will probably be pleasing to know that we have several less nons and several new members on the Block since our last write-up.

H. E. Kirk, a new man on the block will soon be in possession of an up-to-date.

V. B. Menefee, "GK," second, resigned, is working third at "RH," pending relief. Bro. Percival Dundon, takes "GK," second.

Bro. Murphy, third, "CK" is working third "NA" while Bro. Christopher is off sick. L. H. Birthisel is holding the fort at "CK."

While F. C. Fisher, second "NA" is on jury duty Bro. Christopher moves up to second and Bro. Murphy takes third.

Bro. Bedingham is working first "BH," while Mr. Flinn is relieving the agent at "KY." F. X. Huber, another new man, is working "BH."

Bro. Kelly did good work, and we wish some of the brothers would do as well.

CALAMITY HAP.

Indiana Division—

Local Chairman Bro. V. B. Turner, is in Cincinnati on O. R. T. business with our officials; relieved by Relief Agent Wedding, who has just returned from a trip in Iowa and Illinois.

Bro. A. A. Donovan is on the twelve-hour night trick at Vallonia.

Bro. Shortridge, Medora, says business is too flourishing to lay off at present and Bro. Reblin, at Fort Ritner, reports lots of work at his joint also.

E. E. McKay at Riverside, Ind., is going to get in line right away.

Bro. A. M. Mallot, Shoals, Ind., attended the meeting at Cincinnati, on November 5th.

We have two eight-hour trick jobs on this division now at Avon and Cannellsburg, Ind., some of the second and third trick men are allowing the dispatchers to call them for a long time. It seems that a man only working eight hours should be able to stay awake. What would he do if he was working twelve hours in some lonely place. Some of the trick operators are not getting around on time for duty, either. Now we had a hard time getting this eight-hour law and we ought to appreciate it.

Some of the operators are in the habit of answering calls when some one is trying to get a message off in a hurry. You send the message and get no response then have to call and send it over again, causing great delay.

Let's get after the nons on our division and get them lined up in the near future.

L. V. WILLIAMS,
Assistant Correspondent.

C. C. & L. Ry. IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Providence to call to the Great Beyond the beloved wife of our Bro. G. G. House, and while we bow in submission to the will of the Most High, who doeth all things well; be it

Resolved, That in her death the brother has lost a faithful and devoted wife; and be it further

Resolved, We, your committee, on behalf of the members of C. C. & L. Division No. 75, O. R. T., tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing husband and family, and a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our division, a copy be published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, and a copy be sent to the bereaved brother.

G. W. JOHNSON,
H. H. ADAMS,
J. B. DAVIS,
Committee.

Muncie, Ind., November 9, 1909.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Madison Division—

By the time this appears in print we will have Christmas with us again. Could we have shared in the prosperity that this company has been enjoying for the last few months, we could have made it more pleasant to our families. Even a little larger check on December pay day would have been very acceptable to most of us, as we have been obliged to pay more and more for the necessities of life, without having had an increase in salary since November 1, 1906, and in fact many of us have had a reduction in salary of \$2.50 to \$12.00 per month during that time, so it is not to be wondered at that we are getting anxious for a new revised schedule.

It appears that a dividend of seven per cent on the common and eight on the preferred stock is first figured out, then out of what is left they pay just as little as possible to the employes, and the telegraphers certainly have been getting the small end. There are agents and operators doing three to four times as much work for the same or less pay as a few years ago and it cost them at least double as much to live.

The agents and operators are held up as an example of excellent service and politeness. They are receiving the praise of the traveling public wherever you go. They performed their duties so well last year that not one of the millions of passengers that were carried on this great system was killed, which should convince any one, that we have given the company the best there is in the line of service.

Our committee is not asking anything unreasonable of the company. That they will not get all they ask for, we are pretty sure, but what concessions they do get we are honestly entitled to and we want them. As "the price of liberty is eternal vigilance," so also is the benefits of a schedule.

When we get our new revised schedule, which we are in hopes will be before this appears in print (as our committee is in Chicago for what they think is a final conference with the management and signing a schedule), we want to say that those who attend our meetings are the ones that hear it discussed and explained and therefore are acquainted with what each section means and just what one is entitled to and they are then in a position to know if they are getting it or not. Each member is paying his good money for the purpose of benefiting himself, as well as his fellow telegraphers, and if he wants to know what his money has been spent for he should come to our meetings and give Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, a chance to tell him.

So many have asked for a seniority list, that at one of our meetings it was decided to have one printed. This will be done as soon as our chairman gets the news one from Mr. H. D. Schooff our C. T. D. and one will be mailed to each member, with the annual statement of the local secretary and treasury.

Those having any suggestions to make should let Bro. Schneider know, and any one wishing more than one should advise Bro. C. E. L. Hansen, local secretary and treasury, so he can make arrangements to supply them. It is also the wish of most of the members that any non may get one for the asking. We will also gladly supply them with application blanks.

More new members have been initiated the past year than any other one year. This has been accomplished through individual efforts, and we hope to get the few nons left and backsliders in the same manner. A complete list of these can be had anytime from the chairman or secretary and treasurer.

It appears that other divisions are taking a great interest in the Ladies' Auxiliary and we are glad to see it, as it is to our mutual benefit to have the ladies in our families take an interest in our welfare, and there promises to be meetings held in the near future, where we can all meet, get better acquainted and enjoy ourselves. Let each member get a member for the L. A. and we will have done something that we will never regret. Who will start the ball a-rolling?

The telegraph wires have been cut back again in all the offices on the East End and at Klevenville and Edmunds on the West End.

A coach is being used as depot at Lancaster, while the new depot is under construction.

The company is having serious trouble with its track just west of the Lake Mills station. Several places have sunk and over \$50,000 has been expended the present summer with but little prospect of making a permanent good. The feasibility of building a new track running to the

north of the late and through the city of Lake Mills is now being considered.

Everything is about ready for the large new engines. The turntable and round-house at Baraboo have been enlarged, the new 100-pound steel is all laid between Evansville and Janesville and steel on the northward track is being laid at Dane.

The work on the hill district around Sparta is being rushed to completion, the new concrete bridges are all in and the grading finished, making a great improvement and doing away with some of the grade.

Tower "EA," a brand new one-story affair, is now located at the end of the south wye some distance east of the old location.

Material is going over the line for the new ten stall round-house at Lancaster where a new turntable will be put in and a new depot built.

We have a few that have not paid their general dues for the last semi-annual period and also some who are in arrears with their local dues of \$1.00. All have had two or more notices, and it is their interest as well as all the other members to pay all dues promptly which would give us just that much more time and money to spend on nons. Every notice costs money, and we must remember, that with our large membership it means lots of time as well as money. If every one paid up when due then we would know just where we are at. As it is we have to treat any one in arrears, as a non as far as getting them in line. We know that conditions under which we have been working for a long time is far from what we like, still we must remember that we are vastly better off than before we had a schedule and there is no one who can deny that it was the O. R. T. that got us what we have, and it is through the O. R. T. that we will get more. Just because you and the man in the next station don't agree, and have your chewing matches is not a good excuse for dropping out. Have your personal scraps if you must, but show that you have at least brains enough to see that there is only one way to better your conditions and that is by the organization of your craft, and be man enough to bear at least your share of the expense which are your dues.

Leyden is a three-trick station now, with Bro. J. H. Doering first, C. R. White second and F. L. Main third. Fellows is also three-trick, W. F. Frusher first, S. E. Main second and John Helden third.

Bro. M. H. Keffe, second, Evansville, has resigned to engage in other business; relieved by H. J. Starry, until bulletined.

H. R. Raetting, Soo Line, Loyal, Wis., is cashier vice Bro. A. E. Johnson, who is on a trip to Cuba.

Bro. L. M. Bunt, agent, Brooklyn, has returned after a couple of weeks' sickness and Bro. Edw. Welch, who relieved him is back on third, at Monona yard.

Bro. A. J. Warnock, agent, South Madison, has returned from his trip to Aberdeen, So. Dakota, where he registered for the land drawing.

Bro. A. L. Clark, who relieved him then relieved Bro. M. H. Schleck, agent, Wonewo, while he attended a stockholders' meeting that he is interested in at Philadelphia, Pa., and called on relatives and friends at Madison, his old home.

Bro. C. L. Wilcox, agent, Union Center, off recently on account of illness, was relieved by Bro. F. H. Main.

Bro. Carl Hummel, second, Lavalley, on vacation, relieved by Fone Operator McQueen, who has been acting agent at Woodman.

Bro. F. E. Hart, second, Mendot, off on account of sickness; relieved by P. C. Wolfe. Mat Biwersi, of Dane, relieved the latter on third.

Bro. G. W. Richardson, agent, Dane, has just returned from a visit to his son, at Salem, So. Dakota. Mr. Hendrickson was acting agent; relieved by Ted Thompson, on second.

Bro. C. Josi, agent, Klevenville, relieved Bro. Lynn, resigned at Galena. Bro. A. B. Steinhoff bidding it in on bulletin. The other positions were assigned as follows: W. F. Holden, Platteville, days. Bro. J. Bennett, Deerfield, second; Newman Wales, second trick.

Mr. H. D. Schooff, our chief dispatcher, has gone to California for several months with his daughter, who cannot stand the Wisconsin winters. Mrs. Schooff, who has been dangerously ill with typhoid, is now convalescent and will remain with her parents at Beloit during Mr. Schooff's absence.

Mr. A. R. Pelmar is now acting first; Mr. J. H. Hall second and Mr. M. E. Patterson, who was off duty for a couple of weeks on account of sickness, is acting third chief.

Mr. E. F. Boehm first, Mr. J. I. DeSautelle second, Mr. P. E. Wright third trick dispatchers, on the south end.

C. B. Adams, H. R. Kock and G. A. Cole, are on the north end and Dispatchers Payne and Bundick, both new men, on this division, are working the cross line.

Bro. J. H. Bucklin, Jr., has charge of Lake Mills, first trick, relieving Mr. Starry, who worked it extra.

Bro. C. L. Graves, agent, Cottage Grove, having a siege with the dentist, relieved by Bro. E. D. Williams.

Bro. A. Anderson, second, Monona yard, was also under the dentist's care, relieved by W. Whitman.

Bro. A. C. Matzek, second, Caledonia, on a short visit to Milwaukee, relieved by W. F. Briggs, formerly agent at Roscoe, and now conducting a general store at Caledonia.

Bro. P. W. Avery, agent, at Wyeville, has put in a lunch counter for the accommodation of the traveling public that may use the Necedah branch.

Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, will remain in Chicago with the committee and will remain there until the work is completed.

Bro. A. J. Warnock, agent, South Madison, is on a trip to Pierre, South Dakota, with his family.

S. C. Potter, who has been away for several years is working second at South Baraboo "BY" office.

Bro. E. L. Canney is back at Elroy, third, and Bro. T. J. Tracy, on second, which he bid in on bulletin.

Bro. W. J. Doering bid in second, Kendalls, vice Bro. Tracy and Bro. E. D. Elkins, second, at Trempealeau, and is now in charge.

Bro. J. S. Lewis bid in and is now in charge of Beloit, second. Bro. Forsythe, extra, went to tower "DO."

Bro. L. G. Abts is on Evansville, third again, relieved at Lake Mills, by Mr. Starry, while the latter is on bulletin.

Bro. Collentine, second South Baraboo, is at Jefferson Junction, second.

W. S. Barnhart is on Afton, third, again, relieving Bro. Kreklow, who takes Sullivan, second, while on bulletin.

Tower "CY," Chase yard, closed as a telegraph office, and C. G. Porter is now on Waukesha, third, while on bulletin.

Bro. C. R. Fisher, agent, Oregon, taking in the sights in the Dakotas and visiting relatives at Spring Green, Wis., was relieved by Bro. Edw. Welch, who is now relieving Bro. L. M. Burt, agent, Brooklyn, while on sick list.

Bro. P. M. Keffe is back at Madison, second, after his spell of sickness.

Bro. H. D. Adams took in the agents' meeting at Chicago.

Tower "DO" closed on account of sickness of the operator, was taken charge of the second night by Bro. Degnan, and his trick at tower "EA," 10 p. m. to 8 a. m. was closed.

Bro. F. L. Bonnell has resumed his duties as agent at Edmunds after visiting the exposition at Seattle, and his brother Chas., station agent with the N. P. Ry. in Washington.

The new well at Ipswich is a dandy, considerably better than the one at Montfort.

Bro. C. W. Evans, second, Sparta, on vacation, will probably become a benedict before he resumes work. A. F. Newman is relieving him.

Bro. J. Bennett, second, Summit, on sick list, relieved by A. K. Satterfield.

Third, at Summit, has been opened with J. H. Mueller in charge, while on bulletin.

The members of the "Hill Section" of the Railway Agents' Association and their wives had a pleasant meeting recently at the home of Bro. W. A. Browne, agent, Norwalk.

Bro. A. E. Johnson, cashier, Evansville, has resigned and is now on a trip to Florida; relieved by H. Raettig from Burlington, Wis.

Bro. D. A. Petterson bid in and is in charge of Helenville station. C. C. Hinners, cross line trick dispatching, and on quad in "B" office, is now telegraphing at Platteville, vice Petterson.

Bro. A. L. Clark is relieving Bro. Warnock, agent, South Madison, who is visiting his daughter at Merrillan.

Bro. J. F. Gannon, agent at Mendota, while on several weeks' vacation, went to Aberdeen South Dakota to register, and met Bro. Ed Klingelhofer,

from Waunakee, who is operator there. He also met Frank Noonan, night chief at Huron, who was formerly in the Baraboo dispatchers' office. Bro. A. L. Clark was acting agent during Bro. Gannons' absence.

Bro. W. F. Westphal, former agent, Helenville, is now located with the Soo Line at Wishek, North Dakota. He is well satisfied and sends "73" to all the boys.

M. Bowers is on third at Mendota and P. C. Wolfe is on second, vice Bro. Hart, who is off on account of sore eyes.

Earl Phinney is on second, Brooklyn, vice Reilly.

F. E. Warner, who has been taking in Chicago, Milwaukee and Jefferson, relieved by C. C. Hinners on the quad in "B" office, Baraboo. A. G. Elsner is on Hinner's tracer job and W. F. Holden is on the same job nights in the dispatcher's office.

Mr. Payne, a new man, is working second trick on cross, line.

Hoping that we have our new schedule by Christmas, and that it is a good one, I wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.
Div. Coa.

Ashland Division—

No doubt every one is anxiously awaiting the outcome of the negotiations of our general committee now in session at Chicago. We understand that their labors will soon be at an end, and that there will be some nice increases for us as well as other valuable concessions. The telephone proposition which has worked havoc among our ranks on other divisions has been the main bone of contention and is the cause of the prolonged negotiations. We sincerely hope our committee will be able to effect a satisfactory settlement of this bug-bear.

Business on this division has been good all summer and fall with a noticeable shortage of operators at all times. Some of the boys are just commencing to get their vacations, requested last March. The ore business is still hanging on and the prospects are fine for a large business in pulp-wood, lumber and logs this winter, which will at least keep all the boys in our line of business pretty much on the jump until the rush is over with.

No doubt most of you are aware by this time of the sad accident that befell Bro. N. J. Semmelhack, agent, Gogebic, Mich., while out hunting last month. He had shot a small bear, wounding it, and while trying to put on the finishing touches with the butt end of his rifle the gun exploded or rather went off, the bullet striking him on the hip, breaking some of the bones in the leg. Some members of the Chicago baseball team, on a fishing expedition, camped nearby heard the shots, went to investigate and found Nick badly wounded lying partly in a small lake shouting for help. They picked him up and carried him to their private car nearby. He was afterwards taken to St. Mary's hospital, Wausau, where he now is, and at last report was getting along very nicely.

but it will be some time before he will be able to resume work. As natural to expect, time passes slowly to one in Nick's condition and he would be pleased to have some of the boys along the line write him a letter and give him some of the news of the division which you may rest assured he will be very grateful for. Therefore if you want to do another brother a good turn take a little time and write him a letter, if only a short one. We wish to assure Bro. Semmelhack that he has the sympathy of all the men on the division in his sad misfortune and we wish for him a quick recovery. Bro. Briggs is covering Bro. Semmelhack's position at present.

Our meeting at Antigo, November 19th, was quite well attended and from other points of view was very successful. Local Chairman Nelson reported on the progress of the committee in Chicago and other business was transacted.

From all indications business on the old Ashland division is going to be mighty good on the road this fall and winter with lots of work for everybody.

Bro. P. H. Rasmussen, second, Summit Lake, was promoted to agent at the same place, vice Mr. Carmany, resigned, to accept a position as operator and bill clerk, at Boyne City, Mich.

Bro. W. R. Jones, of Wittenberg, relieved Bro. J. S. Johnston, at Jeffris, during the latter's illness. We understand Bro. Johnston has quite fully recovered from the results of his operation at Antigo last month and are glad to see him back at work again.

Bros. Vic Johns and Jones were unable to accept the agency at Summit Lake, to which they fell heir to on bulletin, on account of there being no house to live in there.

Bro. P. L. Lethenstrum was awarded the agency at Tomahawk Lake, vice Bro. F. W. Atchison, who resigned to go west. Bro. Atchison was a good order man and we regret that that he has left us.

We are pleased with the new traveling auditor assigned to the Ashland Division, Mr. R. C. Kerr. He is courteous and ever ready to point out our mistakes in a kindly way. This is encouraging instead of discouraging.

Bro. Edwards has returned from his vacation to Bear Creek agency, and Bro. J. W. Lacy, who relieved him, has received second trick, Tigerton, on bulletin. Bro. P. R. Carter, taking Pelican, second, temporarily, afterwards being awarded Watersmeet second on bid.

Bro. P. W. Brehmer, days, Kimberly, got second, Saxon on bid, vice Bro. W. H. Paull, resigned, to take a position on the D. S. S. & A. Ry. Mr. Corcoran, a new arrival, from the Wisconsin Central, relieving Bro. Brehmers.

F. G. Sockwell, New Jersey, relieved Bro. L. F. Nelson at Kaukauna, while he was in Chicago serving on the general committee.

Bro. L. E. Smith, third, Clintonville, got Antigo yard office days, on bulletin. Bro. H. A. Wilde went from days to nights at the same place on bulletin.

Bro. C. B. Fiker was awarded Pelican, second trick on bid.

Bro. F. C. Hines, second trick, Clintonville, has successfully passed the civil service examination and will soon take a position as mail clerk with the government. We certainly wish him success in his new field.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Quade is making good at the shoe business in Hortonville. Boys, if you want a new pair of shoes patronize Bro. Quade.

Bro. Vic Johns is at present working second at Monico Junction.

Bro. J. S. Johnston, agent at Jeffris, who was suddenly stricken with appendicitis on October 13th and taken to an Antigo hospital on a special train, was operated upon successfully, and at last report was getting along nicely. We hope he will have a speedy recovery. Bro. W. R. Jones, of Crittenberg, relieved him. The company is to be commended for their kindness in furnishing the special service.

Bro. C. B. Fiker, second, Ironwood, while off on vacation, was relieved by J. C. Calhoun, formerly of the Lake Shore division, and recently from the St. Paul in Iowa. He has promised to join the Order soon.

Bro. F. W. Atchison, agent, Tomahawk Lake, while off on a vacation, was relieved by Bro. G. T. Tytherleigh, a new member.

Bro. R. B. Kluge, of Tigerton, got second at Hortonville.

We are indebted to Bro. Jones for most of the items in this write-up. Div. Cor.

Galena Division—

Have heard of several brothers recently who expect to leave the service soon. Better wait, boys, and see if we can't make the jobs worth sticking to. Men are scarce just now and it begins to look as if we were going to come into our just dues. It has been a long fight and a weary one, but victory is in sight. When hoboes are paid \$2.00 for ten hours, a telegrapher should have respect enough for his profession not to work for less. It is up to you, brothers, don't kick and blame the officials. You are masters of your own fate, you are the ones to say whether you work for an insufficient wage or not.

Strengthen our organization by bringing in everybody eligible and let them know that we intend to stand by them to the last ditch.

Give your chairman the encouragement of your presence at the monthly meetings, or drop him a note saying why you could not show up. Let him know you can be depended upon. It's your troubles he is wrestling with and if you want to be remembered when the figures go down on the schedule, let him know you are alive. Then you won't have to come around kicking when it's too late.

The cost of living still soars and don't forget that every notch upwards is a reduction of your wages to that extent. Do you know that there has been an increase in the cost of the necessities of life since November 1st, 1908, of 10.5

per cent? Can you not realize that that is equivalent to a reduction of your wages? How long can you stand it? When will you wake up? Even hay is \$20.50 per ton but that's about the proper food for a jackass, who thinks the present situation is all right.

The trains on the Elgin and Belvidere Electric Line are handled by telephone.

The motorman ran by a meeting point recently, which resulted in a head-end collision at Huntley and a number of people were seriously injured.

This don't look as if the phones were of much account to move trains by even on the electric.

Get in early with your dues this year and don't forget your insurance for six months.

Bro. E. H. Webster is on committee work and we hope to see everybody out to the meetings when he returns to get the news.

Business is getting so heavy that everybody is working Sundays and thirteen hours per day.

Several brakemen who are operators have been working as telegraphers lately and drawing brakeman's pay. This looks like a good scheme. We better all get positions as brakemen and join the B. of R. T. That might help to put telegraphers' salaries up.

Bro. Fowler, of Creston, is looking for a good man to relieve him, so he can take that trip West.

The moving of the depot at East Elgin gives Bro. Casey a better view of trains.

Bro. W. M. Sheller is back at Union Grove after a month's vacation.

Bro. Buss, of Nachusa, is doing two men's work on one foot. The other foot got the ax.

Business continues to be too good and everybody working the limit.

There are several three-trick positions on the Peoria line now, Normandy and Radnor being the latest additions.

The new towers as the result of the completion of the cut-off are about ready to be put into service and should be bulletined soon.

Bro. W. Wilson received first trick at Rockford on bid and Bro. Bendixon received the Lake Geneva agency.

Bro. Wells, of West Chicago, has gone to "SJ" office, and Chas. Case, of Morrison, has also accepted an invitation to the general office.

H. Marcellus, for years at Clinton Bridge, is now on the Iowa Division, working second at passenger depot, Clinton.

Bro. Raymond on second, East Elgin, vice Bro. Starks.

The office at West Clinton has been abolished, Bro. Marcellus going to passenger depot and Fifth St., Bro. J. B. Agnew to Pit Junction, vice Bro. W. H. Steffy, from Pennsylvania Lines, resigned and gone to Colorado.

Bro. Starks relieves Bro. Wills at West Chicago, the latter going to "SJ" office.

P. J. Fay, second, Rockford, relieving Bro. Buss. Bro. Wilson has bid in this position.

Mr. Haviland goes to Lombard, vice Mr. Manning, killed, and Malta is up for bid.

Bro. Rigby, Dundee, has returned from a month's vacation. YOUR COMRADE, CERT. 151.

Northern Iowa Division—

The Northern Iowa has held out a glad hand to the "boomer" recently. His comings have been few and his stay even shorter.

Why not get up some of the old-time enthusiasm on this division and endeavor to hold a meeting?

Business has held up wonderfully well during the entire year and the Northern Iowa has cause to feel proud.

I wish to thank the brothers for their assistance and trust that the good work will go on.

Mr. Fisher, helper at Rolfe, is acting agent at Ledyard, leaving Bro. Davis playing a lone hand.

Bro. Lorimer, Ceylon, is leaving the service to engage in private business.

Bro. O. R. Herrold, Eldora, was a sightseer at Dakota City recently.

Bro. Lane, Lanruss, on six months' leave of absence. We are all looking for a temporary bulletin, while he holds down his Dakota homestead.

Bro. E. T. Harper is on a vacation at his home in Iowa Falls. Understand his prospects for a job as commercial traveler are looming in comparison to railroading.

Bro. Doherty gone to wire chief's job, Miles City, Mont., C. M. & St. P. Relieved by Mr. Burns, who advises us he has never yet been bound by permanent contract with any railroad company.

Chas. Yenor is doing the owl trick at Rutland, fresh from "Val."

Some of the boys are complaining that there have been no bulletins on some of the jobs. Think this is not an intentional oversight, as our worthy chief undoubtedly has troubles of his own, with shortage of help in his own office and the trouble experienced in filling the road jobs.

Bro. L. F. Woodard and wife, of Maurice, were off a few days last month. He wears a new emblem.

Bro. Jamison, Bancroft, goes to Shoshone, Wyo., agency when relieved.

Bro. L. G. Waggoner, formerly agent at Iowa Falls, more recently at Gt. Nor. Monroe, Wash., is at present in the lumber business in the latter place.

Bro. Gallimore, Lone Rock, is a new recruit to the "cause."

Dispatcher Sharon has forsaken bachelorhood, an Olga lady being the lucky one. The boys extend congratulations. Mr. Strachan, who relieved him, has returned to Hawarden.

The trainmen's ball at Eagle Grove, Thanksgiving eve, was a well-attended and fine affair.

Another trick man has been added at Webster City, and Mr. Richards is drawing some deep breaths of relief.

Bro. Beman is relieving Bro. Price at Conrad, while the later is looking after his Colorado farm.

Bro. Smith, of Radcliffe, has been having a severe struggle with rheumatism recently and has been waiting to be relieved from duty.

Business is brisk nowadays and experienced men are scarce. A recent trip over a number of roads revealed this fact. Agents at many points have been held on duty as long as the law will permit.

The promotion of Chief Whitney and Dispatcher Campbell merits the approbation of all the boys. We have a new dispatcher from the Alton.

Conductor Keiser and Engineer Bullis were severely injured in a wreck at Dakota City recently.

Joe Cowan, of E. Grove, spent his vacation in Nebraska on the farm. Div. Cor.

Wisconsin Division—

The new interlocking plant at Evanston, to be put in to service next spring, will take the place of the present "NI" tower, and, like the brothers there, be "up-to-date" in every respect, containing a Taylor machine with 105 working levers. The brothers at Central St. will feel highly elated over their new home.

The freight and passenger departments at Evanston are now entirely separate, and the new depot at Evanston completed. Mr. B. B. Dibley, freight agent there, has resumed work, and Train Auditor Kiltz, who was relieving him, has returned to North Chicago.

The new brick, milk bottling plant being built at Woodworth, Wis., by Mr. Renz, of Chicago, is now nearing completion, and besides adding to the business at that station will make quite an improvement to the town. Bro. Livizey will soon need a helper if the business keeps on increasing there.

Bro. Yates, agent, Pleasant Prairie, has had a big rush of business for the past two months, shipping out sugar beets, cabbage and powder.

Bro. Wightman, Evanston, after returning from his vacation was promoted to ticket agent, with an increase in salary, and an operator to assist him.

Bro. E. F. Radke relieved the agent at Glencoe, while on a short vacation.

Bro. J. W. Rhinesmith, agent, Highland Park, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. Chas. Regan, of Capron, while on his vacation through South Dakota, was relieved by Mr. Lisle, who later went to Zion City.

Bro. Jacoby, of track elevation department, has taken second trick at "WC," 40th street.

There is a new man on third at Allis, from St. Paul.

The new night office at Rawson, on the new line, has been assigned to Bro. Dempsey.

Bro. Davis, agent, Fox River, while on vacation was relieved by Mr. Manor.

Bro. Michaelis, first, Bain Junction, has resumed work, after an absence of six weeks in the East.

Bro. Bothlemy, agent, Bristol, is back to work, after a visit with his wife and family through Ohio and to the Niagara Falls.

There have been several changes in the train dispatcher's office of late. Now on the Milwaukee Division is G. A. Gardner, J. C. Barry and R. Koepp. Wisconsin Division is D. Belmont, D. B. McIntyre, Otto J. Swartz, Mr. Meredith and also Billy Kraemer on the Milwaukee split trick.

Telegrapher Lee is holding down the Evanston day job, until same is assigned by bulletin.

Bro. A. B. Curtis, of Central St., is going on a three weeks' vacation during the holidays, to Canada, to visit his parents.

Bro. Wightman, ticket agent at Evanston, has been transferred into the ticket office in the new station, and seems well pleased with it.

Bro. A. T. Newnham, first, Waukegan, was off on a three weeks' vacation, and before resuming his duties called on our Local Chairman Bro. Bitz, who at present is a very busy man.

Bro. J. N. Rhinesmith, agent at Highland Park, is on a leave of absence; relieved by J. B. Shaver, of Evanston.

Bro. J. L. Linville, of Hubbard Woods, made a business trip to Evanston, and called on our local secretary and treasurer recently.

Bro. C. A. Stevenson, third at Capron, is now in "ED" office, and Bro. J. O. Jones, of Division No. 32, is at present filling vacancy there.

Bro. Frank Johnson, agent at Argyle, is on a six months' leave of absence, in Oklahoma; relieved by Mr. Waldweiler, who will soon be with us.

While Bro. Roy Herrick is dispatching, at Des Plaines, Bro. Coburn is working first, Harvard; Geo. Gaffney, second, and Geo. Graves, third.

Bro. Chas. Regan, second, Capron, was off a week, looking over the best farming land in Dakota; being relieved by Bro. Briggs, of Caledonia. Bro. Regan called on Bro. F. E. Warner, of Baraboo, recently.

Bro. Ableman, agent at Poplar Grove, has one of the latest models of autos, and is spending the evenings on the country roads with his family.

Bro. H. S. Bixby is now holding the agency at Capron, where he has moved his family; Paul Woodbury is agent at Shopiere.

G. E. Jones, second, Racine, was off a few days recently, on account of sickness.

Account of the few mix ups recently, our official, B. E. T., has been taking his naps in his office. We find he is just the man we need, and is Johnny on the spot in case of emergency.

Div. Cor.

SHOPIERE, WIS.

By CHAS. REGAN.

We have on our road a quaint village,
Shopiere—a nice little place,
The town is a mile from our station,
With a beautiful river and race.

The place it may look some forlorn,
But, indeed, has a picturesque mode,
I'm sure they regret the sensation,
They did not connect with our road.

The arch bridge now spanning the river,
Of the latest improvement I'm told,
And our swift moving trains o'er the current,
Is a beautiful sight to behold.

Our roadbed and ballast are perfect,
With electric appliance and code,
So you'll find there is safety and comfort,
When you're on the North Western Road.

Dakota Division—

Before this reaches the membership, our new schedule will, undoubtedly, have been put in effect. Bro. Paulsen has been called to Chicago for final adjustments. The committee has been treated in the usual courteous manner, and we have the railroad officials, both general and local, to thank.

Five resignations from this division this month. The boys should have waited to see what the new schedule has in store for us.

Mr. Hobart, Burchard, resigned, and was relieved by Bro. Diepolder, who arrived on one train, took in the situation and left on the next. The station is still closed.

Bro. E. A. Lawler, of Zell, has built himself a nice, new house, which he is now occupying. Some fellows would have used such an expense as an excuse for dropping out of the Order, but Bro. Lawler is financier enough to handle both.

Mr. Von Arx, Aberdeen, has gone to the coast; relieved by Bro. Moriarity. That station is a stiff proposition, but Dave will hold it down if anyone can.

Bro. O'Dell has resigned, and returned to his claim.

Bro. C. H. Watschke has accepted a position with a Pierre bank. Books cannot scare C. W., as he has handled too many of them while acting as relief agent on this division.

Bro. J. A. Frederickson, of Wessington, managed to get in a few days' hunt north of Hetland. Mr. Flynn relieved him.

Bro. T. C. Connelly, of Brookings, secured number 1986 in the land lottery.

Bro. Nohlgren, of Estelline, has secured a claim in Meade County, and will move out there in the spring.

Miss Abbie Hanson has been transferred from "VX," Redfield, to "DE," Devils Lake, N. D. Miss Gertrude Carlson relieving.

This write-up is an example of non-support. No notes were received from the membership, excepting the P. R. C. items.

P. R. C. & N. W.—

The first heavy snow of the season came Saturday, November 13th, assuring us of an old-time Thanksgiving.

No. 516 hit a bunch of turkeys near one of the stations, and the agent and section men lived high for a few days.

Bro. Briggs has returned to work at Wall, after a month's vacation.

Shipments of live stock continue to come, and business was never better.

Bro. Dennis has been assisting at Midland recently, owing to the work being so heavy there that the regular force was unable to handle it.

H. A. STIMSON, Cor.

Nebraska and Wyoming Division, Eastern District—

When a new man is sent to a station, we should ascertain at once whether he is a member, and if not induce him to join. If the newcomers are

members send their names, certificates and division numbers to Local Chairman, Bro. C. M. Wurzbacher, Tilden, Neb., as it is very important that he know where each member is located.

Bennington, on account of increased business, has been made a continuous telegraph office.

Business is increasing all along the line, and we are all having our hands full to keep it moving.

The following are among the recent changes:

Bro. Eustis, second, Arlington, gone to the Great Northern.

Mr. Gleason, formerly at Bennington and Wahoo, has the night office at Dale.

Bro. Farmer, Ceresco, on vacation recently, was relieved by Mr. Maynard, who has taken the position of cashier at Dallas, S. D.

Bro. Kline, Washington, on two weeks' vacation recently, was relieved by Wm. Maynard, from the G. I., Troy, Kan.

Bro. Nelson has resigned at Arlington; the work there being too heavy for one man, and the company refusing to furnish a helper.

Bro. L. Hales, back to work after being away six months, is relieving the agent at Tilden.

Bro. R. O. Anderson drew the agency at Ewing, and Bro. B. B. DeFrance at Henderson, both on bid.

Bro. J. W. Forney is now agent at Abie, and Bro. E. M. Nelson at Leigh.

Bro. Ralph Hales is now at Bassett, wrestling with the midnight locals.

A. K. Patterson, Inman, goes to Scribner, on second; Bro. J. W. Lacey, David City, to Creighton, and Bro. Schubert to Bonesteel, as day telegrapher.

Bro. DeFrance, who has been sick for some time, has resumed work again. CERT. 310.

Minnesota Division—

None of the boys responded to my call for items, and the supply for this write-up is very small. Now, boys, if you do not take enough interest in the journal to send me a few items each month, I quit. I am not in a position to get all the news. I have tried my best to get something in our journal each month, to let the other divisions know that we are on the map, even if we are dead. This is my last try at it alone. If at least three of the boys on this division do not send me any items for the next write-up, you can hire, elect, or appoint another division correspondent.

Thursday, November 18th, the pile driver, working on Plainview branch, backed into an open bridge, and spread the whole works all over the country. Took two or three days to clean it up. Air failing to work gave as cause.

Brakeman Anderson, who was badly hurt at Eyota early this month, is getting along nicely, and the doctors think he will come out whole, yet.

H. W. Brown, local chairman, on committee work at Chicago, relieved by J. B. Carpenter, second, Owatonna.

J. C. Richards, a new man is, acting agent at Havana.

H. Sorenson, second, Rochester, has a new Bug sending machine.

H. A. Rieman relieved A. P. Zepp, second, St. Peter Junction, who relieved the agent at Meriden.

A. L. Taylor will resume work as agent at Essing shortly.

G. W. Ware, former agent at Havana, received third trick in dispatcher's office by bulletin.

Div. Cor.

Peninsula Division—

A. H. Cyr, Stager, has taken a position as telegrapher with the Great Northern, at West Duluth.

Bro. F. Merrick, is relieving Bro. E. Bandt at Norway, while the latter goes to the Florence agency, while Bro. Haberman is in Chicago on committee work.

Bro. W. Rolande, of West Gladstone, relieving Bro. Merrick, at Narenta. West Gladstone being closed in the meantime.

Bro. Otto Groeschel, agent, Stambaugh, has taken a position in a bank at Iron River.

Bro. Ramile was in Ishpeming recently, packing up his household goods; relieved by Bro. Crikelair, relief agent.

Mr. Hansen, telegrapher and cashier at Quinnesec, has left the service of the company.

Bro. Merircx went to Crystal Falls to relieve the operator there.

CERT. 2606.

C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has visited the home of our esteemed Bro. B. E. Crouch, and removed therefrom his devoted and affectionate wife; be it

Resolved, That we deeply regret her untimely demise, realizing the aching heart of our brother, and that we, the General Committee of the Omaha Railway, extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our brother and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. J. LIDDANE.

L. D. MARQUETTE.

D. O. TENNEY.

Committee.

Nebraska Division—

The C., St. P. M. & O. portion of Nebraska is in the grip of ice and snow, consequently our business has fallen off slightly, which, however, may be only temporarily and we will no doubt soon be in line for our usual holiday rush, and the movement of our share of Nebraska's bumper corn crop, soon to be put on the market.

Owing to circumstances, much to be regretted, the responsibility for this column has been assumed for this issue by the writer only because of a high sense of duty, and while not up to date on all the changes that have occurred on the

division of late, will jot down the few I have been able to pick up.

It is with a feeling of deepest regret that we chronicle the death of Mrs. B. E. Crouch, wife of our local chairman, which occurred at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blessing, near Jackson, on Sunday evening, November 7th.

About two years ago the deceased became afflicted with tuberculosis, and regardless of all that loving hands could do the dread disease finally claimed her.

Mrs. Ida Blessing-Crouch was born and reared in Dakota County, and up until her marriage to Mr. Crouch in June, 1906, continually resided at her country home. She was a leading member of society in her neighborhood and an active member of the Salem Lutheran Church.

To Bro. Crouch, the grief-stricken husband, who has been our local chairman for so long, we owe and all extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Our committee went to St. Paul to meet the management the latter part of October for the purpose of securing a revision of the present schedule, and after presenting the proposed schedule was requested to await the adjustment of the C. & N. W. schedule, which is before that company's management in Chicago now. Our committee thereupon withdrew, and as soon as the Northwestern completes its schedule our men will get into the game again and labor diligently for an improvement of present conditions and a "raise." I appeal to all on this division who have not done their duty to the Order, and to their fellow laborers to line up at once. Give the committee your undivided support and remember that financial aid is all important. The Order is at a big expense keeping a committee to legislate for a schedule, so let us all put our shoulder to the wheel and push.

Scarcely a day passes but what there is a change of operators on the division somewhere on account of men laying off and quitting, and it appears to be a difficult matter at times for our chief dispatcher to supply the demand for men.

F. W. Germain, agent at Hartington, is taking a two months' vacation visiting California climes; relieved by his former operator, Hineman, who is being relieved by L. J. Hallisey.

Bro. C. A. Whitaker, of Winside, received Ponca on last bulletin, relieving S. A. Wassum, lately transferred to the exclusive agency at Tekamah. Bro. E. R. Poole relieved Bro. Whitaker at Winside, and later went to Thurston, while F. E. Ayers made a short visit up North.

Bro. E. W. Wilson has returned to Coleridge from his vacation in Western Nebraska, selecting a 640-acre homestead to comfort him in his old age.

Div. Cor.

Wisconsin Division, Eastern District—

The general committee is still marking time. The progress is rather slow, but that is to be expected on account of the importance of the negotiations.

The heavy rush of business still continues on with no signs of letting up. While it has been

the means of keeping us on the jump we are glad to see it.

The Ladies' Auxiliary continues to grow, but some of our very best and oldest members have failed to secure the applications of their wives, sisters, mothers or daughters. The Omaha has always been one of the best organized roads in the country. Now, let us not have it said that we failed to uphold our reputation when it came to organizing the Ladies' Auxiliary. Every wife of an O. R. T. man should have an up-to-date card as well as her husband, especially when the cost is so light that it entails no hardship—fifty cents initiation and ten cents per month. Ask your local chairman for application blanks and information regarding the Auxiliary.

Bro. Steiner, who was working second trick at East St. Paul, was relieved by Bro. Wilcox, from Woodville, while he attended the funeral of Mr. Cannon.

Bro. A. W. Hoffman, who has been working on the C. & St. P., has returned to the third trick at Millston.

The absence of personal news from the Eastern District is due to the fact that the items were not forthcoming from the members. The correspondent is anxious to give this district a good write-up each month, but is not gifted with second sight. Neither can he see around a corner and unless the members send him a little news monthly, he will be severely handicapped.

The following is the result of the October bulletin: Valley Junction, third trick, E. J. Zahner; Clear Lake, agent, S. L. Shepard; Grand View, agent, M. G. Heard. Div. Cor.

M. & I. Division—

On the night of October 22d four young men, returning from the brewery at Shakopee, piled rocks, boards, poles, etc., on the Omaha tracks, near there, but the through freight at 11:55 ran into the obstruction at such a slow speed that the engine held the rails and the engineer was enabled to avoid very serious consequences. The sheriff was called and met the operator returning from the scene, who informed him of the boys names, and they were soon lodged in jail, where they now await trial.

August Ruge, recently appointed supervisor of bridges and buildings on the Nebraska Division, has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the M. & I. Division, caused by the death of Mr. E. T. Welch.

We are pained to learn of the demise of Mrs. B. E. Crouch, wife of our local chairman on the Nebraska Division, which occurred the 14th inst. Mrs. Crouch put up a brave fight against that awful disease, consumption. Bro. Crouch has the sincere sympathy of the entire division.

The Omaha general committee are awaiting the outcome of the efforts of the C. & N. W. general committee at Chicago. As soon as the committee secures a set of rules, our boys will return and finish up negotiations.

Former Bro. J. D. Everett is relieving at Westbrook, until the regular assigned man, Bro. C. T. Shier, takes up the position.

Telephoner W. E. Eastin, at Stone, has been transferred to the night telephoner position at Nichols. Bro. A. W. Lundberg, from the Wisconsin Division, has been installed at Stone. Bro. Lundberg's people reside at Mankato.

Some of the boys thought they had been held up this last pay day, until they awoke to the fact that the benefit association was now in vogue.

Bro. C. A. Hendricks, of Le Sueur, took a trip to the Cities, presumably to see the tall buildings.

According to a late report Bro. A. R. Day has quit the road and "vamoosed" for other parts.

Bro. Lapachek, of Worthington, took in the sights at the Cities during his three or four days' vacation.

Understand Bro. Brooks took a trip East to get his wife. Boarding is not what it is cracked up to be.

Bro. Laurie, of Madelia, visited at Brainerd, Minn., a few days; relieved by Bro. S. F. Wehn, who later resigned and went out on the Milwaukee, where he first hailed from.

Albert Erickson, a new man, relieved Bro. Hyde, at Bingham Lake, while Bro. Hyde relieved Bro. Backer. Later when Bro. Backer resumed work, Mr. Erickson relieved Mr. Sykora, at Sibley.

P. M. Olson relieved Bro. Tenney during part of the latter's absence, later going back to the Wisconsin Division.

Bro. Wagner, Garden City, has been enjoying a few days' vacation, visiting on the Sioux Falls line; relieved by G. W. Owens, of Elmore, who in turn was relieved by Bro. A. R. Day.

Bro. G. O. Miles, of Doon, is reported to have quit the Omaha. Bro. R. A. Westbrook, of Sioux City shops, is relieving, pending the November bulletin. Bro. J. H. Johnson is relieving at the shops.

W. C. Warner and wife, of Mountain Lake, visited at Seney, Iowa, a couple of days the middle of the month.

The assignments for the October bulletin were as follows:

St. James, first telegrapher, J. B. Head; fourth telegrapher, R. L. Hart; fifth telegrapher, no application.

Sioux Falls, day telegrapher, C. N. Williams.

Luverne, day telegrapher, L. L. Frisby.

Henderson, night telegrapher, R. C. Harrington.

Belle Plaine, third telegrapher, F. B. Sudmeyer.

Westbrook, agent-telegrapher, C. L. Brown.

Beaver Creek, agent-telegrapher, C. F. Chellew.

Nicols, agent-telegrapher, no assignment.

CERT. 1589.

Wisconsin Division, Northern District—

The large number of new members secured by Bro. Marquette recently shows that we have the right kind of a local chairman, one who has the welfare of the Order at heart, especially in his own district.

In addition to the good list he has secured there are quite a number more who will make good this coming pay day. He is sure an up-to-date hustler, and duly appreciates the assistance the members gave him. With our membership up to the present high standard, we might expect a few concessions with just a little bit of backing from the brothers.

The following are the new members secured during October: H. A. Larson, Lampson; J. E. Gibson, August, Wis.; J. H. Mulvaney, Eleva, Wis.; D. F. McGregor, Fall Creek, Wis.; L. J. Corcoran, Elk Mound, Wis.; Carl Whitaker, Chetek, Wis.; C. D. Beale, Superior, East End, Wis.; J. H. Keane, Stanton, Wis.; Henry Patterson, Barronette; C. E. Wright, Fall Creek, Wis.; A. G. Searing, Ashland Junction, Wis.; Selmer Myron, Valley Junction, Wis.; Wm. F. Maddox, Black River Falls, Wis.; B. W. Summers, Omaha.

The following is the result of October bulletin: Valley Junction, third trick, E. J. Bahner; Clear Lake, agent-telegrapher, S. L. Shepard; Grand View, agent telegrapher, M. G. Hoard.

The Omaha general committee who have been in session at St. Paul, adjourned temporarily, awaiting the C. & N. W. general committee to finish with the officials in Chicago. Before this comes to you they probably will have secured a new schedule. If we wish better working conditions it is up to us to make good.

Here are a few things Order men should always observe:

Don't neglect to answer your calls promptly when the dispatcher is calling.

Don't let a train be delayed at your station, because the dispatcher is busy, or you are selling a ticket. Wires first.

Don't let the the dispatcher call you for an "OS."

Don't let empty cars not wanted remain at your station. We get our checks from loaded ones.

Brothers, there does not seem to be the interest shown in the Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T. that there ought to be. There are over 200 members on the C. & N. W. to Division 76, and only a very few on the Omaha. It hardly seems possible that we should let the C. & N. W. set the pace for us.

Every lady who reads the O. R. T. journal should read the Auxiliary items and get in touch with the other ladies. It will surprise you, brothers, to know how much good it will do you to have your wife or sister with an up-to-date card.

It is the intention of the Wisconsin Division to hold several meetings during the coming year, and these meetings will be much more beneficial if we have lady members with us. The initiation fee is only 50 cents and dues are 10 cents a month. Application blanks may be secured from Mrs. W. J. Liddane, St. Paul, or Mrs. L. D. Marquette, Shell Lake. Let's try and see if we can not close the year with twenty-five new applications.

We are still wondering if these nons who have been staying us off will accept the benefits of the new schedule. They are every bit as anxious as

we are, brothers, to get increases and better working conditions, but when you speak to them about assisting us to get these concessions they are always ready to give you excuses.

Business is picking up fast. We understand September and October were the biggest months the Omaha has ever had, which is "going some."

E. R. Swanson, resigned to go dispatching for the Soo Line.

J. T. Hamlin, formerly train dispatcher on the Grand Trunk Pacific, is working second at Spooner, relieving Bro. Goodwin, who went to Eau Claire, third at "MS."

Bro. O. P. Ruid, Rice Lake, while on a trip West, was relieved by Bro. Hoard, from Draper.

Bro. Biggar, third at Bloomer, on short vacation; relieved by Bro. A. B. Crowell, from the main line, who later went to Minong.

Bro. A. B. Clock, agent at Sarona, has returned from a ten days' vacation, bringing back a bride.

Bro. P. S. Peterson, of Cameron, has been relieved on first at Altoona, by Bro. W. Campbell, of New Richmond, who later resigned and went to the Northern Pacific.

G. E. Anderson is working side wire at Eau Claire.

Bro. Steiner, Cumberland, is relieving Bro. Goss, second, East St. Paul, who is relieving General Chairman Liddane. Bro. Steiner was relieved by Bro. Devine.

Bro. Hansche, agent at Clayton, has resigned after twenty-four years of service. He was relieved by Bro. Norman. George is a good fellow and we will miss him.

Bro. O. Shaughnessy drew second at Rice on bulletin, where Bro. Kanar has been working temporarily.

The new members secured this month were: F. F. Thimmesch, Clear Lake; Wm. F. Witt, Baldwin.

I wish to thank the brothers who sent me in news items and hope they will continue the good work and others follow their good example. Send your items in as early as possible.

Div. Cor.

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Southern Division—

The scribe wishes to thank the brother who holds Certificate No. 109, for the notes he so kindly sent in. If more of the brothers would only do this, we would have a fairly decent write-up, but it is as he says, "How is the scribe going to know what is going on at the other end, unless some one lets him know." That's the point. If you cannot spare the time to write it up yourself, jot down all the little notes that comes to your notice and send them to your correspondent, on or before the 15th of each month, so that he may have time to fix them up and get them to Bro. Quick, as soon as possible, before the 28th.

Wake up and get after the nons nearest to you, or in the office where you are working. Quite a

lot of new fellows are coming on this pike lately without the "Pink Pasteboard."

No card, no favors, you know.

Remember the new rules and get all the boys into line, as we expect the committee to take up the overtime question the next time they go in.

The game shipping season is keeping the boys pretty busy.

Bro. P. K. Holmes, agent, Milo, on a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Stewart, assistant agent.

Bro. Reynolds, of "NO," made a flying trip to Dover recently.

Bro. Walsh has left B., "NJ," first trick.

G. V. Thompson, former telegrapher and time-keeper, promoted to the position of chief clerk in Superintendent Hallett's office, vice A. W. Dodge, transferred to the position of general yard master at Northern Maine Junction.

Bro. Kearney, telegrapher and relief dispatcher in "DA" and "WB," has been time-keeper in Superintendent Hallett's office for a few days; relieved by Bro. Robertson.

Bro. and General Secretary and Treasurer Crozier is enjoying a vacation and a hunting trip at this writing. Hope you get some "Doc."

Bro. McGown recently bid in Sangerville.

Mr. F. A. Farnham, agent, Shirley, has returned after a five months' absence on account of his health. Bro. Reynolds, who relieved him, has returned to Brownville.

Bros. Lissen and Reynolds had a very enjoyable fishing trip recently, but it isn't safe to give the number caught.

Bro. Stewart, assistant agent at Milo, and wife, on a short vacation, a week of which was spent in Boston; relieved by Mr. Arnold.

Bro. Lunt, agent, South La Grange, on a couple of weeks' vacation recently; relieved by Relief Agent and Operator Webster.

Mr. Mosher, freight clerk, Brownville, is keeping time in Superintendent Hallett's office; Mr. Chapman relieving.

Bro. Curtis, "WB," Bangor, took a trip over his dispatching district recently.

Bro. Wilson, second, West Seboris, relieved Bro. G. H. Holmes, Sandy Point, while on vacation recently, and Mr. Spencer, third at West Seboris, relieved Bro. Robbins, at Grindstone, for two weeks.

CERT. 90.

Texas Pacific Ry.

T. C. Division—

The receipt of some items from Certs. 273 and 206, of the Ft. Worth District, is very encouraging, still I regret that many of the boys along the line are still called "Mr." instead of "Bro."

It's a great pity we can not get in a few applications from that portion of the Texas and Pacific. We have plenty of blanks on hand, brothers. Better send for some and get down to business.

I landed a good, gamey non recently, who tells me he has found a pleasant way of turning away quite a squad of prospective students, even while he remained out of the ark. This encourages me to believe that he will prove a profitable addition

to our ranks. It was while off on a vacation several months ago, traveling over the country, that the need of a card occurred to him very forcibly.

The T. C. is doing a fine business, and everybody seems to be staying at home. I know of but one extra man on the line, Bro. Cravens, at "DE," is the busiest man on the pike, but he seems to be handling the business to the satisfaction of the company and its patrons. Both he and his efficient "OG" are brothers, and if some of the non's who are afraid of their shadows will take a look, they will see that men with cards are in no danger whatever, provided they are competent to fill the positions where they are placed. CERT. 47.

Ft. Worth District —

Business is extra good just now, lots of cattle moving out of Mexico. Let us try and have a write-up every month from this district, and don't everybody wait on the other.

Bro. Lassater has returned from his trip home, taking the day job, at Merkel; Bro. Paylor taking the last shift.

Extra Operator Hemdricks went to Colorado to relieve Bro. Ralph for a few days.

Extra Operator Hill is working third at Colorado, while Runyan is doing the stunt at Big spring.

Extra Operator Lindsay, at Kent, is relieving Agent Finly, on account of sickness.

Telegrapher Mason returned to his old trick, when second at Roscoe was reopened, and Operator Rollins landed it.

Gus. Collins was let out a few days ago, Hamilton taking second, and Bro. Bird landed third at Sweetwater.

Bro. Montgomery, "FD" El Paso, returned a few days ago and Mr. McCullor, who relieved him, went to Toyah on third.

Dispatcher Taylor went to Ft. Worth to relieve the dispatchers there while they are taking their leaves.

Bro. Allen, Eskota, is laying off taking in the fair, Bro. Leach, is doing the second and Extra McCurry working third.

Bro. Stewart, second, Abilene, went to Alla more as agent.

By the time this is in print we can call J. C. Hill, third at "RH" brother.

OLD TIMER.

Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va.

Brothers, we are certainly astonished to note how little interest is being taken in the welfare of the Order by the members of our division. I search every issue of THE TELEGRAPHER in vain for items from this road.

Let us wake up, we have slept long enough, and have lost several members by being so idle.

Let us make up our minds that we will have a write-up every month and also have meetings occasionally and discuss matters for our interest. I feel confident by so doing we can awaken our members to the sense of their duty.

Business seems to be increasing every day, but salaries are still in the same old notch.

Bro. King, of Adrian is now employed as a mail clerk on the B. & O. We wish him success in his new occupation.

We are glad to be able to call Charlie Carpenter of "CA," R. S. Shinn of "CO" and Mr. Robinson of "C" brothers.

G. Norris of "SA" who has been out of the O. R. T. for the last 18 months, has come in again.

Bro. Norris of Dago, who has been doing relief since August 1st, has returned to his regular position at Saco. During that time he relieved the following agents: D. F. Hissam, Otte, Bro. Moles, Bomer and Bro. Arthur, of Dundon, all three on vacation. The latter with his wife visited Washington, D. C. Bro. White, of Porter, was relieved by Bro. Norris while sick with the fever.

H. E. Woodley, of "GY," on vacation during October, was relieved by Mr. Rodgers, who later went to Coalton, as agent, but has now retired from the service.

H. Morris, from the A. C. L., is at Falling Rock. If the brothers will forward G. Morris, at Lago, W. Va., the local news each month he will give us a write-up.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry.

Middle Division—

I have been disappointed so many times not seeing anything in our journal from this division, that I resolved to write something myself.

How about another meeting on this division? Our last meeting at East Salamanca was not very well represented from this and the Pittsburg divisions. Bro. C. L. Bloom, third, Falls Creek, being the only representative from the south end of this division. It is quite a distance for the brothers from the south end but it seems as though more from the north end could attend without losing any time.

Will the members who are nearest the nons, on this division please try and show them where they stand and get them into the fold? This thing of getting something for nothing, is all very well in the eyes of the nons, but to us members it looks like a very cheap way of doing business. How can we expect to secure a new schedule with the line up of nons we now have? You nons stop and think who it was that reduced your hours from twelve to eight and raised your wages at least \$10.00 per month during the past few years and then ask yourselves if you can afford to set back and let us brothers and sisters pay your share towards bettering conditions in the future.

We have a full-fledged "Ham factory" on our division. The professor (?) is a non holding a \$50.00 job who ought to get some one to teach him how to telegraph before he tries to cut throats as well as his own by trying to teach telegraphy. If \$50.00 per month is too much money for him, he should resign and go on the section, but not

try to cut the rest of us down, when we can't make both ends meet on \$60.00.

Telegrapher Downs bid in Newton second, made vacant by our local chairman, Bro. McGraw, taking the agency at Carman.

Telegrapher Rebenack, bid in J. & B. Junction third, made vacant by Bro. Hassler bidding in second at Falls Creek, that office being reopened for three tricks, owing to the Franklin & Clearfield division of the L. S. & M. S. Ry. using our

Bro. Williams bid in second J. & B. Junction, tracks at that point. made vacant by Bro. E. McCarty going to DuBois yard first.

Bro. Simmons, our G. S. & T. first Du Bois yard promoted to car distributor in dispatcher's office.

Bro. Mohan, second, Clarion Junction, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Koenen regular third trick man, who in turn was relieved by Telegrapher Deegan.

Bro. Keys, acting as relief agent at Lanes Mills, is back at the old stand, second at "WI" tower.

Telegrapher Tellar, is working third trick at "WI" tower until bid in.

Bro. Jacox, agent, Carnan, bid in agency Lanes Mills, vacated by Mr. McCarty taking dispatcher's trick on Indiana branch.

Bro. M. P. Burke, first Falls Creek, recently made a flying trip to Pittsburg, relieved by Telegrapher Hannon.

Our genial third trick dispatcher, P. J. Swift, off a few days, relieved by extra dispatcher, Turner, who in turn was relieved by Bro. E. McCarty, of Du Bois yard office. Telegrapher Hannon relieving Bro. McCarty.

We wish to congratulate Bro. J. L. Boyle on his new card.

Bro. Maines, third, Newton, taken sick night of 21st, relieved by Telegrapher Ives from Howard, who in turn was relieved by Miss Kenny. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Boyle and Telegrapher Dawson are doing extra on Pittsburg division.

Bro. Brand, third, Howard, while off attending his grandfather's funeral at Dayton, N. Y., was relieved by Miss Kenny. You have our sympathy, Bro. Brand.

Office at Dent reopened twelve hours, recently, Bro. Sweeney bidding it in.

Bro. Maines is at third Newton.

Telegrapher Croker, third, Riverside Junction, is off a few days, relieved by Telegrapher Hannon, a new man in our midst.

Telegrapher Ives, on second at Howard, while Bro. Hutchins is doing second trick at Bradford, waiting for first to be advertised. Will some one kindly say why this has not been done as per rules.

We are under obligations to Sister McGregor, second trick at Bingham, for a large share of our news items.

Any news items will be gratefully received by
"JACK."

Pittsburg Division—

Bro. Smith, agent at Rockton, who was suspended indefinitely some time ago, is again on the old job, thanks to the O. R. T. We were mighty glad to see him back in the harness and hope he will look after those second and third trick men and bring them into the fold. Mr. Smith, on second, has joined the "Benedicts." Would like to see him make out an O. R. T. application now.

Bro. McGraw, local chairman, Middle Division, has been appointed agent at Carman.

Bro. Marsh, second Craigsville, has been appointed agent at Savan.

Bro. Bauer bid in C. & M. Jct., first. Bro. G. H. Miller is filling the agency at "DC" tower, first, and Bro. Lamison bid in "DC" tower third.

Mr. Flick bid in Punxsutawney first, going from first at "RK," and Bro. Vail goes back to second at Punxsutawney.

Bro. J. M. Campbell has been transferred from Craigsville third to Dayton second.

Bro. Sheeres has been transferred from Rockton second to first at Millikens.

Clearfield third, "DC" first, "DA" third, "NZ" third and Rockton second are all up for bid.

Bro. W. A. Smith, relief agent of the Pittsburg Division, relieved Bro. Anderson at Sykes while he visited relatives in Michigan.

Bro. C. A. Campbell, while at Harrisburg in the interests of the road recently, was relieved by Bro. Smith.

Bro. Shields, third Punxsutawney, took in the recent world's series baseball games at Pittsburg.

Bros. Shields and Lamison recently attended an opera in Punxsutawney and were so affected by the "weeping widow" that they asked for "rain checks when they went out after the first act.

We understand the "NX" office at Punxsutawney is to be moved shortly to the south yard.

Extra Telegrapher Kline bid in the agency at Valier, temporarily.

Bro. Heimbach, of Indiana, recently took his vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Donohue.

Relief Agent Bro. W. A. Smith is still busy relieving agents who have not had their vacations.

Bro. McCardel has bid in "DC" tower first, and Mr. Bowers, second, relieving Mr. McLeod, of the Middle Division.

Mr. Boyle, of the Middle Division, is working at "XO" tower second. It is reported that this tower is to be moved to Elk River Junction.

Bro. T. A. Laird, of "QN," is off on a three weeks' vacation.

Bro. Eastman, of "VN," bid in "XO" tower first and Mr. Young, of "NZ," bid in second.

Bro. Burrell, of "US," took his vacation the second week in November, and Bro. Brown, of "BR," the fourth week; relieved by Bro. W. A. Smith.

C. P. Haig will soon be with us.

CERT. 200.

Rochester Division—

The meeting held at Salamanca on October 23 was in every way a success, although the attendance was not as large as it might have been had

all attended whom we believe could have done so just as well as not. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 p. m. by Bro. O'Brien, who read the report Bro. Childs had submitted of his trip to the Atlanta convention. He also read several papers and reports from Bro. Perham and the I. C. commission, some of the latter requiring answers to queries, which were voted upon.

There was a general discussion lasting several hours, regarding future movements of the general committee. A general good time was had, the discussions being entertaining as well as instructive. It was decided, owing to the favorable train service, to hold meetings more frequently and make an effort to have a better attendance. Of course, there are many whose duties will not allow them to be away, but there are also many who can find no excuse whatever for non-attendance, and we hope to have a good crowd at future meetings.

*Illinois Central Ry.**Chicago Division—*

The regular November meeting of this division was put off on account of the social which was held at Gilman on November 20.

There was no business transacted at this meeting. Bro. Morrison read several letters from various brethren, expressing their regrets at not being able to be present on account of office duties, including letters from Bros. R. L. Shannon, C. A. Mulhall, G. E. Chance, and Canace, whose interesting letter was well received. We were exceedingly sorry the brother could not be with us and deliver the good speech which we certainly would have heard had he been present.

The following program was rendered: Piano solo, Miss Helen Finnegan; reading, Miss Bertha Barr; cornet solo, Bro. Poe; Vocal solo, Miss Marie Cailey; piano solo, Miss Irene Bash; vocal solo, Miss Josie Bash; instrumental selection, Miss Opal Cailey; instrumental selection, Miss Gertrude Finnegan; cornet solo, Bro. Poe; instrumental selection, Bro. Searl; vocal solo, Miss Opal Cailey.

The ladies taking part in the entertainment were the daughters of Bros. Bash, Cailey, Finnegan and Barr, and each of the young ladies deserve special credit for the talent displayed. Miss Helen Finnegan rendered a very difficult classical piano solo, displaying remarkable talent and proficiency as a pianist.

Little Miss Barr delighted the audience with her selection entitled "The Station Agent and His Trouble." Little Miss Josie Bash and Marie Cailey, 10 years of age, captivated their hearers by the cute little gestures and expressions in rendering their parts. You should hear these little artists at our next banquet. Miss Gertrude Finnegan's work on the violin was exceptionally good for one of her tender years. The young lady is certainly an artist in this line.

Miss Opal Cailey sang a most pleasing solo entitled "Sing Me to Sleep." She has a charming voice and gives promise of becoming a great singer.

Miss Irene Bash, aged 12, rendered a very charming piano solo which greatly pleased her audience, and proved her to be an exceedingly clever pianist.

Bro. Poe and Searl held the audience spell-bound as they always do when called upon for a musical selection.

At the conclusion of the program, First Vice-President Bro. John Newman was introduced and gave us a very interesting and instructive talk. All were sorry that his remarks had to be limited to thirty minutes, in order to repair to the dining room at the Gilman Hotel, to dispose of a large number of oysters awaiting us there. This pleasant task completed just in time for the brothers to take No. 21 for the south. Those remaining returned to the hall and enjoyed several more musical numbers and got better acquainted.

Every one seemed much pleased with the success of the meeting, especially the ladies, and it will probably become an annual affair on the Chicago division.

Supt. H. Battisfore kindly arranged several extra stops for trains Nos. 17 and 2 for which we are very thankful. THE CHAIRMAN.

Chicago Division—

We are sorry the general committee met with no better success at Chicago, however we are very thankful for what it has secured for us in times past. While we think we have one of the best schedules now in existence, and feel that the officials have in most cases treated us with a great deal of kindness for which we should all show our appreciation by faithful work and close application to duty, we still feel there are still some things that could be better, and not be asking too much of our company. Let us each and all endeavor to show our employers that we are worthy of all we ask for, and hope that the time is not far distant when the telegraphers, agents and tower-men of the Illinois Central will be the best paid and the best treated by our company of any corporation in existence.

Bro. Poe, third, Gilman, bid in Harpster agency on bulletin, being succeeded there by a man from the Wabash, who says he will be with us teeth and toe nails as soon as he knows where he will locate and get his family with him. Chicago division extends the hand of welcome to all good men who express themselves as good O. R. T. timber.

Bro. Harris, of Dorans, bid in Ridgeville agency on bulletin.

Bro. Chas. Gammon, third, Kinmudy tower, was the successful applicant for Dorns station, made vacant by Bro. Harris' promotion.

O. E. Connor, night telegrapher at Kinmudy, is now entitled to the fraternal courtesies of the Order.

A. Overlin is now on second at Odin, relieving Bro. Widemier, who is relieving Bro. Sharp, third, Effingham, who is off three weeks on account of sickness. T. L. Mulberger, Arcola tower, bid in the vacancy of Kinmudy tower. The boys at Odin say there is no end to the W. U. business, since the oil strike there.

Bro. C. E. McCarten, Tonti, has returned from his vacation spent at East St. Louis and Alma.

R. R. McCarty, third, Kinmudy tower, will be with us as soon as he is eligible.

Bro. J. A. Cross, at Arcola, a new man to our midst, from the Big 4, is welcomed.

J. F. C.

Freeport Division—

It has been some time since I have taken the time to write any news for our journal, and I see there are other worthy scribes besides myself.

I will have to depend on the brothers to give me some notes, as it is rather hard to keep in touch with all of the changes that are taking place along the line.

The meeting held in Freeport, November 19th, was one of the best attended for some time. Bro. Jno. Newman was present and gave the boys an interesting address.

These are the kind of meetings we should have, to put vigor into the members. Bros. Kelly and Newman explained the work that had already been accomplished by the committee during its sojourn in Chicago, and the attitude of the company, and the boys on this division voted 100 per cent strong to support the committee.

The Montgomery-Sears-Roeback agent at Bowes had a farmer from the vicinity of Bowes flag No. 1 for a passenger for Dyersville some time last month. He also has a new system of billing his freight on 30 reports.

Business is certainly on the boom now, away above the normal, traffic being so heavy that there are not enough engines available to move it.

Haldane, recently opened nights, has been bid in by Bro. Boidts, of Alworth.

Bro. Rice is working first trick in dispatcher's office, relieving Sam Davis, who is breaking in as dispatcher.

Bro. W. R. Keister, East Junction, third, and Bro. Bennett, third, West Junction, while in South Dakota looking over some farms, were both relieved in turn by Bro. C. D. Lapham.

Bro. R. Toombs, nights, "HU," Freeport, has accepted a position with the O. S. L. in Idaho. Bro. Geo. Cox was the successful applicant for this position for thirty days or more off bulletin. Bro. John Funk, who filled Bro. Cox's position for a few weeks, was relieved by Bro. C. D. Lapham, who later went to switching in Freeport yard.

Bro. Chas. Ayers, first trick, Rockford, has gone to Sioux City as ticket agent. We all wish him the best of success. He was relieved by Bro. E. E. Harrington, while position was on bulletin. Bro. Jno. Funk relieved the latter on third at Rockford until relieved by Mr. Olson. Bro. Jno. Hayes, who has been filling Bro. Funk's place at Coleman, went to Burlington, second, on his return.

Bro. Harry Granger, "HU," Freeport, is now on extra list, relieved by Bro. Sam Davis, extra in "HU," formerly second at LaSalle, who received Bro. Granger's position on bulletin.

Bro. Jno. Funk, who received second LaSalle on a thirty day or more bulletin, was relieved by Bro. B. C. Barber.

Bros. Keister, Hunsicker and Kempf have invested in Texas land. Bro. Hunsicker is looking over the land on his honeymoon. We hope the boys succeeded in getting a good thing, when they bought the land.

Bro. Keister was the successful applicant for first, Rockford, in place of Bro. Ayers.

Bro. Harry Granger, first at West Junction, in place of Bro. Hunsicker, and then relieved Bro. Owens on second, Dixon, and Bro. Scherbert, on Amboy third, a few weeks.

Dispatchers Hill and Davis went to the Dakotas to register on the land drawing there during last month, relieved by Bro. Madden.

Bro. Wm. Rice, formerly at Minonk, nights, relieved Bro. Steele at C. G. W. crossing on third, while the former was on vacation in the vicinity of St. Louis.

Bro. M. J. Madden, acting dispatcher recently, is back on first in "HU." He was relieved while on vacation by Bro. Wm. Rice.

Bro. B. E. Melloan enjoyed a thirty-day vacation at his home in Kentucky, relieved by Bro. B. C. Boldts of Alworth, nights, who was relieved by Bro. Devane, and he in turn by Mr. Olson, a new man.

Bro. Walter Kelly was relieved on Minonk, third, while attending to business of the Order, by Bro. Haggerdy, formerly at Cloverdale, a few years ago.

Bro. Blough, of Polo, off a few days on account of the death of his father, was relieved by Mr. Devaney. Div. Con.

Louisiana Division—

Things on the good old I. C. are warming up as never before. Our general committee has been in session with the management for over a month with not much success, and the differences have been submitted to the membership in the way of a vote, and from present indications the vote is almost unanimous to sustain the committee.

Our regular monthly meeting at Hammond, on November 21st, was a jim-dandy. All records were broken in the way of enthusiasm and attendance; over 40 being present. There were several cases of "near heart failures" when Bros. Servat, Gouldman, Wilson and Crawley, from Macomb, showed up, all four asking questions at once.

Bro. Rehorst, presided, Bro. Miller acted as secretary. Bro. Wunch, first vice chief; Bro. Cram, second vice chief; Bro. T. S. Akers, past chief; Bro. Turner, Marshall and Bro. Hayes doorman.

Several important communications were read, then Local Chairman Miller explained how the schedule negotiations stood, and the boys unanimously voted to stand pat.

Under the head "For the good of the Order," boys succeeded in getting a good thing, when they Williams, Holt, Fitzgerald and others made some interesting remarks.

Our Local Chairman, Bro. Miller, while covering the Yazoo district recently, on local freight,

was badly shaken up, and was laid up several days with a bruised side and hip. The hog head put on the emergency brakes, throwing him about 15 feet. For the first time, the Old Man has "cold feet"—on freight trains only, though.

Bro. W. H. Serrett, "MR," third, Jackson, Miss., has resigned and accepted a position as repeater chief for the Cumberland Tel. Co., with more money, shorter hours and no Sunday work. Cig. was relieved by Bro. C. T. Stepp, until the position is filled permanently.

We regret to lose Bro. W. J. Thompson as night manager at "MO," Macomb, who has gone with the Postal at New Orleans. "GD" was relieved by Bro. W. R. Gothard.

Bro. H. G. Hungate has improved sufficiently to return to the agency at Tickfaw, La., relieving Bro. W. P. Ely, who goes to Gallman, Miss., relieving Bro. L. C. Ramsey, who has left the service.

Bro. J. C. McGowen, first at Asylum, Miss., has a very fine line of game cocks and challenges the world for a battle. His favorite bird is called the "Dead Shot." If it was not for the dead shot's and J. K. V., "Jesse" would not care whether he lived or not.

Bro. W. P. Jordan, the second trick, Yazoo City, has gone back to the agency at Benton, Miss.

Bro. J. W. Ecker, "JE," first, Yazoo City, is acting agent, relieving Bro. Baker at Anding, Miss., on account of sickness in his family.

Div. Con.

Mississippi Division—

There is plenty of work over here now and the third trick dispatchers frequently have to ring quite often for some of the boys before they will answer. Watch out, boys, this won't last always. Inability to raise offices may have been one of the causes for installing the phones, and the company may eventually get girls in your places who will no doubt answer promptly, at least at the beginning, and work cheaper. A word to the wise is sufficient.

T. H. Polson and Sebe Hurt, both formerly of this division, are now running a "ham factory" in Kilmichael. Both these professors (?) have in the past been supposedly great O. R. T. men, partaking freely of the fruits of the Order and both carried cards, but they have fallen into the paths of the unrighteous and are trying to do that which will undo all the good they ever may have done for themselves or their former brothers. The brothers should bear this in mind and remember them when handing out favors.

There have been several changes recently and most of the extra men are getting all they can do.

Miss Gertrude White, relieved a few days on first, Coffeeville, recently, while Bro. Kirkwood was off sick.

Bro. Bull made a flying trip over the division this month, and the boys were glad to greet him.

Bro. J. M. Colson was relieved at "CD" by Bro. Dunlap, while he went on his wedding trip. Bro. C. N. Lee, second, "NE," relieved Bro. Dunlap in the dispatcher's office.

Fred Allen got third at Davis on bid. Sallis agency is vacant.

I hope we will see some items in the journal every month hereafter, for we all enjoy seeing something from the boys on this division.

Here's wishing you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. C.E.T. 1658.

Tennessee Division—

The Jackson district is now 99 per cent strong due mainly to the watchfulness of Bro. L. E. Allen, our local chairman, who believes in thorough organization.

Some of the members on this division are a little slow in paying their dues. They should correct such dilatory tactics and pay up at once. Remember that our committee in Chicago holding conferences with the management need money to carry on such negotiations. Keep in line, brothers, and the committee will do the rest.

Our worthy Bro. O. L. Buffalow, telegrapher and assistant ticket agent at Martin, who so ably represented us as correspondent in "Sunny Tennessee," has left the service to take up a course of medicine. As he is a bright young fellow, we predict great things for him in his newly chosen profession.

There are several positions on the division now on bulletin and the following are among the recent changes: Bro. W. H. White, promoted to assistant ticket agent and second trick, Fulton, Ky.; Bro. E. Goneder, first trick, Jobs, Tenn.; Bro. J. W. Piggott, third "JC" Jackson, temporarily; Bro. C. B. Simonton, acting agent, Millington, Tenn.; Bro. J. C. Morris, first, Covington, Tenn., temporarily; Bro. W. B. Carr, night, manager "FW," temporarily; Bro. C. Shander, third, Gibbon, Tenn.; Bro. R. T. Hamilton, telegrapher, Newburn, Tenn., and Bro. B. W. Aiken, second, Morton, Tenn.

Bro. G. Jackson, Covington, while on his vacation was relieved by Sister Neal.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has deemed it best to take from their midst Fred, the beloved brother of Bro. Jundegliet, be it therefore

Resolved, By the membership of Chicago Terminal Division, No. 93, that we extend to the brother and relatives our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and also to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

PETER J. HEALEY,
JAMES CLEARY.
J. R. ESLER.

Chicago, Ill., November 25, 1909.

Chicago Great Western Ry. *Eastern Division—*

Brothers, let's try and keep our local chairman better posted of the changes at stations, and the names of any nons we may know, so he can bring them into our ranks.

Let every brother consider himself as an organizer and try to line up his partner or neighbor. We can't expect the nons to join unless we ask them and show them it is for their good to do so. If we all do this, we will soon be solid on this division.

We should all try and give the company the best service possible, and show them we are working for their interests as well as our own; and when we go before the management for a new schedule again, it will be all the easier for us to get what we want in the way of better working conditions.

There are still a few nons on this division, who I hope the boys will get after good and strong.

I desire to thank the brothers who sent in the items for this write-up. Kindly forward me all the news as early as possible each month.

Don't forget to pay your dues December pay day and get a new card.

The following stations on this division were advertised on November: Winston, Rice, Stillman Valley, Aurora, Almorat, Stockton, Kent and Bolton.

Bro. Markham was the successful applicant for Rice, after a lengthened vacation.

Dispatcher Dixon made a trip over the division on a gasoline car and instructed the boys how the new management wished the block to be handled.

Bro. I. L. Hesner, the successful applicant for second, Pearl City, was relieved at Aurora, by Mr. Berryman, a new man.

Bro. J. C. Henderson, on second, Pearl City, while being bulletined secured second trick at Fair Grounds.

Mr. Grimes bid in first, Sycamore, Bro. Hansen, second, and Bro. Mason, third.

Bro. Keown bid in second at Richardson; Bro. Graham, third at Stanley, and Bro. Melican, third at Graf.

Bro. C. E. Kyle, of Bolton, has returned from a recent trip through California.

Bro. J. P. Downie has gone to the W. U. at Chicago.

L. E. Kelley has been appointed agent at Fox, Ill.

Hereafter send all the news you can to Bro. J. P. Willey, at Wilkinson postoffice, Clare, Ill., as he has been appointed division correspondent.

A new office has been opened at Fox.

Bro. M. O. Green, Winston, resigned, relieved by Bro. J. J. Murphy.

Bro. A. Hamilton, "J" office, Myrtle, has resigned, relieved by W. T. Byrnes.

Mr. Scott was the successful applicant for the agency at Esmond, relieving Bro. Jackson, resigned. We were sorry to have Bro. Jackson leave.

Bro. N. C. Fulkerson, Wilkinson, third, has secured a position on the Rock Island, relieved by T. F. Howe.

O. N. Jordan, agent, has resigned.

Bro. T. E. Penticoff, South Freeport, who recently went dispatching at Rockford, for the C.

M. G. Ry., has returned, and we are all glad to have him back again.

Mr. Barron, second, Almorat, relieved by Mr. Stock, who was sent to Budd and later left the service.

Bro. A. G. Hamilton, third, Oneida, resigned, to accept a position with the Illinois Central, relieved by W. T. Byrnes, new man.

Bro. Rustler relieved Mr. Lytle, on second at Thorpe. The latter is going to study law.

Div. Co.

Northwest Division—

Bro. E. C. Hodges, who has been general secretary and treasurer of this system for some time, has been compelled to resign and Bro. C. E. Norris of Inver Grove was elected his successor. Since moving to Belmont Bro. Hodges found the duties of that agency demanded too much time and attention to allow him to properly handle the secretaryship. He has been an earnest worker as local chairman of the Fort Dodge division and on the general committee, and the system regrets his leaving the offices he has so faithfully held. We have faith in our new secretary and with the right assistance from all he will surely satisfy us. Very few of us realize the importance of the office of general secretary-treasurer and of the time and attention it demands. Without the prompt assistance of the members the office becomes a burden to the holder, and vice versa, without the existence of this office (and a good man to hold it) interest in the union lags and fraternal and brotherly love becomes a thing of the past. Lend the secretary your assistance in every way; keep him advised as to all changes and transfers, and most important of all, answer his correspondence promptly and in full. If this is done, the secretary is enabled to keep an accurate line up of the division and can, thereby, answer your questions more promptly. Keep the grand secretary-treasurer posted on all matters pertaining to the Order within his jurisdiction.

Your division correspondent has been so awfully busy with the usual fall rush of business that he could not give the write-up the attention it should have this month, but with the assistance of a few of the boys we secured a few items.

Bro. C. E. Norris, local chairman, attended the Federation meeting at St. Paul and also looked after other fraternal matters.

Did you receive a letter from Local Chairman C. E. Norris regarding the proposed bond company? If so, do not lay it aside, but keep it right handy where you can easily see it until payday and then remit Bro. L. W. Quick ten dollars or more and help push to a successful finish one of the most important enterprises and of more vital importance to its members, than the O. R. T. has ever undertaken.

Bro. Dowell, agent at Rich Valley, who was suddenly called away by the serious illness of his mother, was relieved by C. E. Porter, a new man.

Bro. Frank Briggs, agent at Empire, has returned from his vacation spent in Michigan.

Chief Dispatcher Page, while on a recent tour of inspection, was relieved by Trick Dispatcher Aye.

Bro. J. E. Jenny, first, South St. Paul, has accepted a position in the general superintendent's office at Chicago.

Bro. F. M. Markham, after the return of the agent at Alta Vista, went to Simpson.

Bro. Cook, Nerstrand, has accepted a position on the C., M. & St. P. Ry. Mr. Simmons, from Hayfield, relieved him.

Mr. Herr, Randolph, was transferred to South St. Paul and later to Red Wing thence to South Concord, third; and Mr. Spence from "X" office to third South St. Paul.

Mr. Armstrong, who held the State Street yard office job for some time, has left the service; relieved by Bro. Brown, an old familiar acquaintance.

Bro. Frank Norris, second at Inver Grove, handled the agency there while his brother, C. E. Norris was away on fraternal work.

Mr. Potter has returned to New Hampton nights after working a few days at Elkton, where he was relieved by Bro. Cheny.

Bro. J. E. Leiser, of Riceville, bid in the agency at Renova.

Mr. W. H. Herr, after working a few weeks at West Concord, went to Hayfield.

General Chairman Albrecht was off for a few days on business for the Order.

Mr. Spence has resigned third at South St. Paul to engage in other business; relieved by E. J. Dunn, a new man on the road, a few days, and then went to Dennison; relieved at South St. Paul by F. L. James, a new man.

Eden has been opened up nights with D. Collins in the chair.

Bro. O. A. Artz is at Skyburg since that office was opened up nights.

Bro. L. G. Meek is back at Skyburg after some time spent on his claim.

Bro. F. R. Mills, agent Vlasaty, sent in a nice lot of items, and others on the division should follow his example.

R. H. Adams, who drew Westgate on bulletin, did not like the place and Bro. B. A. Mills, Renova, took it. Mr. Potter, of New Hampton, brother of Bro. E. C. Potter, took Renova, nights, and R. H. Adams the agency.

Bro. Seguer, Dodge Center, has left the service and Bro. Plath, of the same place, has returned from his trip to Montana.

Mr. Allen, second at Hayfield, who resigned to go switching, was relieved by Mr. Brenwell.

Bro. Frost, agent at Elkton, resigned; relieved by E. C. Porter.

Div. Co.

Southwest Division—

Brothers, it is time to pay your dues and every one should be prompt.

Bro. E. C. Norris, our new G. S. & T., is located at Inver Grove, Minn. In future remit your dues and new applications to him.

A little missionary work should be done along the line, at Dearborn, St. Joseph Freight Office, Savannah, Conception, Ravenwood, Sheridan,

Maloy, Arispe, Lorimer, Barney, Peru and Conger, between now and the first of the year. Let's get busy.

Jobs are being bulletined to perfection now, thanks to our worthy chief dispatcher.

On bulletin No. 52 the following appointments have been made: Athelstan agency, W. E. Iles; Afton Junction agency, J. V. Goin; Ravenwood agency, G. J. Jones; Reinbeck third trick, G. I. Mauck; Gladbrook first trick, L. G. Nuzum; Baxter night operator, J. A. Small; Valeria third trick, W. J. Conkling; Peru second, C. A. Scarborough; Blockton second, G. T. Scott; Savannah second, W. L. Prewitt; Shops first, E. L. Reed; Kansas City city office, H. H. Hilfinger.

Applications will be received for the following vacancies until December 1, 1909: Gladbrook second trick, Peru, third trick, Diagonal third trick, Rea second trick, Savannah first trick. Shops third trick.

The night men should give No. 2 and 3 wires a little better attention. Failure to answer promptly ties up the whole wire and causes many needless delays.

A wye has been put in at Parnell and a motor train put on, known as Nos. 11 and 12 on the time-card, making one round trip per day between Parnell and St. Joseph, leaving Parnell at 7:00 a. m. and returning at 7:00 p. m. This is a great help to the patrons of the road between these two points.

The telegraph office at Shepard has been closed.

Sister C. A. Van Sandt, of Leavenworth, called to Savannah recently on account of sickness, was relieved by J. E. Brewer, of U. S. Signal Corps, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Our worthy sister, Jessie Smith, second trick at Rea, Mo., has left the service, being relieved by Bro. W. A. Hall.

Bro. E. E. Pumphrey is in the Des Moines dispatcher's office as clerk for our worthy chief dispatcher.

Bro. G. T. Scott, second, and M. G. Smith, third, are again at their posts, Mr. Nixdorf going to South Des Moines.

Bro. H. E. Boyce is relieving Bro. Gibbon at Maloy while on his annual vacation.

Bro. R. V. Redlingshafer, third at South Des Moines, was relieved by Mr. Nixdorf, of the U. S. Signal Corps, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., while on a short vacation.

Bro. I. H. Latimer is now on second trick at Leavenworth. G. V. Keefauver, after a business trip to New Sharon, Iowa, and LaHarpe, Ill., went to Conception, vacated by Mr. Mason.

Bro. J. E. Johnson, first at Knowlton, is at Jack-sonville, Mo., with the Rock Island.

Wm. Lyons, third at Savannah, taken out of the service, was relieved by Bro. C. A. Lind, the steam shovel man.

Bro. E. J. Stimm, third at Marshalltown, on a short vacation, being relieved by D. Monroe, an old-time dispatcher.

Bro. H. L. Coggins, third at Parnell, who was struck by No. 61 on October 31, is recovering

slowly and expects to be back at his post some time next month. Mr. Patton is doing the extra work at third.

J. J. Stephens, second at Parnell, left the service; relieved by Bro. McCollough.

Personal letters, even to the brothers and sisters on the Southwest Division, fail to elicit the news as they should. Bros. Scott, of Blockton; Thatcher, of Cummings; M. F. Falkner, of Parnell, and Coleman, of Kansas City, alone responded. Many thanks to the four brothers who show interest enough to send in the news.

Don't forget that new card. "No card, no favors." SANDY.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Fifth Division—

We seem to have been too busy handling cotton, etc., to send in write-up from the Fifth Division in some time.

Everything is moving along "fine as silk," with everybody hard at work.

Bro. J. H. Cantrell landed Hagan agency. He is a good man, and merits any promotion that may come his way. Understand Mr. Griffin intends locating in Oklahoma. Alex Cobb relieved Bro. Cantrell at Ella Belle.

Bro. Z. B. Littlejohn, of Ocilla, recently attended court in Savannah. He and Bro. Smith are entertaining the "Reubs" of that vicinity with a motion picture theater.

A new office has been opened at Kimbrough on account of the G. F. & A. connecting with our line at that point.

The G. & F. Ry. has recently completed its line to Madison, Fla. This will no doubt greatly augment freight traffic over the Fifth Division, as the road traverses a rich and productive territory.

It is expected that our next meeting will be held in Cordele, and no doubt a good crowd will be present.

Get after the few remaining nons; that is, all that are desirable, and let's present a solid line-up at the beginning of the new year.

CERT. 147.

Ulster & Delaware Ry.

Our general chairman, Bro. C. M. Sanford, has resigned his position at Hobart and is going South for the winter. We are all sorry to see him go and wish to acknowledge our appreciation of what he has already done for us, and also wish him the best of luck. Bro. P. D. Leming has been appointed acting general chairman in Bro. Sanford's stead.

Bro. John Garrett, third, Grand Hotel station, is with the N. Y. N. H. & H. on second at Branchville, Conn. Bro. Morgan is off a few days, relieved by Bro. H. Van Burgen, who has just returned from a short vacation.

Bro. James G. Fassett has resigned third, Oneonta, to go with the B. & M. Bro. Todd is working first.

Bro. Edward A. Hilborn, second, Wellsbridge, N. Y., is working first at Phoenicia. Bro. Leming on second.

Bro. Dougherty is working second, "KC" tower, North Yard, Kingston, for the West Shore.

There are several nons over here yet who would like to hear about the O. R. T. Boys, get after them; don't be afraid to tell them what you know.

P. D. L., Drv. Con.

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry.

F. R. Patkin, from the Wabash, is now at Thomaston, second trick.

Bro. Sinclair has taken the agency at Ponborn; relieved by Bro. Waffuna.

Bro. Drivel on vacation December 1st; relieved by Mr. Fruar, of Hoton freight office.

Our new time card shows many changes. Every one should get acquainted with it thoroughly.

Bro. McMaster, of Negoume, is going West.

Second trick at Negoume has been bulletined and secured by Bro. Ford.

There seems to be a scarcity of telegraphers at present, judging by the hard time we have to get relief.

I'm very thankful to the boys for a note once in a while and will endeavor to give a write-up every month if they will only furnish us the news as early as possible.

Mr. Street is working at Kearsarge, relieving Mr. Goloy, who is now in dispatcher's office at Calumet. Mr. Cardinal is temporary agent at Kenton while regular agent, Crull, is in the woods. E. T. Curtis is relieving Mr. Cardinal on the night trick.

Bro. Gerke, of Ewen, shot a cub bear and is having the hide made into a rug.

There are quite a few new operators on this road, but it's hard to get a line on them. A little help in this respect from the boys is always appreciated.

Mr. Gauthier is working days at Marquette yard; relieved at Eagle Mills by Mr. Street.

Mr. Asp, of Bangor, visited friends in Iron Mountain recently.

Bro. Mallay is back working days at Iron River after being on the sick list for a time.

Passenger business is so heavy nights that it required two conductors on No. 7 to Duluth recently.

Mr. Phillips, of Chicago, has been relieving the operator at Lake Linden. He is an old Order man, who has been working for the wireless people.

Bro. Mohr, of Hoton Yard, has succeeded in getting a few notes from Mineral Range.

J. C. Hansen, of Moss, has resigned to accept a position on G. N. Ry.

One train has been taken off on South Range, and the passenger train has to do local work.

Bro. Heintz, at Kearsarge, has resigned and accepted a position with the united wireless at Alpena, Mich.; relieved by Mr. Street.

Bro. Allen, formerly of Calumet Yard, is now with the G. N. Ry. at Shelby, Mont.

I am indebted to Bro. Oleson for a good bunch of notes and if every one would do as well we could have a good write-up every month.

Mr. Dygart, at one time a member of the Order, formerly relief agent, is now permanent agent at Ahmuk.

J. G. Adams, agent at Gay, has had a two weeks' vacation.

Chas. Cohen, of Mohawk, has joined the Order.

J. S. Keller, of the dispatcher's office at Calumet, has gone to the Missouri Central.

"FO."

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.

Des Moines Valley Division—

The meeting at Oskaloosa, on October 9th, was quite well attended, thanks to the brothers that did attend, but there was room for many more.

These meetings are a great benefit in many ways, and a better attendance will make them better and the members stronger.

A joint meeting is contemplated being held at Oskaloosa in the near future, with Bro. Newman or Bro. Brown present, and it is our desire that every member who possibly can arrange to come should be there. The date will be announced later.

Brothers, if there is anything that is not being lived up to, in our schedule, you should take it up with your local chairman, and have the matter straightened out. It is our duty to see that the schedule is lived up to.

Should the discussion in regard to Sunday rest not be closed, by the time this is in print, we would like you to read and study an article on the subject by the Rev. McFarren, of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Some of the telegraphers on this division seem to be somewhat lax in answering calls promptly.

There should be an immediate improvement in this part of the service. Some of you, probably, do not realize what it means to a dispatcher to sit and call from ten to twenty minutes. Do the right thing by them, and you will get your reward!

Mr. Needles, third at Evans, absolutely refuses to become an O. R. T.

Those still behind on special assessment should remit at once. We must support our committee.

Sister Hanley, second, Evans, is on a vacation; relieved by a Mr. Pentagast.

Bro. Monk, Harvey, Iowa, goes to Keokuk, Iowa, as cashier.

Second and third at Ottumwa are reported vacant, but there is no bulletin out yet.

Brothers, if you have any steamboat tickets in sight, Bro. Gibson, Oskaloosa, can fix you out in every way.

Bro. Stanly, at Douds, is having a difficult time in getting relief.

Bro. Baling, agent, Oskaloosa, reports a big increase in both freight and ticket earnings recently.

We hope some good lady on the Des Moines Valley Division will start the Ladies' Auxiliary booming here. There are plenty of good housewives who will do the Order credit in this territory: I personally know of several who will join, if only some one will start the ball rolling.

Roy Plaisted, our genial rate chief at the Oskaloosa freight house, is a busy man, on account of heavy freight business, but he always wears a pleasant smile.

Bro. Cross, agent at Evans, spent a very pleasant Saturday evening and Sunday, recently, with friends at Ottumwa.

I hope you will all send me any news items you can, by the 10th or 15th of the month. This will help in having a good write-up every month.

BRUNO THE BOOSTER.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts—

We have added some good ones to our membership list this month, mostly from the west end, who will make good, active members. This is what we are looking for. Each and every one of us must do all we can to secure new members. We would like to see everything solid by the 1st of the year.

We are glad to welcome Bro. W. E. Mayhan, who had his membership transferred to No. 126, "AO" office, which he is holding, is one of the most important offices on the line.

Let every one who hears of anything new happening along the line report to the division correspondent at once. This helps to make a good write-up, and makes the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts look good to all of us.

It seems to be a very hard matter to hear from the assistants on the east end. Come on, boys, and get in the game, your help will be appreciated very much by the acting division correspondent. The boys have done very well recently on the west end, but it seems almost impossible to hear what is going on down east. Bro. Waits was at one time the assistant correspondent, but he may be taking a vacation.

Bro. J. H. Powers, of the C. & A., is relieving Bro. Wallingsford, at Cameron Junction, who is on vacation.

Gov. Hughes, nights, Harvard, has resigned, and accepted a position with some wholesale fruit house. We are very sorry to have Bro. Hughes leave us, and wish him good luck.

Bro. Rouch, agent, Unionville, is on a big hunt; relieved by Bro. H. S. Fulmer.

Mr. Dean bid in Numa agency, leaving Floris open for bids. The boy from Clio is relieving until it is assigned by bulletin.

Mr. Benner, who relieved, temporarily, at Rushville, Bro. R. E. Freman being on the sick list, has been succeeded by H. H. Potter.

Bro. J. M. Boose made a business trip to St. Joseph a few days ago.

Sister Blanche Pierce is at Harvard, nights, her regular position before she left for the West.

Bro. G. L. Girdner went on one of his usual trips to Mercer recently.

Bro. Schrieber, formerly with the R. I., is now located in Des Moines.

Sister Fox, who recently crossed the matrimonial threshold, still holds her position at Clio.

T. B. Sawyer is working for I. M., in Oklahoma.

Bro. H. F. Harrah returned, after a three weeks' vacation in the West, to his old stand at Donovan.

Bro. J. M. Boose, acting agent at Keenmor, is back on second trick.

J. F. Manley discharged from Winthrop; Mr. Pilcher "resigned," and Mr. Cousins is now on the job.

Mr. Whalen spent a week in Chicago. Agent Stiff, at De Kalb, is on vacation; relieved by Bro. Dean. Seems as if Stiff and Whalen enjoy the "Non Air" line.

Mr. Benner is at "SY," St. Joseph, on relief.

Bro. H. A. Johnson is off for a few days.

Bro. Lowe, of Altamont, is improving, and will soon be able to return to work.

DIV. COR., G. C. W.

Arkansas Division—

Local Chairman Hugg was over the division recently, in the interest of the Order. He is very much pleased on account of having two such good working assistants as Bro. Lucking and Bro. Nagle; the outlook bids fair in their territory.

Our local chairman made a flying trip to Bernice recently, and was hospitably entertained at Bro. McCaleb's home.

It is too bad the boys could not all respond to his invitation to the recent reception given by him at the Harris Hotel. Those who did not come missed a nice oyster dinner with refreshments.

We are very glad to see the boys becoming more interested in the cause. They seem to have taken on a new life recently. But we want to call your attention to the fact that some of you are not answering your calls promptly. There is no excuse for this. The telegrapher takes preference over all other work, as the instructions are not to let anything else interfere with answering calls. You are telegraphers and not agents. If you will be prompt in answering calls, then the officials will have nothing to harp over when we ask for our rights.

Our general committee will be in Chicago soon, to ask for what we should have, and as this division is coming to the front we should attend to our duties promptly.

The new passenger and freight offices at Ruston are almost completed, and all the boys are wearing smiles around "RO."

The new scales at Fordyce will soon be completed.

Fordyce was opened, nights, recently, but closed again; business dropped off on account of a scarcity of cars. Bunn has been reopened as a night office, with Bro. Lucking back as owl. C. N. M. and C. E. H. are at "OA," and "FD" has been assigned the same hours as before.

When business drops, there are reductions; when business rises, there is no increase in help.

Well, we will work hard and take that vacation next year.

When you hear a man knock on unionism, he is either a capitalist or a man that would be one by using his brothers for stepping stones to reach that line.

Non-union men should not be allowed the salary paid union men. Learn to demand the union label.

Boys, you should get wise as to who are the "non airs" on the line. Three at Tinsman, all the bunch at El Dovol, but one, and we have a scab and a knocker there, too, a non at Harrell, one at Jonesboro and at Quitman. Some of the active members are after them, but you should help.

Bro. Campfield, agent at Dodson, La., and a cheerful worker in the Order, had some difficulty with one of the citizens there, who is now in the hands of the officers, and was stabbed three times, but is reported to be improving.

Bro. L. M. Perrine has been relieving the agent at Hermitage temporarily. Bro. McQuiddy has returned from his vacation.

Bro. L. J. Reynals, who was relieved at "RS" by L. D. Pewrefoy, has gone to Texas. We were sorry to see him leave.

Bro. J. W. White, of Dubach, has also gone to Texas. Bro. W. D. O'Farrell, from the V. S. & P., at Ruston, relieved him.

Bro. W. L. Jones, agent, Wyand, while on a sixty-day vacation, was relieved by Bro. Lloyd S. Jones, and Bro. Stratford relieved Bro. Jones at Randolph.

Bro. N. C. Knight, now at Coliorn agency, was relieved at Quitman by E. C. McFarren.

Bro. N. C. Cagle has resigned as agent at Crosssett, and gone to Warren for W. & O. We lose a good brother in his departure.

CERT. 1865.

Oklahoma Division—

Through a misunderstanding, this division was not represented in the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. But we expect to have a write-up regularly in the future.

Several of the brothers attended the meeting in El Reno on October 23d. The meeting was called to order at the Southern Hotel, at 9:30 p. m., and immediately resolved itself in to informal discussion, cigars having been duly lighted. Several matters of interest were brought up. Among other things, we were given an insight into how the telephone *does not* displace the telegrapher, by one of the brothers, who has seen the process of dispatching trains by telephone in operation. Some merriment was provoked by the introduction of a grievance by a certain non-member on the division, who doesn't understand that "no card" means "no favors." The local chairman reported several new members secured during his recent trip over the division. At a late hour the meeting adjourned.

"NO" relay office is awakening to the error of its way. Three applications were secured there

this month, and several more reported coming next month. That office will soon be solid.

Bro. Terhune reports that Ft. Worth Division is solid now. Let us see that none of the nons get away.

Some of the brothers on the Oklahoma Division want commission both ways on Western Union business, and we hope to get this in our new agreement with the company.

Mr. Whitchurch has returned to his old job. Mr. Porter is away on a leave of absence. Bro. Harrison has returned to work, after his recruiting trip over the division.

A. N. Wooldridge is in the real estate business at Chickasha. Mrs. Wooldridge is with the Postal at Chickasha.

A. J. Clymans has relieved Bro. O'Shea at Hennessey.

Bro. Martin, at Alex, has been trying for two weeks to get relief for a few days.

Bro. Cavin, resigned at Lawton, relieved by W. M. Humphrys.

J. H. Hill was transferred to Carnegie.

Bro. P. A. Warner, from the G. & S. L., is clerking in El Reno freight depot.

H. N. Roberts, agent, Addington, has gone to Shawnee, being relieved by Telegrapher Rober.

Mrs. Susie Pack is at Marlow. "RO" has been doing the relief work for a few weeks.

Bro. Lyons went to Junction City recently on business.

It is almost time for our dues. Don't let us have any delinquents this time.

Don't forget to pay up.

CERT. 428.

Colorado Division—

It seems that this division has almost fell off the earth, as far as making any showing in the magazine, but I will try to send in a few notes that other divisions may know that we are still here.

There has been a good many changes on this division of late, and it will be hard to get things down as they really are.

The manual block has been put in between Phillipsburg and Limon, and is a success so far.

Bro. M. P. Brophy, Port Huron, Mich., is on nights at Clayton. Bro. W. C. Conners being off the last of August and first of September, on account of the sickness of his daughter at Warrensburg, Mo.

Bro. McGee has second at Rexford, relieving Bro. Howard, gone to San Francisco.

Mr. Biglow took Bro. Miller's place at Rexford, and the latter took for a warmer climate.

Bro. C. E. Hendrix, from the D. & R. G., is on second.

Bro. L. E. Downey, from the M. P., relieved Mr. Siler, discharged, and gone to Santa Fe.

Bro. Rathbun, of Seldon, on sick list recently, relieved by Mr. Hulen, third at Seldon, who was relieved by Mr. Hudson, who was later relieved by another non, with a fancy name of some kind.

Mr. Stroud, second at Seldon, was relieved by Bro. Rose, of Division No. 14.

Boys, let's all get after the nons, and see if we cannot thin 'em out a little, including the two backsliders at Colby.

Bros. Galloway and Rollin are on second and third at Stuttgart, doing the cooking stunt, in a box car.

Bro. Hienze is on second at Prairie View, and F. A. Brown on third, there. We can call the latter brother, shortly.

Bro. G. R. Smith was relieved on third, for a short time, by Mr. Neville, a new man.

J. W. Birkbeck, third trick dispatcher, has taken a trick on some road at Danville, Ky. We were all sorry to see J. W. B. go, and wish him the best of luck.

We should have a division correspondent, and let the boys send in notes to him every month, so we could be represented every month.

A BROTHER, CERT. 1977, DIV. 23.

Louisiana Division—

Our general committee is in Chicago asking for our rights. We hope we will come out winners.

Some of the boys are not answering their calls as they should and the dispatchers are getting mighty tired of it. We expect our members to attend faithfully to all of their duties. Remember five to twenty years ago what our salary was each month and now.

The Louisiana Division is coming to the front and we want the boys to stick. Eight of them took out cards last month and we hope to land the others soon.

We are glad Bro. McFerren, at Quitman, and Bro. Simpson, at Mamon, are again with us.

Boys, learn to demand the union label. Unionism is the only hope for our country.

Bro. C. N. Moffet was transferred to Crossett from Leola.

W. S. Steelman has been installed agent at Peiper.

Bro. W. J. Knight is off again on vacation.

Bro. C. J. Johnson, from the Cotton Belt, is now at Calion.

Mr. Wheeler, nights at Dubach, is on the "hike" again.

Bro. Davis, from the K. C.'s, is now at Dubach, La. Boys, treat these new O. R. T. men nicely and let's try to keep 'em.

Bro. L. J. Renolds, formerly third trick at Ruston, is now car clerk for the Southern at Beaumont, Tex.

The boys at Ruston are moving into their new freight depot, which is quite an attraction.

Understand the agency at Warren is filled by a Missourian from Sedalia. Boys, get your bidding caps on. Think Louisiana Division should be able to fill all vacancies.

Bro. Coyle is back to his old stand at Warren.

Boys, come on with your dues for the semi-annual card, ending June 30th, 1910. Let's get it for New Year.

I want every member on the Louisiana Division to mail me some news as early each month as possible, so we can have a write-up monthly second to none.

CERT. 2243.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. Staley went over this division recently and had the good fortune to line up the boys to about 92 per cent strong. All are well pleased with Bro. Bill's work, and stand ready to back him for all there is in the game.

You nons left get in line; you look small now.

A supposed Bro. J. F. Davis, who went by the name of Reese and several other aliases, worked on this division at Manly, Iowa, last winter and succeeded in breaking up another brother's family and breaking up a once happy home. Brothers, keep your eyes open for this floating monster.

Two nons going by name of J. C. Simmons and A. J. Burt, claiming to hail from Alabama, applied to local chairman, Bro. Staley, who got them employment and transportation to call on the chief dispatcher, but they never appeared. Look out for them.

Bro. C. J. Filer, second, Cedar Falls, has resigned and went at another vocation.

Div. Cor.

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry.

Eastern Division—

If present indications count for anything then it is a foregone conclusion that the O. R. T. will be represented by over 90 per cent of the operators on these lines by January 1, 1910. Several of the boys at Erie have assured us of a few new members shortly.

Another piece of main track has been put in between Madison and Saybrook.

The dispatchers are anxiously awaiting the completion of the four tracks. It appears quite difficult for a big train to get any distance in the west end, being obliged to duck the limiteds.

The writer had the pleasure of visiting our second vice-president, Bro. T. M. Pierson, while on consultation with the several committees in this vicinity recently. Bro. Pierson is certainly a jovial entertainer and sends his best "73" to all the boys. Our only regret is we could not have him attend one of our meetings while here, but his visit had not been contemplated.

Bro. Clancy attended a little banquet at Buffalo last week, given by Mr. Vanschonhoven, the supper being the forfeit for his unfortunate wager on the Detroit ball team. Bro. J. Madill, T. Harrington, W. Highland and J. J. Trawley were guests of honor.

Telegrapher Treat, B. & O. tower, was suspended for not relieving a "31" order. This should be a lesson to our boys.

Bro. G. N. Gross, third, P. & E. tower, received first honors for the excellent showing his apple crop made in Erie, Pa., recently.

Bro. J. C. Brown, the artist telegrapher, of Westfield tower, was very popular during "Old Home week."

Bro. A. W. Diffenbach, first, Westfield, has just recovered from a severe attack of la grippe, Bro. Welsh relieving.

Bro. C. M. Smith secured Erie depot, second, after his return from the "sights" of Westfield, "Old Home week."

Bro. H. J. Leamey, first, Erie Yard, is quite conspicuous in insurance circles around Erie town.

Bro. Jack Frawley, first, North East, has resumed work after a short illness.

Bro. Starr, of Dunkirk, resumed work recently after a sudden attack of sickness.

CERT. 472.

Michigan Division—

Business is certainly good in all departments. On account of the mild season so far, freights are still hauling summer tonnage, but when cold weather sets in and trains are cut down to winter tonnage, the operating department will certainly have its hands full. Prospects are good for the biggest business in the road's history.

The switchmen, road men and engine men are all after more money and it's a cinch they will get it, too, as they are about 98 per cent strong. We might do the same thing if we didn't have so many spongers among us. They always have a lot of excuses for staying out of the Order, but they never refuse to accept any of the benefits secured through the work of the good old O. R. T.

Mr. Ritter, of "RT" office, Elkhart, off duty for several months on account of his eyesight; relieved by Mr. Foltz.

Mr. Pancake, who resigned about a year ago to enter the telephone field, is again back at "WG" tower. Hope he will again enter the fold.

"BC" office closed for the past two years between the hours of 5 p. m. and 7 a. m., has been opened up again. Mr. Lindsey, from the "HV," has the 7 p. m. to 5 a. m. trick.

Manager Ziesel, of "RX" office, has returned from a five weeks' vacation stay in Chicago, where he had an operation performed. Mr. McMillan relieved him, and Bro. Hostick relieved the latter.

Have you noticed the frequent write-ups the Eastern Division has? Why can't we do as well? Who is our regular correspondent?

CERT. 334.

Franklin Division—

Business is so good on this division that no one seems to have time to write anything for THE TELEGRAPHER. Perhaps the boys are all busy thinking about the telephone question. Brothers, don't worry, when they get busy and want to do business they have to call on the "good old stand-by," Morse code.

The telephones on the Franklin & Clearfield Road went up in the air recently, and train orders and messages had to be handled by the Penna Ry. boys, via Oil City and Rose, thence via phones on the new road as far as they worked.

A new office has been opened up at Polk Junction.

Raymilton, Pa., has been made a two-trick office, with Bro. Hons, from the Penna., as second.

Sandy Lake, Pa., is also a two-trick office now, with Mr. C. E. Vogan, as second. This will relieve the brother agents of considerable work.

The Penna. freight train and the Lake Shore local recently tried to pass on the same track, with the usual result. One man was seriously hurt, but is recovering. Understand the accident happened through one of the conductors failing to register at Oil City.

Some of the brothers are making it pretty hard for our dispatchers by not answering their office calls promptly. We should give the best of attention to our calls, making it better for ourselves as well as all the others concerned.

Our schedule on this division don't seem to be up to snuff. We should have better pay, annual passes and vacations with pay, the same as most of the other roads have.

Let each brother lend a helping hand, and make the division solid O. R. T. and then perhaps we could have our chairman and committee do something for us in this line.

Turkey is only 27 cents per pound in Pittsburg. Those who have the price can buy turkey for Christmas, and those who have not can buy a post card with a picture of one on it.

Will some of the brothers please send Bro. Smith, at Stoneboro, Pa., a few notes and lend him a helping hand in securing the nons. You can have blanks for the asking.

JUST ARRIVED.

Western Division—

Our October meeting was held on the evening of the 9th, at Chesterton, Ind., in order to save the long trip for the brothers on the west end of the division. While the attendance was not what we had expected, the enthusiasm shown by those present made up for the absent ones. Speeches were delivered by several of the old timers and the meeting adjourned early enough to allow the brothers to catch the trains for home.

Bro. Lovett, of 101st St., was present at the meeting and met a few friends thereafter.

On the night of October 13th an unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the ticket office at Indiana Harbor, but Bro. Frazier succeeded in capturing the "stick-up man," causing his arrest and imprisonment. One of the brother's ears was badly torn and he received a cut two inches long across his face, but he is still on the job.

Bro. Frazier is on third at South Chicago, Bro. Poole, third, Indiana Harbor, relieving.

President Brown's special passed over the division en route to Chicago, October 14th.

Passenger traffic has been unusually heavy of late.

Bro. J. T. Bachman, of Laporte tower, took in the sights at South Bend recently.

Bro. J. C. Dawson, of Laporte passenger station, is taking considerable interest in the mayoralty election.

Bro. Ensign, of Dune Park, is now up to date, and Mr. Minner, of Pine, says he will soon be with us.

Bro. Corpe, second, "BR," while on a trip recently through the Western States, was relieved by Bro. Pool.

Bro. Plumbeck took a few days off recently.

Among the changes since our last write-up are the following:

Bro. Lowe, South Bend passenger station, resigned and was relieved by Bro. Steele, of Mishawaka, second. Bro. Pillman, who temporarily relieved Bro. Lowe and Bro. Steele, has since resigned and gone to the B. & O. We wish him the best of success.

Bro. O'Hern, Pine tower, who resigned to accept a position on police force at South Chicago, has re-entered the service and is now at Jeff.

Bro. Walley, Pine tower, resigned; relieved by Bro. Hoops, third trick, and Bro. Paulin relieved Bro. Murphy on second trick, Pine.

Bro. Kyle, second, South Chicago, has left the service; relieved by Mr. McKinley, taking second trick.

Bro. Hoover relieved Mr. Shultz at 101st St., and Bro. Snyder, at Jeff, who took second at 101st St., was relieved by Bro. Fountain.

Bro. W. L. Parker, agent at Burdick, has resigned, and was relieved by Bro. Irwin, of Chesterton.

Relief Agent Preston has accepted cashiership at Gary.
JACK, DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from the home of Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Thomas their only son; be it hereby

Resolved, That L. S. & M. S. Division, No. 129, extend to the bereaved parents our most heartfelt sympathy and condolence in their trouble and bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved parents and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. C. PLUMBECK,
H. SABIN,
E. D. GRAHAM,

Committee.

Chesterton, October 9th, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from the home of Bro. and Mrs. G. B. Schmetzer their infant daughter; be it hereby

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved parents our most heartfelt sympathy and condolence in their trouble and bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved parents and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. C. PLUMBECK,
H. SABIN,
E. D. GRAHAM,

Committee.

Chesterton, October 9th, 1909.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Ry.

Aurora, Chicago Division—

Quite a number attended the meeting at Hotel Arthur, Aurora, Ill., November 20th. Among those present who made addresses were C. L. Lamb, chairman, Red Oak, Iowa; W. A. Henry, Fairfield, Iowa; G. Dal. Jones, Wm. F. McDonald and Organizer Downey, of Chicago.

We believe all could attend our division meetings held regularly at Aurora. We have among our speakers the brightest and most able men, who have seen service and are devoting all their time to the Order, and settling all difficulties with fairness and justice to employer and employees. Any telegrapher, telephoner, agent and levermen are welcome at these meetings.

In checking over the delinquent list of the Aurora-Chicago Divisions we find very few behind in dues. If you are one of these, will you not make every effort possible toward making this the banner sub-division, in securing the greatest number of new members, and reducing the number of delinquents. Your hearty co-operation is desired along these lines.

We would be pleased to receive applications at any time from non-members, or those whose cards have expired. Let us make Aurora-Chicago Divisions solid. Remember the telephone operators are accorded the same rights as telegraphers, and are under the same protection. You can make application to Bro. E. F. Todd, local chairman, or any of his assistants.

There is plenty of business on the C. & I. Several stock runs east every night with long drags of empty stock cars going west, and dead freight in between.

Night telephone offices have been opened at Chana and Daggetts recently, employing three men at each of these stations.

Extra Gang No. 19 has been working between Princeton and Arlington the past five weeks, laying new 90-pound steel in the South Main track, and also installing a new cross-over switch at Zearing.

Trains Nos. 14 and 19, taken off nearly a year ago, have been reinstated again.

A telephone has been installed at the east end of the west-bound passing track at Princeton, for the convenience of trainmen and others.

Since time card No. 38 went into effect, telegraphers at Center Point, Knox, Sadlers and County Line, have had several hours added to their tricks. Center Point is now eleven and one-half hours, the longest trick between Clyde and Galesburg.

The depots along the C. & I. have been improved with a coat of paint, both inside and out.

Miss Rose Scharnhorst has been awarded second, and Miss Olson, third, on bulletin, at Griggs.

Bro. L. C. and Sister Russell have returned from their vacation to Downer's Grove tower, third, and Berwyn, third, respectively.

Frank Brower, second, Downer's Grove tower, has returned from a very pleasant vacation, on which his wife accompanied him.

Bro. H. Kaut, day operator and ticket clerk, Downer's Grove depot, and Bro. L. C. Russell, attended the meeting.

'Phoner Lyms is at Mendota, formerly at Western Springs and "W" block.

Miss Lillian Horsemann, "W" block, second, has returned to work after a two weeks' vacation. The company has placed new semaphores and electric boards there.

Miss Minnie Rosser, 'phoner at "X" block, has been changed from second to third trick.

Dispatcher Patelsky is handling first, Mendota to Galesburg, while Dispatcher E. T. Mahoney is taking his vacation.

Claude McConchie, third, Oneida, while in Chicago last month, was relieved by E. H. Huston.

Third Trick Bro. E. N. Swannstrom, of Buda, during his vacation registered in the land drawing at Aberdeen, S. D., and drew a claim. He was relieved by E. H. Houston, and later relieved J. A. Nuckley, first, Mendota, while off getting married.

J. E. Cardwell, County Line block office, is on the sick list.

Relief Operator C. N. Anderson has left the service.

Mr. Snow relieved Mr. Sherrick during the time he was off, being transferred to "MS," Mendota, on Sherrick's return.

Another man has been put on at Hinckley, three men being on duty there now.

O. B. Vaage, who recently bid in third, "MO," Mendota, is now working third "telephone" trick at Bristol tower.

Mr. Huff has returned to his father's farm in Kentucky. Huff is the graduate of a "Telegraph School."

The night telegraph office at Kings is now open, with an operator on duty from 12 m. to 8 a. m. This will help greatly in the movement of trains on this important piece of track.

Bro. J. F. Duck, of Oregon, made a trip to Aurora recently.

Telegrapher Cook, second trick, Hinckley, recently on short vacation, was relieved by a new man from C. G. W. Ry.

Mr. Battershall, from Riverside, is working second at Oregon.

Bro. W. J. Dingman, first, Oregon, on a recent vacation taking in the "Alaska-Yukon Exposition," was relieved by Bro. L. P. Wilcox, of Chicago, who resigned on Bro. Dingman's return.

DIV. COR., CERT. 1246.

Galesburg Division--

Mention of our meeting for November will be made in January number.

It is hoped another meeting can be held in the near future, and a still larger attendance be there. Organize, get acquainted and live—not just exist—and be a friend and neighbor.

Bro. Hotkins, of Abingdon to Macomb, third trick regular in near future.

Bro. G. E. Long, of "S" office, Quincy, off last month suffering with stomach trouble, relieved by Bro. Guyer.

Bro. Meara to Peoria yard, relieving Bro. Campbell. Bro. L. E. Tilney taking Bro. Meara's place at Yates City.

Bro. Tilney was relieved at Pottstown, by Miss E. B. Harriman, formerly of the Southern Pacific.

J. L. Straub, "S" office, Quincy, while on his wedding tour, was relieved by Bro. G. E. Long, who was relieved by Bro. Guyer.

Please look at first part of Galesburg items in November issue, and read again about promotion, ability, etc., taking preference to seniority. Bro. Malone says, "Take special notice of this, and before you have a grievance in this line, just look back and see if your record and work is right up to snuff; if so then let me hear from you."

Bro. Harland, second, Peoria yards, has accepted a like position with the C. & N. W., with much better salary and a more agreeable place to work. Bro. Harland is one of our best members, always up-to-date and a first-class telegrapher. He was relieved by Bro. Campbell, from "GT," Galesburg Relay.

Bro. Wilking, extra, at Canton, to extra at Augusta. His ability is far too great to tarry a great while at a small "OS" position.

L. C. Wadell, one of Valparaiso's not-yet graduates, is employed as station agent, ticket clerk, baggage master, 'phoner and yard master at Fiatt, at \$46.00 per. This is the result of six months' eager efforts, and \$240.00 in clear "calatrail." "Pirty gud investment, haw."

Mr. Jolley, from first, Graham, to second, "YD," Galesburg, relieving Bro. Irwin, who resigned to go South.

Mr. Norton, a new man, is in Galesburg relay office, from the I. C., at Dubuque, Ia.

Mr. Fling, suspended from Augusta, has been placed in service again, and landed day stunt at Aledo. We hope he will be able to see his way back into the O. R. T. again, now.

Mr. Fuller, our chief dispatcher, was in Peoria the latter part of the month.

Mr. Bowen, extra, "YD," Galesburg yards, off hunting; relieved by Bro. J. O. Guyer.

Bro. D. C. Root, assistant local chairman, called on Bro. Malone at the yard office, Galesburg, recently.

F. M. Paugh, now in "G" office, Omaha, formerly third, "YD," Galesburg.

Mr. Knight relieved Bro. R. F. Brothers, second, Saluda, the latter relieving agent at Douglas, while attending court in Peoria, and then went to third trick at Abingdon, which he landed on bulletin.

Bro. Lamb, our general chairman, was in Galesburg, on November 10th, with Bro. Malone, straightening up some grievances.

Bro. Allen, Seminary Street block, Galesburg, to Santa Fe block office, Galesburg yards, temporarily, relieved by Mr. Pretess, a disabled brakeman.

Mr. Rambow, Santa Fe Crossing, laid off indefinitely.

Bro. Sample, second, Graham tower, visiting relatives in Missouri, with his wife, was relieved by Mr. Knight. E. G. A.

Hannibal Division—

Thanksgiving has come and gone, and while some of us may have felt that we really had nothing to be thankful for, we will find by looking around us that there are many things to be grateful for to the living God.

The sooner some of the telegraphers on this division realize that they have not been hired to sleep on duty, the better it will be for them and the rest of us. We are paid to work eight or nine hours, and if we cannot stay awake that long and attend to business we had better resign.

Prospects on this division are very encouraging, and I think we have been doing very well in securing new members. If the brothers will keep up, by the 15th of January, we will have added quite a few nons to our Order, and have clear sailing in a short time. Let each one do what he can during the coming year to bring in the few nons still with us.

We should also have the company's interest at heart, look carefully after the business and assist the officials in every way we can. This will show them that we are worthy of their confidence, and there will then be no just cause for complaint.

Superintendent Willsie is sending out a report of discipline administered to the employes during the month. This gives all a chance to see what little items the officials consider poor service, and all should work faithfully and avoid their record being sent out to the public for inspection.

Fast Train No. 1 was considerably delayed at several stations recently, on account of the operators being asleep, and failed to block properly. Although the boys are working on the eight-hour basis, some of them are getting very careless. This shows poor judgment on the part of the telegraphers who fought so hard for the eight-hour system.

Second vice-president's special passed over the division, from Francis to St. Louis, Sunday, November 14th, returning to headquarters in Chicago, after several months' of inspecting through the Western cities.

Business is picking up right along. There has not as yet been any car shortage, as the officials are working hard and keeping after cars to avoid it.

A washout at Aurora Ave., north of St. Louis, recently caused considerable trouble for our officials, and quite a delay to trains.

Dispatching trains by telephone will probably be inaugurated shortly; material therefor being unloaded at each station recently.

An inspection special was run over the division Sunday, November 14th, inspecting the bridges.

R. L. Ledford, one of our best conductors, was recently appointed assistant trainmaster of the

St. Joseph Division, relieving Mr. Lewellen, who relieved former Trainmaster Worden.

R. M. Ogilvie, former trainmaster of this division, recently appointed assistant superintendent of the Brookfield Division, has resigned to accept the general superintendency of the Western Pacific at Elko, Nevada.

Chief Dispatcher Lowrie has resumed duty after a short vacation, hunting in the Moody Bottoms. He was relieved by A. H. Sargent, first trick dispatcher.

T. L. Donahoe relieved Bro. Parks, at Orchard farm; Bro. Parks going to Foley as agent, relieving Bro. J. R. Dempsey, relief agent, who resumed second at Peruque. Later on Donahoe was dismissed, and relieved by R. E. Cramer.

Telephone Operator Painter landed first at Hannibal freight yards, relieving W. H. Blackshaw, who is now stenographer in Chief Dispatcher Lowrie's office. Painter was relieved on third by J. W. Stout, from Ashburn.

Bro. R. H. Hicks is on second, Alexandria, being relieved at Moody by I. A. Feaster, extra, from "X" office.

Bro. C. Maynard, agent, Ashburn, spent Sunday with his home folks in Illinois recently. He secured an application during November, and has the promise of several more the first of the year.

Bro. H. Parks, third, of Orchard Farm, has taken the agency at Foley; vice Bro. W. J. Mears, gone to Martinsburg as agent.

Bro. R. Dempsey has gone to Moody as second trick telegrapher, permanently.

Bro. Fred Vance, of Seeburger, off on account of sickness, relieved by J. R. West, of Buell.

Bro. F. H. Brinkman, Ethlyn, was called home to LaGrange, by the serious illness of his mother.

B. P. Boyer, first, Clarksville, has returned from a ten days' vacation, spent with home folks at Granger, Mo.

Frank Miner, first at Old Monroe, has resumed duty after a short layoff, relieving Mr. Ocheltree, who took the Fort Madison agency. W. J. Benjamin is acting as agent at Bellflower, temporarily. Bro. C. L. Blincoe, third, Peruque, has accepted a similar position at Hawk Point. Bro. E. J. Heather, agent, Peruque, has landed the Bellflower agency on bulletin.

R. E. Ainge, agent, West Alton, has resumed second trick at Saverton for some time.

A. W. Ogilvie has landed second at Louisiana, permanently.

R. D. McQuann, Reading, first, dismissed recently.

The boys should all send items of interest to the local chairman not later than the 15th of each month, so he can get them in for publication in time. If every one would send only one item, we could have a good write-up for our division in every issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. Let all get busy and not depend entirely on the local chairman, as it is impossible for him to catch all the news.

We wish you all a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."

CARD 17024, CERT. 1356 AND CERT. 2548.

St. Joseph Division—

As we have not been represented for such a long time, it will probably be a surprise to many members to see a write-up this month. Bro. Morgan, of Forbes, who formerly acted as local correspondent, has too much other work to attend to, so you will please send your "dope" to Bro. C. E. Rosling, at Napier, who will see that the matter gets in to THE TELEGRAPHER in plenty of time in the future.

Prof. (?) Scott, of the Semi-Telegraphic Institute at Watson, has run out of material, severed his connections with the concern and gone to Rockport as agent. It took several days for Extra Agent Pierce to straighten out the various reports and accounts, owing to the condition in which Mr. Scott had left them. Understand Mr. Scott is going to work in a bank at Watson shortly. They must be doing a thriving business there to need the services of a messenger boy.

Bro. J. A. Hayward has been transferred from Payne, second, to Nodaway, third; relieved by Bro. H. F. Johnson.

Bro. F. C. Hogue, days at Tarkio, resigned to go West; relieved by Bro. H. E. Millen, from Curzons, third, who was relieved by Henry Sprekelmeyer.

Bro. V. A. Solleder, third, Bigelow, while off a few days with a mashed finger, was relieved by Bro. H. F. Johnson, who later on relieved F. L. Stewart, at Forrest City, who was called away on account of the death of a relative.

Bro. C. E. Rosling, Napier, third, on ten days' vacation visiting relatives in Illinois; was relieved by J. H. Collins, who was missing one night, and Messrs. Scott and Shaw had to work twelve-hour tricks until Bro. Rosling's return.

H. M. Williams, Florence Yards, third, to "C" office, was relieved by Bro. P. H. Gibbons, "FY," second.

O. H. Schwandt, "FY," second, called to El Reno, Okla.; relieved by Bro. Bivin, of Iatan.

Bro. L. C. Mathis, agent at Nishna, on a ten days' vacation; relieved by R. S. Dew, a new man.

Bro. W. E. Atherton, Hamburg, second, on a trip through Oklahoma; relieved by Bro. Don McBride, from the Creston Division.

Bro. Dobyns, Corning, second, off hunting ducks. Think he could use the gun to good advantage at Corning if that is what it takes to get members.

S. M. Clark, agent at Langdon, on a pleasure trip through Ohio, Bro. T. L. Lipps working as agent and G. H. Payne on second trick.

C. H. Martin, wire chief at St. Joe, transferred to Galesburg, E. M. Lusk, of Chicago, taking his place.

J. E. Bell, third trick dispatcher on the north end, made a trip over the line recently, presumably looking for ducks, as a change of diet from the "ham" handed out to him each night.

Bro. A. W. South, Northboro, to "CA" office, Clarinda. Bro. Winslow, Jr., from Ford City, got Northboro on bulletin.

Mr. Haman, who relieved Bro. Potter for a short vacation, resigned, and was relieved by Bro.

H. F. Johnson, who went to Payne on Bro. Potter's return.

Bro. W. E. Lee, McPaul, second, to Island Park, second.

Bro. J. S. Clanton, agent at Percival, to Armour, first, on bulletin. Bro. L. J. Millen to Percival, as agent.

Mr. White, Nodaway, third, left the service; relieved by Bro. G. L. Campbell, from the Big Four.

Bro. D. E. Whitmore, Forbes, third, got Nodaway, second, and Bro. E. M. Fisher, Nodaway, second, got Nodaway, third, on bulletin.

Bro. G. U. Grant, first at Block 31, has left the service and gone to the K. C. S.

Bro. "Bill" Allen, Parkville, second, who took a short vacation, visiting home folks in Illinois recently, relieved by Mr. Spaulding, got first on his return, Mr. Spaulding getting third, relieved by Mr. Gillis, from the Hannibal Division. Mr. Strol is working as agent while S. V. Dooley is taking a vacation.

Bro. Snyder, Albany, to Block 31, second, on bulletin.

Five new positions opened up: Block 4, second and third, East Leavenworth, third, and Buxton, first and second.

With the new time table in effect November 28th, the Bigelow branch trains that have been laying up at Bigelow, will be run through to Napier, making the present good business a little heavy. Work has been going on the last month on the new round house there, and in bettering the water service. Napier will soon need more telegraphers.

Mr. H. M. Shaw, Napier, second, has left the service.

Brothers, all sit up and take notice, for we are going to try and have a meeting next month and each month thereafter. CERT. 1033.

La Crosse Division—

There was no news in THE TELEGRAPHER from this end of the "Q" last month because the boys were all too busy to send in a few items to the division correspondent. It is next to impossible to have good write-ups every month if the boys along the line don't help us out with a few notes. So I wish some of you would get busy and drop me a few lines each month and let us know what is going on along the line.

Bro. David Rupp, of East Winona, sent in a few items. In the rush they became misplaced, but we wish to thank him just the same and hope he will try it again.

As we look along the line and see a number of the boys who have received a benefit in wages, etc., we often wonder how they can stand in their own light and say the Order has done them no good. The cost will hardly average 25 cents a week and there are very few who are unable to give that much to help the work along. Others say I have been paying in for years and have not received any personal benefit. Boys, look back a few years and answer truthfully, have you, or

have you not received a benefit in some way. Who was behind the nine-hour law?

Some of our brothers who are behind in dues, have those who are paid up working in the same office with them. Why don't you try and have them do the right thing and have a solid lay out. Don't let a little petty jealousy stand in the way. If we all fell down and let our dues go unpaid who would take up your fight?

Bro. M. A. Dederick, of Victory, has been doing the extra agent's stunt for the past month, relieving Agent Rollins at Stockholm and Agent Lane at Trempealeau. These are the two men who always give the excuse, when asked to do the right, thing, that they are going to leave the service and it wouldn't be much use to join for a short time. Still they are working and receiving the benefits. I asked a non recently why he didn't make good, and he said he didn't see why he should join, when members of the Order were going to drop out on account of our taking the telephoners in with us. I don't see why that should be any objection when it makes the Order all the stronger to have them in. If you don't like the schedule, kick to the right party. Don't tell your troubles to everybody you see. It not only hurts yourself and keeps the Order from getting new members in lots of cases, but it also injures your chance of getting a better schedule next time. We still have one of the greatest knockers against the Order working on the south end of this division. It seems to be impossible to make this man understand what is good for him. It seems that an infant ought to have more gray matter than this man is blessed with.

It looks as if some one has been giving ex-Bro. Hartman a string of hot air for belonging to the Order, causing him to drop out. I hope he will soon realize his mistake and be with us again for good.

The following jobs are now on the bulletin: Third trick, McCartney; third at De Soto; second trick at Oakland and Curry; first and third at South Junction; second at Grand Crossing Yard.

On account of a shortage of operators, Losey has been closed from 11 p. m. to 8 a. m., and we have had the pleasure of hearing the "Misses" working the third trick at Fountain City for a week or so.

Bro. C. E. Dyer, second trick at Grand Crossing, received second trick at Prairie du Chien on bulletin, Bro. Linder going back to his old place at Hanover.

Bro. Clarence Lindrud, who spent the summer on his claim in Canada, has returned and accepted the position of telegrapher at Oakland, but being unable to pass the medical examination he was taken out of service.

Mr. Sperry, Oakland, third, is acting agent at Hager; relieved by Mr. Benson, a new man.

One of the numerous "baggage smashers" acting as helpers at Fountain City, is on first at Lytle.

Bro. Kemp transferred from second to first trick at Curry. Mr. Mouring on second.

J. P. Groff, East Dubuque, secured the agency at East Winona. This puts Bro. Griffin back on third at Fountain City.

Bro. Slaats, first, Blanding, has taken second at McCartney, his old home; Mr. Hass, a new man, relieving.

Mr. Sullivan, third, Rutledge, resigned to go into other business. Relieved by S. C. Kitchen, who was at Galena Junction some three years ago.

Mr. Buss, helper at Potosi, relieved Mr. Hammond on third there, who left for parts unknown.

W. B. Potts, first at Grand Crossing Yard, has been promoted as night chief at La Crosse. We are all glad to hear of this promotion.

Bro. J. C. Byrne received second at Grand Crossing on bulletin.

Bro. M. A. Griffin, third trick Fountain City, bid in the agency at Nelson.

Mr. Smith, of Dubuque, is at home sick.

Bro. P. F. Faber, of Galena Junction, was a visitor at Dubuque recently.

CERT. 1371.

Wymore Division-

This division is in good shape now, the boys seem to be sitting up and taking notice of what is for their own interest and are getting in line in nice shape. We now have but two delinquents on the division, with good prospects of getting them lined up before Christmas.

The Wymore Division has always been in the front ranks and we are glad to see the boys intend to keep it there.

We have a number of new applications to show we are not dead and the majority of the members have paid up their dues for the present term, although a few still straggle along in arrears.

Above all, we have the glorious (?) knocker in our midst the same as all other divisions. Did you ever notice the tactics employed by the knocker? How he will buttonhole the willing listener and proceed to convince him that the O. R. T. never benefited its members in the least, in spite of the fact that every member and every non on this division is enjoying an increase of from \$5.00 to \$20.00 per month secured through the efforts of the O. R. T.? And this same knocker occasionally finds a convert who allows the wool to be pulled over his eyes, when, by using a small amount of horse sense he could readily figure there are no grounds for a kick, but there are reasons why all should stay with the ship and keep their dues paid up, thereby helping along a good cause.

We also have the nons who should be brought into line. What are you doing to secure their applications? Now that the weather has cooled off let us make a joint effort to land every one of them.

Telegrapher Chance says he used to carry a card, but the Order never done him any good. Wonder how he figures the \$19.00 per month increase he is drawing, secured by the O. R. T., during the past five years? Some people are born near-sighted, while others shirk the truth to keep from paying dues.

The boys will all be sorry to learn that L. E. Taylor, superintendent's chief clerk, has resigned and removed to Portland, Ore.

Bro. Redline, agent at Peru, has resigned. We wish him the best of success wherever he casts his lot.

W. B. Beck, agent at Liberty, recently on a short vacation; was relieved by Bro. Hartzell.

Bro. Henderson, agent at Fortescue, on a three weeks' leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Dempsey.

Telegrapher McGuire, resigned, and Bro. T. M. Mann, who secured third at Rulo on bulletin, went to third at Sterling temporarily, and later on relieved Bro. Hathaway at Hebron for a short vacation. Later, on McGuire went to Fortescue nights.

Bro. Roscoe Zink was recently called to Sterling by the death of his father. Mr. Mann was transferred to Table Rock temporarily, and Bro. Bert Borland relieved at Sterling until his return.

Bro. Gum, second, Table Rock, while on vacation, recently, was relieved by Mr. Parsons.

Bro. Milburn, from the R. I., on third at Rulo. Mr. Blodgett, a new man from Kentucky, is at Salem nights. The boys on the east end should line him up.

Bro. Holman, "SN," Wymore, has been visiting relatives in Illinois.

Mr. D. G. Knowles, wire chief at Wymore, relieved while on vacation by E. F. Rowe.

Bro. P. C. Jones, agent at Morrow, while on sick list, relieved by Mr. Brown, from Washington.

D. E. Lloyd, agent at Western, recently on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Zettle.

Telegrapher Propst, recently transferred from Chester to second at Tecumseh.

H. R. Atkinson, formerly a member, was killed at Sutton recently while performing his duties as freight brakeman.

D. A. Skyrme, Concordia, C. C. Shelley, Firth, and T. M. Mann, Fortescue, are three of the latest to file their applications.

Third trick man has been put on at Nebraska City, and former Bro. C. D. Hohaus is doing one of the stunts. We trust he will get into the ranks again.

Bro. L. G. Antrim, agent at Armour, visited his relatives in Lincoln recently.

Bro. L. Hockett, Falls City, has been transferred to "SN," Wymore, and Bro. Jack Dempsey to second, Falls City, on bulletin.

Bro. Grimes, at Brownville, pending appointment of permanent agent. Bro. Lewis transferred to Peru agency.

Mr. Atkins, of Edgar, is on vacation, relieved by Mr. Royce, from DeWitt.

Bro. Hicks, agent at DeWeese, has been enjoying a vacation recently.

Bro. Lovcjoy, agent at Swanton, recently on vacation; was relieved by Extra Agent Stewart.

Bro. R. E. Jones transferred from agency at Verdon to Brownville.

Bro. Will Hitchcock has resigned the agency at Lawrence to engage in the real estate business with his father at Sterling. Will was a hustler

for the Order and we very much dislike to lose him, but understand he will still carry a card.

Bro. Zettle, who went to Johnson to relieve Bro. Jessup, was taken seriously ill and relieved by Bro. Hartzell.

Bro. Joe Litty, agent at Kesterson, has gone to braking; relieved by Mr. Hayes, a phoner.

Bro. Graves, of "SN," Wymore, was absent a few days recently on account of the death of a relative.

M. D. Allen, agent at Ohioa, has returned from his vacation in Colorado.

Bro. J. A. Bollman, Creston Division, is at Firth temporarily, while Mr. Korner is on his vacation.

Mr. Heskett, agent at Firth, recently on vacation, was relieved by Bro. H. S. Grimes.

Let us all try to round up some of the younger ones. Trust you boys will come across with some news for next month not later than the 20th.

No cards, no favors.

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to His eternal home the father of our worthy Bro. Roscoe C. Zink; be it therefore

Resolved, That the members of Division No. 130, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to Bro. Zink and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this their sad hour; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent THE TELEGRAPHER and a copy to our esteemed Bro. Zink.

W. F. HITCHCOCK,
C. R. SHANDY,
W. F. DENTON.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish through THE TELEGRAPHER to extend thanks to the members of Division No. 130, who furnished the beautiful floral offering on the death of our father.

R. C. ZINK,
L. R. ZINK,
C. E. ZINK,
V. ZINK, JR.

Alliance Division—

General Chairman Bro. Lamb on a trip over this division recently, and says we are coming to the front. It is certainly encouraging to have a general chairman who knows how to mix with the members of the system.

I would like to hear from some of the brothers on the Deadwood line. I have been unable to get any information from that territory. If the boys will answer the letters written them up there, I think by January 1, 1910, we will have the "phoners" with us.

We will try from now on to have a write-up every month, but it is a hard matter to do it all alone. So the more we hear from the brothers, the better the write-up.

Bro. Shields, advises me that all of the men at Alliance, with the exception perhaps of one

or two, are anxious to get a card, and are talking of renting a hall at that place and having regular meetings. I will ascertain the dates of the meetings so that that any member along the line may be able to attend. Bro. Shields is a hard worker, and has done much good for the Order among his fellow-workers in Alliance and out on the line. It will be one of the best things that ever happened to have a local lodge for the members of this division.

Several of the boys along here are very much behind with their dues, and we hope they will get up-to-date at once. You will all feel better if you keep your dues paid up, and it will save us considerable time and money in keeping up the division. You must remember that your M. B. D. dues are to be paid six months in advance, the same as your O. R. T. dues.

A jolly bunch of telegraphers, members and non-members, were entertained at the residence of Mr. C. C. Waite, Tuesday evening, November 9th. A Dutch lunch having been served, interesting games were played by the respective devotees. The "OS" quartet, Shields, Waite, Mifka and Maxwell, however, were the star attraction. Everybody present had a most enjoyable time.

There is a certain brakeman on this division, who cuts in instruments where there is no night operator, and takes orders for trains. Boys, please look out and prevent this if possible. There are enough telegraphers in the United States to furnish this division all the night men needed.

Bro. C. F. Cheadle, on vacation, is being relieved by Mr. Wilson.

Bro. F. Doolittle, agent, Dunning, at his own request, transferred to third trick at Anselmo, was relieved by I. G. Wright, from the Alliance relay office.

Mr. Somerville, from Litchfield, third, to Seneca, third, has been transferred to Crawford, relieving Mr. Davis, who is visiting friends in the vicinity of Broken Bow.

Roy Lowe, assistant ticket agent, Deadwood, is visiting friends and relatives at Broken Bow and vicinity.

Roy Haner, agent at Nemo, will be with us shortly as a 'phoner.

Mr. Riggs is now at Whitman, holding one of the tricks landed by some one there.

Extra Agent McKinnie is working second at Seneca.

S. R. Cheadle, second trick at Anselmo, is now at Hecla, nights; relieved by Bro. Adams.

Bro. W. E. Herncall, extra agent, is relieving Bro. Fountain, at Whitman, on account of the illness of Bro. Fountain's father.

Art Athey has been transferred from Orella, nights, to third at Halsey.

Bro. A. F. Pinkley has returned from a pleasant trip to Galveston, Houston, Kansas City, Wichita and Denver.

H. L. Brown, while on vacation, was relieved by Sid Parkison.

C. F. Triplett is cashier at Crawford temporarily.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Sheridan Division—

We cannot understand why any sane man can argue that organization is not best for any profession, when you compare the wages of today with what wages were a few years ago. If it had not been for the O. R. T., the telegraphers today would be cleaning and putting up switch lights, working sixteen to twenty hours without a let up and several other things as undesirable. Better get wise now, join your organization and help secure better wages and perfect conditions.

Some of you nons will know what "No cards, no favors" means when you get out to hunt a job, which any telegrapher is liable to have to do some time. Better get up-to-date and be on the safe side. There's where you belong anyway. It's your first duty.

We have as nice a set of dispatchers as can be found, and we should show our appreciation by attending to business. Don't sleep on duty, answer your calls promptly and give them the best information attainable in regard to trains, etc., so they can handle their work without delay. They will surely appreciate it. There has been several let out in the past month or two for sleeping, getting drunk also, and leaving their places of duty without permission. So it's best to obtain permission, and you will be on the safe side.

No. 43, of October 31st, run into a bunch of cattle near Minturn, killing twenty-one head. Fortunately, the train was not delayed. Section men from Gillette and Rozet cleared the track.

There was a freight wreck on the Alliance Division on the night of November 2d, derailing several cars, but, fortunately, none of the train crew was injured.

Work trains are busy distributing telegraph poles. Looks like there is going to be something doing in the way of improvement of telephone line.

A new time card went into effect November 1st. The changes are very slight on the main line. A couple more trains were put on the branches.

There were twenty-five positions advertised on the last bulletin.

We have the promise of several applications this month. Make those fellers live up to their promises.

There are several new men in the Sheridan relay offices, and all seem very sociable.

Wire Chief Chester, of Sheridan relay offices, and Mr. Knowles, of the McCook relay offices, had a hunting trip through the Big Horn Mountains the first part of November.

Bro. Wallace has resigned and expects to leave for the sunny South.

E. R. Youell, third Arvada, upon returning from leave of absence, was sent to Clifton to work third trick.

Sister Claire Shaughenassy, first trick Rozet, while in Sheridan recently, was relieved by Fred. D. Swet.

Bro. Hinman, third, Newcastle, taken suddenly ill, and Bro. Richardson and Mr. Faulkner had to double on account no extra men available.

Bro. Butler, second, Gillette, is now working for the U. P., at Bostler, Wyo.

Bro. McPherson, agent, Upton, has returned from leave of absence, and his relief, Mr. Fagan, is back on second, relieving Mr. Kelly, who has gone East.

Bro. J. E. Scobee, Arvada, is now working for the K. C. S., at Heavener, Okla.

Mr. Morse, Kendrick, days, resigned, and relieved by F. C. Connor, from Detroit.

O. A. Roode, first, Verona, on a thirty-day leave of absence.

Bro. R. P. Peck, second, Hardin, resigned, and will devote his time to his homestead at old Ft. Custer.

Bro. J. N. Herbert, Ulm, third, resigned, relieved by Mr. Manley, from the Rock Island.

Mr. Fuller, third, Clearmont, resigned, relieved by Mr. Thurmond, from the South.

Bro. Haywood, agent, Parkham, on vacation, being relieved by Bro. Arnold, second trick man at that point.

Mr. Therman, third, Clearmont, has left the service, relieved by Bro. Reinhart.

Mrs. Ronan, third at Rozet, is relieving Bro. Reinhart, on third at Hardin.

J. W. Bryant relieved Mr. Wallace, resigned, at Osage.

Bro. Edge, second, Ulm, left the service, relieved by F. C. Connor, third, Ulm, and Bro. Spurgin relieved Mr. Connor.

Mr. Chapman, third, Verona, transferred to third Oriva relieving Bro. Thomas.

Send all the notes you can obtain to either Bro. Brummell, Rozet, or Bro. Meehan, Ulm, who will see that they reach the proper party.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Omaha Division—

Bro. Holt made a fifteen-day trip over the Omaha Division recently, landing a few nons. He had good luck, securing an even dozen. There was a few of them left, who claimed to be broke and would come in next pay day, so we will see how many of them keep their word. Bro. Holt was relieved by Extra Agent Bro. Adams, who later on relieved Bro. Weaver, at Plainview, a few days.

With the help of all the members, the Omaha Division can now be made solid and kept that way. Every member should keep after his neighbor, as the nons are not very thick at present, and we have only two delinquent members on the division.

Freight traffic is very heavy on this division this month, and every member should do his best to show the officials that he appreciates the position he holds. The better service we give the easier it will be to do business, when we are trying to revise the schedule. There is no one barred now from belonging in the relay offices, and all the telegraphers have permission to bid for positions. Any one wishing a relay position should file their application with the wire chief of that office.

Mr. Fauble, traveling auditor, passed over the division recently, checking up the typewriters.

The company are contemplating buying them all in.

Bro. Adams relieved Bro. Walthier, at Lyons, while he attended court a few days.

Mr. Baker, at Page, cannot see any benefit in joining the Order. But he is always looking for any old thing the Order can secure that will benefit him.

Mr. Carson, who relieved Bro. McKee, at Yutan, while the latter was on a trip to Texas and New Mexico, relieved Bro. Snethin, at Dakota City, for a short vacation, and then went to Royal to relieve the agent there for thirty days.

Bro. J. G. Marsh, Jackson, Neb., is acting as assistant local chairman. Bro. Marsh will be pleased to have any of the boys send him a few items for the journal. Now, let all the brothers send in a few notes, so that we may get them started by the 10th of the month. Last month we lost out entirely by being a little late. Please do not let this happen again, as we want to have something in THE TELEGRAPHER every month, so every one will know that the Omaha Division is coming to the front. "MC."

Brookfield Division—

Bulletin No. 50, issued from the chief dispatcher's office on November 9th, was addressed to "all operators." Who is responsible for this kind of work? If some of the agents were not so tight with stationery, etc., there would be no necessity for such complaints.

Bulletin Nos. 51 and 52 are quite important and we should give them our attention.

Following positions are open on bulletin: first, Laclede; second, Anabel; second, Lundall Ave.; third, Kearney, and agency, Chandler.

Bro. G. R. Crandall, of Laclede, has gone to the Frisco. Bro. Crandall was a very willing worker in the interest of our Order and we will miss him very much.

Bro. E. M. Wood has bid in second trick at Meadville.

Bro. Will Hackensmith is relieving Wm. McCue at Chandler, on short vacation.

The general manager's special has been down the way quite frequently of late.

Bro. Teich has returned to Bingham tower.

Bro. Pickett is back at Randolph, second and Bro. K. G. Williams is at Cameron, extra.

Mr. Brant, Brookfield, bid in third at Kearney.

Owing to a misunderstanding Bro. Middleton, who secured first trick at Hamilton, was removed from the service, but we hope to see the matter adjusted soon as possible.

Bro. R. E. Leake has just returned from a vacation in the West, visiting his brother in Plainville, Kans., while away.

Bro. E. M. Wood bid in the agency at Chandler. Wm. McCue has resumed duty on second and Bro. Hackensmith is at Turney.

Bro. Rawell is taking a few days' vacation, relieved by W. J. Allen. CONT. 1503.

Sterling Division—

Almost every day we hear of some telegrapher leaving his chosen occupation to try something more lucrative and he generally succeeds.

The fact is, our wages don't compare with the increased cost of products from the farm, garden and factory, which we are compelled of necessities to purchase.

Our wages are far too low and we should assist in the adjustment of this wage question by lining up the Sterling division with a solid membership. Let us each appoint ourselves a committee of one and get busy.

Brothers: Don't those of you who have not paid your dues for the current term realize that a large portion of the increase in pay, secured in our last schedule went to the Sterling division? Now, why not show us how you appreciate our efforts.

Bro. M. F. Bodinstab, agent at Wallace, the only station on "the Highline that was not in card line," has been appointed assistant local chairman for that branch and will no doubt do some good work over there.

Bro. D. R. McCallum, of Custis, gave us a few lines of news and promises renewed efforts on his part in keeping the boys on the Highline up-to-date.

Bro. Feary, at Mitchell, is still assistant local chairman on the Guernsey branch, and we are expecting him to send in several applications shortly.

The new members and transfers this month helps out this division. Several promises on file, we hope will soon be fulfilled.

Bro. C. L. Lamb spent a few days on the division this month and has left a feeling of confidence among the brothers.

A night man has recently been put on at Letan, between Alliance and Angora.

A new office was opened recently at Marlow, with Bro. Laxton of Chicago division No. 91 in charge.

Bro. O. E. Hunter after a few weeks' vacation is again in the harness, as cashier at Scott's Bluff.

E. W. Swanson, from Illinois, is agent at Bridgeport, while Mr. Mitz is acting as cashier.

Bro. E. A. Broughton, at Venango, is now in the live stock business on a small scale, a colt being expressed to his station recently, the charges being more than the value of the animal. Better show it on your "46" report for disposition.

Bro. A. B. DeLaLoyd, of Sterling, is at Sheridan, Wyo. He was a great help to the Order when he was with us and we know he will help out on Bro. Meehan's division.

Bro. E. A. Broughton, Venango, while attending court recently, was relieved by Bro. Bodinstab.

Bro. Fleming, agent, Angora, is still trying to get relieved, to make another trip to Kansas.

Ex-Bro. J. S. Enlow and family are off to Indiana for a long vacation.

J. T. MADDOX.

McCook Division—

On account of the death of our former local chairman, the McCook division has not been written up in the journal for some time. If the members will send in some items by the 10th or 15th of each month we will try and have a good write-up from this division in every issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. There should be more interest shown and remember that:

"Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Makes the mighty ocean,
And the beautiful land."

Every member of the division should write the local chairman, Bro. C. M. Osborne, Wray, Colo., and give him all the news he can hear of.

When you hear a new man on the line, or one comes to your station to work, quietly investigate and see if he is up to date. If he is not, do all you can to get him to join and show him that he is welcome among us. This may be the means of keeping a good man on this division, and we want all the good men we can get.

To any that are yet behind in their dues we say: "Don't give up the O. R. T." Let us make that our motto and ere the year 1910 passes we may be able to try for a new schedule.

Some say they are in hard luck, and others "we are getting no benefit from the Order." Ask them how they got the nine-hour day. "Thanks to Bro. Murphy." Don't forget to look out for the company's interest, and show the officials that it pays to keep union men. Then when the committee goes up to renew the schedule there will be no cause for complaint on this score. Try to get the business. Be courteous with the traveling public, and answer pleasantly all inquiries regarding rates and routes.

On account of the increase in business several new positions have been created and if the company could get the men several more would probably be opened up. The cry is for more cars, and more telegraphers from all over the country.

We hope in the future to see all positions advertised in accordance with the schedule, better than has been the case recently. Any members who knows of a violation of the schedule will not be doing his duty if he fails to notify the local chairman.

Don't tell your troubles to outsiders, but tell them to your brother officials who are elected, or appointed for this purpose. Neither the general nor the local chairman can do any thing, unless you do your part. Be steadfast and always ready to stand up for our rights, and we will come out victorious.

I have been wondering since I have about finished reading through our valued journal, for November, how many members took notice of the letter from Erie Ry. "Susquehanna division," signed division correspondent. I trust that every member of the McCook division read this and gave it much thought. How long would it take us to get on top if every union man would simply refuse to buy non-union goods? There is no use

for me to discuss it as this brother has fully explained it. I trust that it will impress you and all who read it to demand the label.

I believe another good idea for us to put into practice, is when we have finished reading the journal, to send it to some non member. We might appreciate it more than you think. I know that it would impress him with the fact that we are interested in him, and it might cause him to file his application. Just try this and see.

We held a meeting at Wray, Colo., as per bulletin, on November 6th, and those who were not there don't know what they missed. While we did not have an enormous crowd, we had enough to make all present enjoy it. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Bro. Lamb spoke first in order to take No. 6 for home. We did not like to give him up so soon, but he was anxious to get home as he had been away for almost two weeks. He gave us an hour's instructions and interesting talk, which was appreciated by every one present.

Bro. R. O. Young, agent at Wiggins, Colo., carried off the honor of being the one to come the farthest to attend the meeting.

After Bro. Lamb left, there was very little speech-making, as we all talked at once and had a good time in general.

Bro. Floyd Stayner, of Akron, stated that they were not being fairly dealt with there as they are furnished only a twenty-five dollar helper, while Wray has a forty-four dollar man.

I done my best to have our helper, Mr. Will Diss on hand, in order to show the style of helper we had, and to convince them that he is worth all he gets. But he was nowhere to be found, and we thought he must have hid for fear we would turn the goat loose on him.

Bro. C. R. Hunt, of Akron, reported that they are covered up with work, and suggests that the matter be taken up with a view of getting more help during the rush. I am in favor of this, and think it is a shame to have to dig in the way some of us do.

I will endeavor to give the most important news possible in the way of changes and would be glad to have you call my attention to any mistakes I make.

Bro. F. A. Bullock is relieving agent at Pinneo.

Agent Colfer is on vacation to Kansas City; E. W. Robinson is relieving Bro. Overman on second trick for a short time, and D. A. Kyler on third.

H. Marley was assigned to Roggen on bulletin. Mr. Twmey, a new man on second and O. B. Landau on third.

Mr. Price, second, Keensburg, on vacation, relieved by J. R. Eskew from the I. C.

J. M. Williams from the Erie relieved P. M. Irwin at Barr.

Bro. A. V. Anderson, extra agent is helping out at Akron during the rush.

H. E. Pate, agent, Yuma, Colo., has resigned and accepted a position in the Bank of Yuma.

Mr. Hamilton, third man put on at Yuma recently on account of heavy business,

Third man, a newcomer and a non, put on at Eckley recently and second trick filled by Bro. W. C. Argenbright from the East.

Bro. H. C. Byers has returned from his trip to California.

Bro. H. R. Weyle, nights, Trenton, went to Holdrege, Neb., recently to be married.

Bro. M. A. Mountain transferred from Parks, Neb., agency, to Trarer, Kan., was relieved by Miss E. R. Holiday, of Brush, Colo.

Bro. and Sister Harding agent and second trick telegrapher respectively, at Haigler, Neb., while on a thirty-day vacation were relieved by L. McClintock, and Bro. J. O. Premer.

Bro. G. P. B. Towle has been assigned to the agency at Keensburg Colo. H. L. Huston transferred, from Yuma, Colo., nights, to the agency at Otis, Colo., C. C. Adams, from the G. S. and F., is doing the owl trick at Otis at present, H. E. Pate, agent, Yuma, Colo., is attending court, in behalf of the company, relieved by the night man; and H. L. Ruston, agent at Otis, Colo., is also attending court, being relieved by O. B. Landow.

Bro. C. Keershaw from New York, is doing the owl stunt at Eckley, Colo., and Bro. R. A. Gibbons from the Big 4 at Derby, Colo., while Mr. Hodge of the W. U. is working second "FH," Denver.

The boys at the latter point who are enjoying an increase in wages should see that the O. R. T. gets its share of the increase.

Bro. H. C. Byers, Lafayette, Colo., who was successfully operated on at the Denver hospital recently for appendicitis, will shortly take a 30-day vacation on a trip to California.

I hope the entire membership will lend all the support they can to the meetings we are holding, as I think there is great good to be derived therefrom. I hope to make these meetings regular, and will announce them ahead in the journal, as soon as I can get them going.

DIV. COR., CERT. 2647.

Ottumwa Division—

Bro. Shields handed in his resignation as local chairman on this division on account of having too much to do at his station. We appreciate his services in the past and are sorry to lose him as our local chairman. I shall serve you to the best of my ability and trust that I shall have your hearty co-operation.

Ten new applicants have filled out the papers which will be completed on pay day.

The non-members are getting scarcer every day and we should do everything honorable in our power to get the rest of them in. But, remember, that occasionally a man comes along who is not deserving to be called brother. This kind we don't want at all if their habits are such as to be a detriment to us. It will not do, however, for us to relax in our interest and think that the Order has served its purpose because non-members are getting scarce. Whenever you do that you can put on your yoke and overalls,

Let us avoid the conditions that exist today on some roads caused by relaxing of interest in the Order where they are almost down and out.

Vacancies on this division will be bulletined on the first, tenth and twentieth of each month. When positions are placed on bulletin, do not apply for them unless you really want them, and when you ask for them make up your mind to stand out for your rights, if you are entitled to such places over the men that are given them. Do not complain if you do not do this.

I am sorry that I am unable to give you any news this month, but I have been very busy getting things lined up for this work. I shall try and find some good brother that will act as correspondent. Please send all the news to me as early as possible and I will see that it reaches the correspondent.

By the time that this appears in print you will have received your notice of dues from Bro. Henry and you will also have received your pay, and if you have not already done so remit at once. Let us flood his office December pay day with our remittances.

C. A. WALTER.

Beardstown Division—

F. H. Berry, second, East Alton, has resigned to go with the Standard Oil Co., at Wood River.

Bro. C. K. Knapp and father, went to Brown-ing recently on a hunting expedition.

Mr. Ballard, agent, West Roodhouse, who took in the sights with President Taft down the Mississippi river, was relieved by Bro. C. K. Hanks.

W. E. Hale, first, Winchester, on a vacation to Colorado, relieved by Bro. W. E. Cline, second, A. D. Hale taking second.

Medora nights, has been closed. Bro. C. K. Hanks, taking first trick at Hagener; relieving Riley, who took third at yard office, Bowman from yards, took second, Bro. Stehmann, third, relieving E. M. Mosier, who went to third at East Alton.

A. D. Hale Winchester has resigned to go into the commission business.

CORRESPONDENT.

Q. O. & K. C. Division—

Bro. Griffith, of Trimble, and Bro. Husted, of Nashua, took in the sights at Kansas City, during the fall festivities.

Telegrapher Baker, from "HE" office, Kansas City, transferred to Milen as extra dispatcher, was relieved by Gene Alexander, from Novinger.

N. C. Griffith, Milan, has been off on thirty days' vacation.

D. O. Goggin, at Novinger, will renew his membership in the Order in the near future.

Miss Bates, agent, at Santa Rosa, has been transferred to Avondale.

H. H. Tittle, dispatcher, Milan, after starting on his vacation was called back on account of R. K. Alexander, C. D. & T. M. being taken sick.

Will appreciate it if the brothers will send me some more news.

R.

Creston Division—

Bro. G. M. Skinner, third at Malvern, transferred to same trick, Hastings, relieved by Bro. E. R. Songer, of the C. & E. I.

S. T. Spencer, second, Malvern, transferred to the Bedford agency; Bro. G. C. Alfrey, third, Emerson, secured Malvern, third on bulletin.

C. E. Gerard, second, Brooks, resigned, relieved by Mr. Beck, of Chicago.

Bro. C. E. Adkins, second, Nodaway, was off recently with an attack of the gripe.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

First Division, Richmond District—

The changes on this end of the pike are now all being properly bulletined, our very efficient local chairman being right on to his job all the time. The men appreciate these bulletins as evidenced by the number of applications filled for each place, and the manner in which they insist on their rights being observed. There is nothing that makes a schedule hold good, like both sides living up to it. There will be better feeling among the employees, they will perform their duties better, and the company will gain much in good service, whenever the district officials show they want to do the right thing by the telegraphers.

* The new phones will be in operation shortly and we will try to give an impartial view of the situation in the January issue, for the benefit of the men on the other districts of the system. If they are a good thing, we want all to know it, if they are not, then we are equally anxious that you should know all about it, from our standpoint.

J. M. Young, the W. U. scab, has left the A. C. L., and gone to the C. & O. They are welcome to all such. He will get what's coming to him now.

Bro. W. H. Taylor, of Division No. 33, is working temporarily at "CY" tower, Clopton, relieving Bro. Jenks, who went to third at Collier, while Bro. Meadows is off sick.

Bro. Taylor held Centralia until it was bid in by M. M. Rice.

Bro. J. C. Grigg goes from "B" tower to Dunlop, Bro. West going to Reams as agent, vice Bro. Halligan, removed.

Bro. J. K. McCotter, bid in third nights at "B" tower and is studying law on the side. This is an example of what any eight or nine-hour man can do for self improvement.

The hours at "XN," Petersburg, have been changed, so Bro. Cooper goes on duty at 12 midnight and is off at 10:00 a. m. They certainly do put it to some of us on this hour proposition.

A new office, opened at Richmond, north end of bridge, known as "JR" Tower, paying \$65.00 per month, has been bulletined, and from the number of applicants, must be considered a pretty good position.

I am glad to see the men taking so much interest in the filling of vacancies. It shows they are not all asleep. I hope they will take equally as much interest in seeing that the nons are provided with application blanks and that they don't pigeon-hole them but use them as they should be.

D. C.

First Division, Richmond District, North—

The regular joint monthly meeting of the S. A. L. and N. & W. held in Petersburg on Saturday night, October 23d, was well attended and very enthusiastic.

Bro. J. H. Williams, of the A. C. L. presided as chief; Bro. T. G. Smoak, of the A. C. L., first vice; Bro. G. A. Duncan, of N. & W., second vice, and Bro. C. B. Lane, of N. & W. (local chairman Norfolk Division), past chief telegrapher, and Bro. L. E. Cooper, of A. C. L. (local chairman Richmond District), secretary.

After the regular routine work was completed, some interesting talks were made by Bros. Lane, Cooper and Williams. The telephone and the Automatic Block Signal system was pretty thoroughly discussed giving the members a better idea as to the operation, efficiency or inefficiency of these methods of handling trains than they had before coming to the meeting. Refreshments were served and thoroughly enjoyed.

It was arranged to hold the regular division meeting of the N. & W. system the third Saturday night in January at Petersburg and it is the desire of the A. C. L. officers that every man on the system who can possibly attend this meeting do so. We believe every member can learn a great deal from the N. & W. in regard to their method of doing business.

On account of the rain, some of our A. C. L. brothers failed to show up. We hope they will not let the rain keep them away next time. Get it into your head that we can't get along without you and be on hand each time. These meetings are becoming more interesting each month and Bro. Williams regrets very much that he can't be with us each month, but will certainly come as often as possible.

It may be of interest to the members on the extreme south end of the system to know that the A. C. L. is installing the telephone on this division for the operation of trains. The instruments have not been put in, but we understand that the method of calling any office is that of "the Gill Selector," something like a large "buzz," which by means of a switch in the dispatcher's office, he can call any particular office on a line without the call being heard in any other office. If possible, a full description of all the apparatus used will be given in next month's issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. Neither the dispatchers or the telegraphers on this district are very enthusiastic over the use of the telephone. It is understood that the superintendent and the chief dispatcher, who recently returned from a trip West, to inspect some of the lines who are using it believing it can be made practical on the A. C. L., are very much so. So if the officials decide it is an improvement over the telegraph, we should be prepared to handle the business that way.

We are looking for "the cards" from Bros. McCotter and Tignor. They make such frequent trips to Petersburg and get so interested in "the company" they are with, that they even forget to attend the meetings.

Changes have been made as follows: Agency at Reams now on bulletin, understand Mr. Halligan lost out. There are several applicants for the place, but expect Bro. G. J. Lanier will succeed in landing it as he is the oldest applicant, and is there temporarily.

Bro. L. Clemmer, of Dunlop, has been off recently afflicted with partial paralysis of the muscles of the face. We hope to see him entirely recovered ere long.

Bro. J. K. McCotter, Centralia, bid in third "B" tower, Manchester.

Bro. D. L. McCoy has been transferred from Jarrat to Battleboro.

S. J. Meadows, has returned and is again located at Collier.

T. M. Terry, transferred from Collier to Emporia and A. K. Terry from Collier to Petersburg tower, exchanging tricks with Bro. Nelms, who could no longer stand breathing the same atmosphere with the "professor" Beazley.

ACTING D. C.

First Division, Columbia District—

The reason that the Columbia district items have been so conspicuous by their absence from the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER is because no one has furnished any. One of the brothers who has written me about this, has promised to furnish items every month hereafter, and as he is in a position to know of all the changes, we may expect to be heard from pretty often in the future.

C. E. Eaves, second at Robbins, bid in third at Denmark; F. Sturgeon being promoted to the agency, vice F. V. James resigned. One more "sympathizer" gone from the road.

J. R. Schipman, first at Florence "WG" and another great promiser has resigned and is succeeded by Bro. C. W. Futch, from Robbins, who was relieved there by R. C. Tennell. H. M. McKnight is on the other trick at Robbins. The brothers should see that all these nons are given the proper invitations.

Bro. D. E. Wilson is now at Florence, "FN," coming there from Bennettsville.

Bro. J. F. Ezzell, from the Wilmington district, is clerk-telegrapher at Mayesville.

The Hartsville agency was bulletined. Conductor McLeod, was appointed instead of either of the applicants for the place. Some complaint has been made that the seniority rule was not observed, but from what can be learned none of the applicants could have held the position if they had been appointed. Conductor McLeod was formerly agent at Manchester, Va., before going on the road in the train service, and the writer first met him in an O. R. T. meeting. We expect to see him in the meetings again.

DAN.

First Division, Norfolk District—

The Norfolk district must be represented in THE TELEGRAPHER every month during the year 1910, and we want each member on the district to appoint himself a committee of one to see that the local chairman is given every item of interest, be-

fore the 15th of each month. Now don't decide because this is addressed to every member, that some of the others will attend to it and you can just let it go as it has been going.

I understand we have gotten rid of T. B. Capps, one of our scabs, and I hope we get rid of the other. We can also get rid of the nons on the district, by converting them into members. Don't call them hard names, but show them the advantages of membership in the O. R. T. If at first you can't make them see just as you do, don't get mad, or give up. Remember you were once a non and did not see as you do now. Perhaps you were easier to convince than some of the nons you have talked to, showing that you were quicker to see a good thing than they are. If they begin to make excuses, just accept them all and then try again. Some of our very best members were hard to make see the point.

I want to see 100 per cent of the men in the telegraph service with up-to-date cards by March 1st, and this can be done if every member will do his duty. This means me, it means you and it means the other fellow. Now I am going to try to do my duty, you do yours and remind the other fellow.

The following are among the recent changes:

Bro. W. L. Bailey, appointed agent at Port Norfolk, relieving Mr. Rainey, leaving the relief agency on bulletin. Bro. J. K. Cobb has been succeeded at Jamesville by G. S. Williams.

Bro. C. H. Roberson, of Palmyra, failed to deliver a train order and was dismissed, but on account of his previous good record has been offered extra work. Bro. Roberson is a first-class agent and we regret very much that he should have had this misfortune. D. C.

First Division, Wilmington District--

We can't afford to let the last month in the year pass without the Wilmington district being heard from. With this issue of the journal, nearly all the records for the year 1909 will have been made. Some will be almost perfect, some very imperfect. Many mistakes have been made, some unavoidable, others that could have been avoided. Let the mistakes of 1909 be stepping stones in the year 1910 leading us on to a more glorious future.

The very wisest man makes mistakes, the difference between the wise man and the fool is that the wise man only makes the same mistake once. The greatest successes are oftentimes built upon apparent failures. We can make the year 1910 a most memorable one if we all make up our minds to do so. Are you willing to try? I am not only willing, but am going to try. Join me, get your next neighbor to join you, put your shoulder to the wheel, or put your hand on the switch and turn on the power. Any old way, so you move and make things move with you. Be in earnest yourself, and impress your earnestness upon your neighbor the non. Get a set of blanks, make a personal canvass, talk nice to him, show him the advantages, and don't predict dire misfortune if he does not join. Just promise him the friend-

ship and brotherly love if he does join, with the further assurance that everything that can be done by a willing set of officers will be done for him.

Castle Hayne agency has been bulletined, with two applications for it. Appointments not yet made.

Bro. L. M. Ausley, first at Chadburn, goes to Fremont as clerk-operator.

Don't forget, we must make this district hum during 1910. We are counting on your help.

D. C.

First Division, Fayetteville District--

Note the changes in the name of our district, which was made this month. We now have another superintendent, and there are no tears being shed over the change. We understand our new superintendent, Mr. C. L. Porter, is a very fine gentleman and if the men on the district will show him they want to do the right thing he will stick to them. We hope this is the beginning of better times on this district. Let's all get down to work in real earnest. We have been sitting still too long. It is time for all of us to get a move on. Let it come, now.

Where have the bulletins been going, we have not seen one for some time although there have been a number of changes recently. One we note with regret is that the scab from the Norfolk district, T. B. Capps, got second, at Selma. Just keep an eye on him. We are sorry to see such as he succeed Mr. McCullough.

R. D. Marshall, is the new man at Elrod, third. Bros. Jones and Lamm will see that he has the proper invitation extended him.

With the advent of the new trains, 83 and 86, several new offices were opened, or will be opened as soon as men can be had to fill them. Aycocks nights is now open. 12 hour trick. Mr. Watson formerly in the train service is located at that point.

Understand Micro, nights; Wade and Hamer, will be opened up later. Several of the 12-hour men will only have to work nine hours then.

It certainly takes a long time to make some of the changes on the district after assignments are made. We refer just at present to the appointment of Bro. Riaford of Hamer to the Four Oaks agency.

There is something loose somewhere. Hope now that the change in superintendent's has been made that there will be a big improvement in several ways. Mr. Porter has the reputation of doing things promptly. We welcome such a man over here. D. C.

Second Division, Charleston District--

I have been commissioned to perform some service for the organization this month and I feel I am unable to do the subject justice or to make even a creditable showing as I am so unfamiliar with the work on the district. I am expected to write something from the Charleston district. I will have to ask the indulgence of my friends (the members) on this district and if they can

survive this first attack, perhaps I will have enough courage to come back again.

It seems to me that a great many things need doing on the district. Are all the members asleep? If what is heard of the O. R. T. is any criterion, then I am very much afraid the average member on the Charleston district is about as wide awake as the famous Rip Van Winkle about the 15th year of his after-dinner nap.

The trouble seems to be that because our local chairman was promoted to a heavy position and cannot do as much personal work as he formerly did, the members are just letting things drift instead of stepping in and helping him out. One man can't do it all, even when he is at a small station, and when his work is so heavy that he can't handle it, then something has got to go undone.

We have had a well organized district in the past, we must have one now. What have you done toward keeping up the interest? Have you done your part? If you have, then you are in a position to criticise, if not, you are neglecting your plain duty.

Remember, it takes work of the individual variety to carry any organization to its highest efficiency. Are you helping your share? If not, get busy today. January 1st, 1910, should find every member on the Charleston district with his name on the honor roll for securing at least one application. Get the habit, you are helping yourself and helping the other fellow at the same time.

South Carolina has always been proud of her record in almost everything, the late State dispensary excepted; and as the old State has been to the front in many a cause we hope that no lack of material on the A. C. L. is causing us to lag behind now. However, I don't think this is the cause, but only that each one is waiting for the other fellow to do or say something. Some of our illustrious forefathers made a record for themselves and we should try to follow their example.

I did not start out, however, to write a history of S. C., or to exploit the heroic deeds of its great men, but hearing nothing from the Charleston or Columbia districts recently, the only two having much territory in that State, I want to awaken a patriotic desire on the part of the members to see that the organization therein should equal if not excel, that of any other State in the union. Of course, the organization does not recognize State or National lines, but if I can get the members on this district (wholly within the State with the possible exception of one office), interested enough to get busy, I will feel repaid for calling on their State pride. Loyalty is born in every Southern gentleman and I hope every member in South Carolina answers thereto. I therefore want each one to look around and try to locate a non, and when he has found one, that he will not rest until he has made a member of him.

With a little exertion we can again make this one of the best organized districts on the system. Will you not get busy and help to make it so?

Bro. B. F. Hardy, formerly agent at Eutawville, is now attending the medical college in Charleston. Bro. Hardy is one of possibly a dozen telegraphers from A. C. L. who have attended this college, some of whom are still in attendance while others have graduated. We wish them all success.

The only position bulletined recently was Jacksonboro, paying \$50.00 per month. SANDY.

Second Division, Savannah District—

We have got to get an extra hustle on us, if we expect our local chairman to make a good showing when the committee meets. Why is it necessary to make a good showing? First, because the other local chairmen say they are going to make a good one. Second, because if there is one weak place on the system, the company will find it out. Just because a false report was made at one time saying there were very few members on this district (the report said not over 25 per cent when there was 80 per cent) that is no reason why we should not have more than 80 per cent this time and not be afraid to show our colors to the whole world if necessary.

By the time this reaches you the snow birds will have begun to flock our way. There will be a good many of them with up-to-date cards, others with cards about to expire, others will be non. It is the duty of each member to secure the names of the new men coming near him, ascertain if he is a member and if so, if he is up-to-date. If he is his name and division number should be sent to the local chairman and to Bro. Williams, G. S. & T.

If not a member, his name should also be sent to the L. C. and G. S. & T., and in addition, the member should interest himself at once and see if he can't do some business in the organizing line. Provide yourself with the information that should be given every non such as the rates to join in the various months of the year, what the cost of insurance is, and many other things that every member should have on the tip of his tongue, ready to talk O. R. T. whenever he gets a chance.

Bro. Illa Smith, our local chairman, was suspended sometime this month for leaving his station on Sunday to go after his dinner, a train passing while away. Understand Bro. Smith asked the dispatcher for permission and was refused. If this is correct, Bro. Smith used poor judgment and should have remained on duty. A direct violation of instructions like this will be pretty sure to cause the violator trouble and the worst of it is that in a case of this kind there is so little that can be done for him.

Bro. E. L. Dover, Callahan, is now on the Y. & M. V., at Cleveland, Miss.

Bro. J. L. Culp, New Yard, Jacksonville, is now with the Southern, at North Charlotte, N. C.

Bros. J. F. Cleveland and L. B. Harkins, Fleming, are now at Howe, Okla.

We note a number of changes in and around the Jax terminals.

Bro. A. F. Crosby, of Moncrief, is away, being relieved by A. J. H. Williams, from the Central of Georgia, with blanks ready to send in.

Mr. C. A. Stewart, New Yard second, will also soon be one of us.

R. M. Selvidge, Jax, "YN" from Lakeland district, carried a card for sometime. The Jax brothers will call on him in person and see if they can't get something.

Bro. E. L. Porter is now agent at Wallthourville.

Don't forget, we must have the application of each non now on the district. We must have the application of each one who comes and the transfer of each member of another division who comes to us during the year 1910. If you are a member it is your duty to help in this work. You promised you would do it. We are looking for you to do it now.

GEORGIA CRACKER.

Second Division, Montgomery District—

Four new members were received on this district during the month, which is not a bad showing, although we still have not all the nons.

It seems to take a long time to teach the men on this district that they are no longer under the iron rule of some of the former officials, who had every man who could be intimidated in constant fear of dismissal if he even looked at an O. R. T. card.

Such things are no longer tolerated by the management of the A. C. L., yet it takes a long time for our weakkneed friends to learn this.

Suppose you did get discharged for owning up that you were an up-to-date member of the O. R. T., do you think you would have to be taken to the poor house next day? Well hardly, not if you have anything less than a bad case of hook-worm disease, commonly called laziness.

I honestly believe it would be a good thing if half the men on this district were discharged. It would make men out of some of the most cowardly fellows I have come in contact with in many a day.

I am sorry so few of them will see this, as the fellows I refer to would hardly dare admit they read THE TELEGRAPHER. They are afraid some one would tell on them if they were caught reading what they seem to think is treasonable literature. Yet both the railroad and express officials read THE TELEGRAPHER and certainly are no worse off for doing so.

Our local chairman is wide-awake and issuing more bulletins than we have seen for sometime.

Just as soon as we can wake up the members to their own interest, we will have a much better organized district.

We will have a committee in Wilmington in a short while after this appears in THE TELEGRAPHER. Let every member show this committee that we are right behind them. Let us also show the company that the men who carry up-to-date cards in the O. R. T. are the men that can be counted on to do the very best work every time.

We have the year 1910 before us. Let's leave behind the mistakes and failures of the year 1909, and all pull together for a solid district, as soon as it can possibly be worked up.

One member, can't do the work, two can't, but the united effort of the membership can, and will work wonders. It is up to us.

We cannot understand why any eligible employe who cares for his own welfare and success, should fail to associate himself with an organization that has done, and will do so much for him as the O. R. T.

As long as you remain outside of our ranks, you continue to share with us the benefits you have done nothing to secure.

Telegraphers are getting scarce over here now as two have been discharged recently.

It will soon be time to remit for that 1910 card, don't forget it boys, and when the New Year comes, let it find each and every one of us with up-to-date cards so that we will have no delinquents when our committee meets.

Let every man on the division, especially the members of the O. R. T., endeavor to give the company the best of service, answer the dispatcher promptly and try to avoid delays to trains as much as possible. Show the officials that the union man is the best man.

Some of the changes that have been made are as follows: Bro. C. C. Carter, from Grady, to Newton, Ala., as agent; Bro. S. E. Jones, from Bainbridge to the relief agency, succeeding Bro. D. L. Brantley

Bro. L. Barwick, resigned and succeeded at Pine Park agency by Bro. A. C. Mullins, one of this month's recruits.

The Ashford agency and the day telegraph position at Alaga have been bulletined.

Bro. Dean, Tennille, nights, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Johnson.

Bro. Barfield, "X" Montgomery and Mr. Lawson nights, Dothan, have changed positions.

Bro. Clark Bainbridge relieved a few days by Bro. Brantley on account of serious illness of his little boy. Very glad to say J. C. Jr., is himself again.

Bro. Carter, Grady nights, has been transferred to Newton, nights, and Bro. Evans from Newton nights to Grady. Bro. Carter bid this in when on bulletin.

Mrs. Lolly, Midland City, relieved a few days by Telegrapher Mullins.

Bro. M. A. McFadden, Alaga, was successful bidder on Ashford. Bro. Johnson working there until bid in.

Bro. Brantley relief agent, has been discharged, and J. C. Thames, assigned to the place temporarily and until position bid in by Mr. Jones, Bainbridge third, and Bro. J. C. Thames bid in the latter.

Bro. Bailey, Pinckard, relieved by Bro. Johnson a few days.

Mr. Millins has been appointed agent at Pinepark. D. C., CERT. 491.

Second Division, Waycross District—

We can't boast of quite as many applications as usual this month, but we are there with a few any way. We extend to these new brothers the right hand of fellowship. Brothers, show them we are glad to have them with us, and what it means to be members of this grand old Order. Make them feel that they are really brothers, in name and in fact. This is the way to build up the organization. Stick to each other, and let the world know that the members of the O. R. T. will stand by each other as long as the brothers of any other organization will stand by their members. Once get this thoroughly implanted in the minds and hearts of our members and nothing can keep us from being as strong as any labor union under the sun.

We want our brothers to talk to the few delinquents on this district and ask them to get up-to-date cards. Ask them if they expect the committee, which is going to Wilmington shortly, can do as good work as they could if all the members on the "old reliable" district had up-to-date cards.

The general committee points with pride to the hustling membership of this district. Let's all get right in behind them. Ask Bro. Sasser who they are, and help him to get them all straight again.

Bro. J. Q. Wise, our agent, indicted for scrapping with a few hoosiers and giving them a little more than they expected, was acquitted by the Waycross court. Perhaps this will teach that crowd around Ruskin that they can't come into an agent's office and run things to suit themselves.

Bro. C. Bradford has given up the clerkship in the freight house at Valdosta and gone back to second trick.

Bro. O'Neal was promoted to the cashier job at Boston, the clerk-telegrapher position there being bid in by Bro. J. L. Murray.

Acree agency was bid in by Bro. W. W. Rudd, from Live Oak.

Bro. R. D. Reid, from Pinemount, goes to Suwanee agency. We are very sorry to lose Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Richardson, from Camilla. They are going to the "Land of Flowers," to eat oranges catch fish, etc. We wish them much success in any line they may follow. The Camilla agency is now on bulletin. It will take a first-class man to hold it down, as Bro. Richardson and his wife have done.

Bro. G. B. Garwood, of Quitman ticket agency, has been quite sick, but is now improving.

Bro. G. L. Youmans, of Willacoochee, has been away some time on account of sickness in his family

D. C.

Third Division, Lakeland District—

We are sending in the items of interest happening in this neck of the woods recently for the benefit of our brothers, who will soon be encountering the snow and ice, while we will be basking in the bright Southern sunshine and the brighter smiles of the "sweetest flowers that grow."

The tourists will soon be turning their eyes southward. The first few downy flakes in the northern air is a boon to the boarding house keeper of Florida, and a thorn in the flesh to every poor railroad agent, as the average tourist thinks he owns the earth until he runs up against us. Then he finds there is just one little bit of humanity that can hold his own. It only takes a very short while for a gentleman to apologize for a mistake and he can then get what he wants.

Our committee will soon meet in Wilmington and Bro. Williams has asked every member to get busy and see if he can't do something toward getting the district solidly organized. We all know enough of the nons to go to work on. When they are all in, we could ask for the names of a few on the other districts.

Just one member can do a great deal of good when he is really in earnest, and if all the members on this district would get to work it would soon be solid from one end to the other within two months. We must not sit down and wait for others to do the work.

Ask yourself the following questions:

Have I ever secured an application from a non?

Have I used every argument I possibly could and failed to land the application?

Do I always wear my button conspicuously and never let an opportunity slip to say something good for my organization?

Do I notify my local chairman of each new man I hear of as soon as he comes on the district?

Can I spare enough time each day to write five letters to the nons I know?

Do I know any nons on the district, whom I have never asked to join?

Do I know why the non working the trick next to mine at my own station does not carry a card?

Do I call every non a scab, or do I try to show him that it is his interest as well as our own that he should become a member?

When you can answer each of these questions to your own satisfaction, and you are really a union man, the Lakeland district will have many more members than it has today.

Let's try and be able to answer each of these questions right, before January, 1, 1910.

Owing to the rush season, we have our hands full and it's a hard matter to attend to the correspondence and all. Boys, help our local chairman out by dropping him a card when there is a change made at your station. He will appreciate it very much.

There is not enough O. R. T. talk down this way, entirely too many Mr.'s and not enough brothers. Boys, get busy, ask your relief if he has a card. Call up that non next to you and don't let him rest until he promises to come in, and then keep after him till he fulfills his promise. Then give him the glad hand and let him know that his investments has been a good, as well as a wise one.

Don't be content with a card in your pocket, expect wonders and miracles from the Order, and then growl because you don't get them. The Order is what you make it: Say, "What if every member were a member like me" and then see if you don't sit up and take notice; then acknowledge that it is your own fault if you don't get what you want.

Take it from a business standpoint—When you join the Order you become a stockholder, your dividends are your revised schedules and better working conditions, and if you allow a non to work without any attempt to bring him in, then you are a very poor business man, for you are giving him part of your profits.

Now, all ready, pull together, and let's make the Lakeland district the banner district for the year 1910.

Here are the changes that has taken place, to test of my knowledge having to get them up without any help.

Bro. E. C. McMahan, transferred to Gainesville district, third trick, Ocala.

We are sorry to hear of Bro. D. W. Griders' illness, he is now in Waycross hospital, hope he will soon recover.

Bro. Grider relieved by his clerk, H. D. Houdlett, while Chas. Frank, extra, relieves Houdlett.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Bro. Manning's wife at Clark. Bro. Manning is on leave of absence relieved by Bro. J. L. Stewart, while Bro. W. R. Barnett relieves Bro. Stewart at Dunnellon.

We can now welcome O. P. Tucker and S. V. Andres as brothers, and they and every other member secure an application by the first of the year.

S. E. McCutcheon bid in Dade City, vice Bro. J. W. Hogan, successful bidder on Mt. Myers agency. J. H. Land, acting agent, to Ft. Myers agency, vice Mr. J. H. Hoffman, resigned to enter other business. Bro. Hogan relieving J. H. Land, granted leave of absence. Mr. Stevens relieved S. E. McCutcheon, clerk-telegrapher, Ft. Myers, not yet bulletined.

Bro. O. P. Tucker bid in second, Trilby, vice Bro. Mansel Long, resigned.

S. E. McCutcheon, clerk-telegrapher, has been transferred from Ft. Myers to Dade City agency.

Bro. S. V. Anders goes to Wauchula as clerk-telegrapher, relieving Mr. Murrell, who relieves R. H. Selvidge, at Inverness, the latter going to "YN," Jacksonville.

Bro. Brantley will be looking to see whether these changes have been bulletined or not.

Bro. O. P. Tucker is on sick list, relieved by L. M. Murrell, extra.

R. M. Selvidge, Inverness, transferred to "YN" office, Jacksonville; relieved by L. M. Murrell, extra. Glad "S" has bettered himself, though he was not O. R. T. He was a member of Dispatcher's Order.

Bro. S. V. Anders, extra, to Wauchula, clerk-operator's position, recently established on account of orange and perishable movement. This position not yet bulletined.

Bro. F. M. McCutcheon, Homosassa, and Bro. C. L. Crenshaw, of "KD," Lakeland, have recently taken unto themselves a "wife." Now, get busy, boys, and put your wives next to the Ladies' Auxiliary, which is doing some nice work. Bros. McCutcheon and Crenshaw were relieved by Bro. J. L. Stewart.

J. W. Griffis, Martel, on leave of absence; relieved by Bro. O. P. Tucker.

Bro. R. R. Jones, second, Dunnellon, and Bro. E. C. McMahan, extra, were recently suspended for fifteen days each; relieved by Bros. S. V. Anders and O. P. Tucker. W. D. Oates, first, Dunnellon, says he reported the brothers for a technical violation of the rules, because he being a non, they wouldn't associate with him. I am advised by the local chairman that we have not yet received his application, although promised most faithfully, and now he says he will join when he gets good and ready. Our worthy local chairman has done his part most valiantly, and so have others who have come into contact with him. Stringent measures should be used toward a non like that.

Bro. B. W. Holladay, first, Trilby, recently called to his home in South Carolina, on account of his father's death; relieved by L. M. Murrell, extra.

Bro. R. R. Jones on sick list; relieved by Bro. S. V. Anders, extra.

The orange and perishable season is now in full blast; road full of trains at all time. Brothers, give your attention to your key and let them recognize the O. R. T. boys as their best men.

The O. R. T. is like a mule,
Kicking for every good, with all its might;
The non reminds me of a jackass,
Kicking against everything, even a new schedule;
Afraid he'll get fired if he kicks for the right,
And cannot be convinced that he is wrong, even
at the last. D. C. & "JO."

Third Division, Jacksonville District—

Some of the other districts on the system are way ahead of us in the matter of having a write-up in each month's TELEGRAPHER. What has become of our correspondent who was appointed by Bro. Tedder while he was local chairman? Did he consider he no longer had a job after Bro. Young took charge?

While Bro. Young has only been local chairman for a short while, he has shown that he is capable of holding the place down in good shape, and issues the bulletins very promptly.

Some new places have recently been opened on this district: Fuller's agency opened with Bro. Harold Hensen in charge, Beresford opened with Bro. B. C. Hartley in charge.

Bro. A. W. Smith, of Plant City, has been appointed regular relief agent, with headquarters at Sanford.

Some of the places that have been bulletined this month are as follows:

Seville, second trick, Carters agency, and Pier-son agency, which pays only \$37.00 per month.

This is the place the first general committee on the A. C. L. found paying the handsome salary of \$11.00 per month. Just think of a telegraph office paying less than the average negro messenger boy gets.

Have not yet learned who has been appointed to the above vacancies, but expect to have the information for next month's TELEGRAPHER, or get our regular correspondent busy again. He did so well when he first commenced that we cannot afford to let him off now.

Now is the time for each member to go to work to get the district in fine shape for Bro. Young, before he has to meet with the committee in Wilmington. Who will be the first member to secure an application? GATER.

Third Division, Gainesville District—

It will probably be only a short time, when telephones will be installed on this district, as they are now being used on the north end. Let's show the management, by our prompt telegraph service, that 'phones are not necessary' on this pike. Night men keep awake, and all operators answer calls promptly, and endeavor to give the best service possible.

L. B. Collins is on new third trick at Lake Butler. Fourteen new men have been put on this district since trains Nos. 37 and 38 were inaugurated on November 15th.

Brothers, get busy and keep your local chairman, Bro. J. B. Mixson, Jr., informed of any changes or new men employed.

G. H. Hayes has returned to duty as ticket agent at Paltaka, relieving J. H. Wade, relief man, who is at Leesburg freight agency, on bulletin. Bro. W. M. Robinson, formerly agent at that point, has left the service.

East Lake, Fla., was opened as a temporary freight, passenger and telegraph station, on November 8th, and W. D. Harnage installed as agent.

Orange Lake, Santa Fe and Leesburg freight agencies on bulletin. There has been some warm bidding for the latter position; considered one of the best on line.

R. B. Hester, now holding down Santa Fe, Fla., temporarily, vice Bro. J. L. Johnson. This agency is now on bulletin. D. C.

C. C. C. & St. L. Ry.

Cinti-Sandy Divisions—

AN APPEAL.

Brothers of the Cinti-Sandy Divisions:

A feeling has developed in the past few months among some of the members of this division, in which they seem to think that the Order is now on such a solid footing that further work is unnecessary. Brothers, this is a feeling which is dangerous and has been the means of landing more than one organization on the rocks of disaster. Remember, the work of organization is never completed as long as there are old men going and new men coming on the line. The influx of new men for the past four or five months on the Cincinnati-Sandusky Divisions has been

quite numerous, and they are not receiving the attention they should from our members. Without the help and co-operation of each individual member of the division, the work of keeping the membership up to where it belongs is being seriously retarded, and this help and co-operation was never more needed than it is right now. It is up to you, brothers, to get after these non-members, put forth your efforts and secure their applications. Individual effort will be the means of accomplishing more towards this end than your local chairman will be able to do in years, and, remember, that one of the least obligations you can pay to the organization is that of paying dues. Now, brothers, get into action and help make your division the best of the system by securing at least one new member and thus helping to better your own condition as well as assisting your local chairman. This you can do with very little trouble and exertion on your part, and I am confident that the results will be successful in materially increasing the membership. I trust every member will strive to help me through. Thanking you, I am,

Fraternally yours,

A. A. BRIGHT.

Cinti-Sandy Divisions—

The following officers were elected at the Springfield meeting, in September, to serve under the ritual form: Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Billingslea; first vice-chief, Bro. Hickman; second vice-chief, Bro. Gardner; past chief, Bro. L. D. Stabler; treasurer, Bro. Schaepe; secretary, Bro. Stewart; marshal, Bro. Weber; sentinel, Bro. Audridge. Business of a secret nature was transacted and it was decided to have an oyster supper in connection with the next meeting.

The regular October meeting, held on the 19th at Springfield, was the banner one for this division, thirty-two members being present; also three D. T. & I. boys, whom we hope to see again.

The newly-elected officers were installed and then they proceeded to initiate two candidates, the ritual system seeming to please all, especially the "second degree."

The other business of the evening followed, and it was decided to hold the meetings alternately at Dayton and Springfield, commencing with the November meeting. The oyster supper decided upon at the previous meeting followed, with trimmings, and the brothers who missed this part of the ceremony are to be pitied. These lunches will be more frequent in the future. Come out, brothers, without a special invitation. They are your meetings as much as anyone's and it's your duty to attend. If you attend once you will not need to be urged again.

Bro. W. H. Keever has returned to Osborn from Michigan, where he had gone for relief from a severe attack of hay fever.

Bro. Stewart bid in third, West End; Bro. Lyons, Springfield Depot; Bro. Lary, Plattsburg; Bro. Schaepe, first, and Bro. Hickman second. Osborn, and Bro. Carter bid in second at Timm.

Bro. Evans relieved Bro. Birthisel, Lockland, to attend a Mason's convention at Cleveland.

Bro. Rodgers, of "YK," has improved, and been taken to his home in Jackson Center, Ohio.

We are sorry to report that we have two nons who have so far lost all sense of honor as to enter the student business. Prof. Bozarth, of the Springfield School of Telegraphy, who relieved Bro. Dickenson for a few nights at Catawba recently, advertises himself as an experienced railway and commercial operator and train dispatcher. There must not be much profit in the "school biz," if "the Prof." is forced to take an "OS" job now and then. But still the free lunches are a thing of the past in Springfield and "the Prof." has to have a sandwich now and then to live on.

There are still a few nons on the Columbus end. Three at "MI," three at "WA," and two at "RJ." Bro. Ed Davis, who is always there with the goods, will soon no doubt get busy.

Former Bro. Tannehill is off training his horse for the Grand Circuit races. "Tan" is somewhat of a horseman.

We can say one good thing for these nons however, when the road was polled by the trainmaster, they all stood by the committee, with the exception of one man at "RJ."

Send Bro. Hickman, of Brooks, who had his leg broken at the Truay Fair, some good up-to-date magazines to read, at 1118 Broadway, Piqua, Ohio. We feel sure he will appreciate this in his long stay in bed. The brother has the sympathy of all.

The "ham factory," with Prof. David Kehoe in charge, is still in evidence at Avenue. Wonder what kind of stall he gives the train men now.

The company has some fine new "monkey motion" engines running east from Columbus on the passenger trains, that are some class, as they walk the trains out of the depot.

Business on the Columbus Branch is good now.

We are all glad to see this and hope to see this reflected in the next schedule, which should be printed before this write-up appears.

Mr. Chester resigned at Kyles, relieved by Bro. C. M. Stabler, and Mr. Dalton resigned at Monroe relieved by Mr. McGrail.

Our "goat" is in swell condition now. Would like to have some of the brothers from "DR" or "RU" attend the meetings and see him perform.

Bro. Edwards, first, Ivorydale, has returned from his vacation. He thinks we should be allowed a vacation the same as other railroad clerks. We hope to see this in the next agreement.

S. F. Smade, Columbus, worked third at Brooks while Bro. Slagle was absent. He is an old O. R. T. man who has been out of the business for several years, and will soon be with us again.

Bro. Slagle has returned from his wedding tour to Niagara Falls and other places of interest in the East to his new home at Plattsburg.

Bro. C. B. Lary has removed his family to Plattsburg from Marysville.

Mr. Kimball worked third at Brooks during the absence of Bro. Hickman.

Brothers, many thanks for your assistance in this write-up. We hope the brothers from the Sandy end and the Delaware Branch will make an effort to send in some items for the next issue.

The father of our three Stabler brothers has recovered slightly from the stroke of paralysis he suffered some months ago.

Bro. Beatel, of "WM," Middletown, is installed in his new home and may count himself lucky, as few of the telegraphers are fortunate enough to possess one.

Mr. Sautter, of Ivorydale, is serving fifteen days; relieved by Bro. Hoefer, of Cincinnati.

While Bro. Birthisel, of Lockland, was off sick, Bros. Patmore and Stickney were forced to double, as no relief was to be had.

Bro. Lange, of Edgemont, was forced to leave the tower the other morning for a few hours on account of the distillery just opposite burning. Lange left in such a hurry he forgot Bro. Sheering's "mill," but the firemen saved the tower.

The November meeting was held at Dayton to accommodate the west enders so they could get home, or get more rest. It is hoped the brothers will turn out in sufficient numbers to these meetings to justify this change, as the meetings at Springfield have been fairly well attended.

Various tricks at Gen Echo, Bellefontaine, Lippincotts, Urbana and other points were bulletined for the benefit of the brothers as well as the nons. Wonder if the latter realize that they never saw a bulletin until the O. R. T. was recognized. Who ever thought of bidding for a job in the good old days when we were totally ignorant of all vacancies, except when some conductor or brakeman brought the news to your cabin or tower. And still "the O. R. T. never did anyone any good." No, not much to some who will not see.

Glen Echo has been opened with Connors, Franklin and Burns in charge until the bids are in.

At Lippincotts, Kearns, Gallagher and Locke are in charge. Kearns was relieved at Urbana by Healy.

Bro. Dykes, agent at West Liberty, has been relieved of telegraphing. Bro. McCune goes to first trick and Prof. Bozarth on the second. He is the late "professor" of the Springfield school. His "star" work will no doubt cause his graduates to shine in the telegraphic world. Jack Devore seems to be able to handle the immense (?) class alone, while his partner is hustling in the "cold" railway business for a little coin on the side. He deserves a cold reception.

Bro. R. M. Carter has landed second at Tiffin.

Bellefontaine opened on the Sandy Division with Bros. Jody and Johnson and Mr. Smith, all of the Indianapolis Division, until bids are in.

Bros. Callahan and Wilkins, at Kenton, each advanced a trick since Bro. Carter left there. Bro. McMahon is on third trick.

Bro. Vogel, from Grants, to second at Wharton, relieved by Mr. Russell. Mr. Gilmore, from Toledo, is on third at Wharton.

Bro. Ryder, of Carey, is taking a few days off; relieved by Bro. Gurnes, of the Hocking.

Harry Hendricks, who left last spring, has entered the service again at Urbana extra. He had the papers made out last spring and we want to see them signed up soon.

There are many new men on the Sandy end, and the brothers up that way should see that they are lined up soon. Show them what we stand for and that will surely show them what they owe to themselves, their families and their profession.

Sorry our chief, Mr. Withrow, is still on sick list, and hope for his speedy recovery.

J. M. Scanlan, of Clyde, has left the service and secured a good position in the baggage department.

“CR.”

Peoria Division, First District—

The new time table, in effect November 8th, made a change on the second and third districts, Nos. 11 and 16 now running daily. This means no more Sunday rest there.

Business is exceedingly good, nine chain-gang crews running, besides the locals. We feel assured the ghost won't fail us for a while, even though the New York Stock Exchange swallowed up such a large gob.

The “hard-shells” are the same old fellows, with no better excuses than before, “no money,” “going to quit the biz soon,” “took a trip to the mountains and came back broke,” “hogs all died with congestion or over-eating,” and “it's going to cost like Sam Hill to live this winter.”

Bro. Lamb, transferred to Arcanum, was relieved as agent at Losantville by Bro. M. W. Van Sickle.

Bro. Lund has returned to first, New Castle, after four weeks' vacation, who was relieved on second trick, Shirley, by E. Bassett.

Bro. Greer, second, New Castle, has gone to second at Veedersburg on second district.

Agent Spence goes to Troy as agent, relieved by Mr. Kessler, from Troy.

You all who are not “hibernating” get busy and give your division correspondent some dope early each month, and help the game along. If you don't know who he is, wake up and inquire.

CATTLE GNU.

Peoria Division, Second and Third Districts—

We have a good bunch of “owls” over here and they don't make a great lot of hay; in fact, making hay is work, and work is the prime cause of the waste of energy, and you see that none of us believe in wasting it, not even your humble servant, but I believe that he would walk from here to Danville if some good worthy telegrapher would say it was his turn to buy an up-to-date billing.

“Vat iss that Jim Addler's first name?” He owes us and we was going to guarantee (garnishee) him if he don't pay up. There's several of you fellows who are acquaintances of mine, who have lost their first names, and I guess we will have to resort to the law and get the whole bunch guaranteed. Now, all you fellows who wants to be guaranteed just drop into my office, produce the coin and I will issue to you a B. of L. which will be a guarantee that you will receive regular billing within a few days, and that it will not be necessary for you to be marked “no bill”

or to be running on a “DH” slip. Come on, boys!

Had a letter from Bro. Thad Wash Deakin the other day, written on the banks of the Mackinaw, where he is in camp fishing, and in this letter Thad gives me one of his experiences trying to land one of the only fish in the Mackinaw River. He had been there about ninety days fishing every day, when, on the last day, a native from up the river near a town called Payday, said: “Thad Wash, what you-all fishin' for?” And Thad, being a kind of a loose-jawed sort of a fellow, said, “Why, man, I've been round here all this time fishin' for your application for an up-to-date card in the O. R. T. But every con-sarned nibble I got had “S. O. D. (same old dodge) hooked to it, and that don't even buy bait.” Stay in camp, “WN,” perhaps some day you will get a bite with something more substantial attached to it.

I see every once in a while dope in the journal, taken from the good book, in order to bring out a point of argument. And as it appears to be no sin, I will do likewise, and refer you to the second Paul to Timothy, in which he advises Tim that it will be well for him to take a little wine for his stomach's sake. Now, I would not and do not advance the suggestion that you should do this. For man is weak, and in most cases might not resist the temptation of taking more than was good for his stomach's sake. But I would suggest that the words be taken into consideration and enable us to get some other suggestion from them, than that which a drinking man might get and revert it, so that it would act as a tonic to those who have the wobbles to their legs, and learn them to stand steady on their pins and become a credit to the organization, and it would assist those who are unable to see the benefits derived from organization, and will help to lift us from the depths of the slough, of almost degradation, low wages, poor living and lots of work. Get busy with your think boxes and see if you can figure out where one man all by his lonely, has ever accomplished anything in the way of bettering the condition of mankind. You will find that he never did and never will. Now that “suggestion of the wine” for Tim was to strengthen him, and if we get together this one act alone will have the same stimulating effect upon us, as the wine upon Timothy and will build us up as the wine builded him, and I can see no reason why we can not profit by this same admonition. So let's all get tight on this wine called enthusiasm, and get into line and there will be no excuse for weak knees on the “large figure.”

You all want to come through with the dope if you want to get your name in the paper.

What will tomorrow bring? We hope it will bring that oft heard spoken of “full dinner pail” and the much-longed-for increase.

It begins to take on a polished up-to-date look on this end once more, for I can hear a noise like, “We are solid,” along the line.

We had a hard time to get in all the information blanks, for it is quite a lot of trouble for us

to make them twice and in some cases three times and this "golding committee" jist a-botherin' us fellers to death all of the time.

We have a few spots that are not to the credit of our efforts, and it is a question as to how they are to be removed without creating too much of a sore. We have used almost all brands of dope, such as 8, 9 and 10 o'clock washing powder, pummy stone, wonderful soap grandpa's and grandma's included, and we still have those spots—spots where no cards are to be found.

Bro. "to be," "A," of second at "WA," went down in the jungles to kill some time and a few ducks not very long ago and he hasn't spoken since, but says he is going to speak on the big day, and by the time this comes out in print he will have had a small square of pasteboard with his name upon it.

Ex-Bro. Byers, formerly of Troy, is now on second at "HY," making the combination at that point Ross, Byers and Coughlin, all good timber to work on, and if we can get a local at Danville we certainly will work on them if they will give us that opportunity.

Bro. Richner, of "HY," has joined the ranks of the U. and I., at Urbana, Ill., and is now stuffing his knowledge box with some thinks which at first glance appear to be above the capacity of the average "OP," Maby.

"JO" O'Conner doing the pump stunt regular between "BG" and "RM," says he is going to be regularly billed within the next few days.

Bro. Slauter, second at "UR," laid off a few days to move mother over on the job to keep him straight. Bro. Smith, first at "CF," relieved him and then went to "MS" for a few nights, while Telegrapher Long relieved Bro. Deakin, who is off a few days.

It rains most all of the time at "DE," Mayview, because Bro. Rains is the whole rain there; and unless grandma makes too much noise for him he expects to hibernate there.

The poor and easy has something to be proud of, and that is a load of O. R. Tism which was first billed out in the year of 1888 and has been up to date ever since. You will not find many with the record of "SM" WINGLET.

Indianapolis Division—

Meetings will be held each month, from now on, at Muncie, Ind., in Room No. 11, Anthony Building, just one-half square south of the Court House, on Walnut Street. Instead of sending out notices each month these meetings will be, from now on, advertised in back of THE TELEGRAPHIC. Watch for this.

Everybody come. Bro. Sellers, a very good pianist, will entertain us with some of his best music.

The following have joined our ranks in the last month: W. W. Baker, F. G. Shultz, J. W. Sellers and J. S. Dyer. Keep up the good work, boys, we will soon have them all.

Bro. Martz, third at McCords, while visiting relatives at Rosewood, Ohio, was relieved by Telegrapher O'Melia, who worked just two days,

when he filled out the papers. This means good work on some one's part.

First trick, Mix, and second at "MU," Muncie, are on the bulletin.

Russia office is now open. Bro. Shultz, first; Telegrapher Coffield, second, and Bro. Baker, third. These offices have not been bulletined yet.

Muncie depot is now working three trickets. Bro. Sellers on third there for the present.

New towers are to be built in the near future at Russia and Dawn, and one between Farmland and Winchester.

Bro. Hatcher, second at Gretna, off a few days recently; visiting friends at Farmland, was relieved by Telegrapher Johnson.

Bro. B. A. Olvey, first at "SC," Selma, has returned to work.

Bro. Hutsell, third at "CJ," Muncie, is off for thirty days. He will study photography for the next few days.

Bro. B. A. Olvey, first at "SC," Selma, off on account of sickness recently, was relieved by Telegrapher Long.

Telegrapher Burkett is on the Sheepskin Division, working first at Bellefontaine.

Bro. Ehle, first at Gridley, has returned after a week's layoff.

Bro. Sellers relieved Bro. Braunn, third at "YO," Yorktown, for a few days. Bro. Slagle working second at Chesterfield.

Bro. Ritter, second at Farmland, was relieved by Bro. Sellers, while he went to Richmond and brought his wife back.

O. L. Rickey worked first at Mix several days recently.

Bro. DeBoben has been assigned third at "MU," Muncie. Bro. Shultz returning home. Bro. Kindall is working second at "MU," Muncie, till assignment is made. STUBBY.

Cleveland Division—

We have some members on this pike that can shout good and loud for the O. R. T., and tell you what a blessing it has been for the railroad telegraphers, but they seem to let their union spirit go no further. Remember, boys, there are other unions whose members are depending on us to help the cause along, and the easiest way to do so is by demanding the union label on all your purchases. If your merchants don't keep union goods, try the next man and you will soon succeed in finding what you wish. Besides the union made articles cost no more than the other brand, and you help others while you are helping yourselves. Now, the next time I see a member with a big package of non-union tobacco in his possession he is going to hear something. Also insist on your wife and family demanding the labeled goods when making their purchases, and if we all do so, there will be a better demand for union labor and eventually we will all enjoy union wages.

There were twenty-two members initiated into the Order in one month recently throughout the system, but the members on this division was not

up to the mark it should have been, and would have made a still poorer showing if one of the workers had not come to the assistance of the local chairman. By a little effort on the part of each one, we could make a good showing on this division. Let us all get busy.

Since the inspection of Mr. Buchanan, we are glad to say, he found the boys true to the cause, which will be of great benefit in securing our new schedule.

Owing to the scarcity of good telegraphers, our chief has been unable to fill vacancies bulletined more than a month ago. Can you blame the old scouts for not wanting to work here, when neighboring roads pay more, and have more pleasant surroundings? We can have the same, if each member would work for the betterment of this cause on the material we still have here out in the cold.

The opening of East Linndale is being delayed, on account of a lack of telegraphers to fill the vacancies. That looks good for the craft, as it has been an awfully long time since there was a scarcity of brass pounders.

A new interlocking electric plant is being put up at the Belt Line Crossing, West Linndale, but we have not learned whether Belt Line or Big Four will control it.

The resigning of M. F. Hayes, C. T. D., caused a vacancy in the dispatcher's office, which was filled by J. R. Kelly; Mr. Shae taking first, Ed. Kelly, second, and Mr. Smith, third tricks.

The agents at Ridgeway and Mt. Victory have been supplied with clerks.

Mr. Dye, the "Ham" professor at Shiloh, has "Dyed" from our midst, Mr. Kyle doing the owl stunt there at present.

Mr. Dutton, of Longville, off a few days on account of sickness in his family, was relieved by Bro. J. H. Nelson.

Bro. Gallaher, Ridgeway, while attending the convention, at Pittsburg, was relieved by Mr. Snell.

East Linndale will be open soon, and an extra operator put on at Rushsylvania, according to bulletin.

Second and third tricks at Linndale, will be open for bids soon, and we hope some good brothers will land them.

Bro. Martin bid in second at Berea; Bro. Buckles, second at "F"; Bro. McCartney, third at Shiloh; Bro. Bogan, third at Vernon; Mr. Walker, first at Rushsylvania; Mr. Moyer, second at Burton St. Div. Cor.

St. Louis Division East of Mattoon—

New coal docks are being erected at Delmar, Ind. When they are placed in service, the freight trains east, out of Terre Haute, are to handle 3,500 tons. We pity the B. of L. F. boys, who are in line to stoke these huge engines.

Brothers, there are several newcomers on the division, don't forget to ask them about that card, which means so much to us.

It is reported that Chief Goodwin is very short of men at present.

Bro. G. C. Stokes got first trick, "AW," on bulletin.

Bro. Sawyer, first at "JB," has left the service.

Bro. C. C. Connett, second at Green Castle, is spending his vacation in Colorado.

Bro. J. F. Gross, at Reno, while on a short vacation, was relieved by Bro. Byrd, extra.

Div. Cor.

St. Louis Division West of Mattoon—

"OE" office, nights, and "CP" and "ND" offices, on Short Line, have been opened recently.

Dispatcher Smith is filling the C. T. D. chair, while C. A. Bray is off for thirty days. Dispatcher Pickering on second.

Mr. Hamilton is on extra message wire in "DI" office, Mattoon.

Bro. Roberts has returned to Pana.

Bro. Sullivan, Irving, third, while off getting married, was relieved by Bro. W. R. Phillips, recently of E. & T. H.

Bro. Hunkins is very sick with diphtheria.

CERT. 668.

Cairo Division, North—

The following positions are on bulletin: "DN," second; "WG," second; "OD," first, second and third; Wetzel, second and third; "GV," first and third; "NE," second.

Our general chairman, Bro. Edw. Whalen, of Terre Haute, did some good work going over the division recently; while here succeeded in landing three nons in one office, and making it solid.

Bro. A. W. Rogers, from "GV," is holding down the car distributor's job at Lyons.

Bro. Bishop, first "RS," visited Bro. Goodner, third copier at Lyons recently.

Mr. Goodner, from Ridgefarm, visited with Bro. Bishop at "RS" recently.

N. Summerville, third at Wetzel, resigned because he couldn't get a place to board.

Boys, this is the first write-up we have for quite a while. Now get busy and when any changes, etc., take place at your stations let me know, and we will try and have a write-up every month. Please send items to me on or before the 15th of every month, addressed J. S. Bishop, Lock Box 31, Chrisman, Ill. "SHUG," CERT. 710.

Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry.

No one has endeavored to represent us in THE TELEGRAPHER since our correspondent, at Tomball, left.

I think the road now stands about 90 per cent strong.

Bro. Rogers, Malone, resigned; relieved by Bro. W. J. Rochelle, agent, Richards; C. L. McKitham, a beginner, holding the latter, until regularly assigned to Bro. R. L. Leinweber, agent, Shiro, who was relieved there by W. O. Robertson, of the Santa Fe.

L. L. Lowry, nights, at Shilo, was relieved by Bro. O. E. Carroll, who relieved Bro. W. H.

Lunsford, of Iola agency, while he attended court in Ft. Worth.

On December 1st, the telegraph office at Corsicana was moved from the freight office to the passenger station. The telegraphers are now required to sell tickets, necessitating an additional operator.

J. F. J. Elliott, nights, Normaugee, resigned, and gone to the Santa Fe, was relieved by C. J. Jones, of Kirwin, nights.

Geo. Branch, who has been braking, has also been telegraphing at M. P. 153 a few days.

G. W. Thorpe, agent, Normaugee, was relieved, for a few days' vacation, by Bro. G. O. Hunt, who also relieved Bro. C. H. Crockett for a few days at Zulch.

Some of the boys are taking up farming. Bro. W. H. Lunsford, agent, Iola, will plant a few acres of truck the coming season, and Bro. C. H. Crockett, of Zulch, has been elected Secretary of "The Zulch Truck Growers' Association."

CERT. 22.

Fort Worth & Denver City Ry.

For special reasons I will not give the names of the brothers for awhile. Although we are not ashamed to stand up for O. R. Tism.

We have several nons and delinquents on our division at present, and hope that every brother will talk to his side man and any other they can, and speak an encouraging word and show them there is something to our organization.

O. R. Tism. is what we make it. And when we have a brother sick or in need, let's help him and tell other brothers and our local chairman, and if we cannot do anything but write him a sympathetic letter it helps that much, and let him know that he is not being overlooked.

Let's always have our arms extended to a brother, and help him in everyway possible.

There is lots of ways we can lend a helping hand, and do good toward our brothers.

Another thing, let us all give the company the best of service, and always be on hand when needed. This goes a long ways toward being a good operator, and then we will never have the name of being a drone.

Let us get organized, and get solid O. R. T. on our division.

I hope to have a better write-up next month, and will be glad to get a word from every brother each month.

CERT. 16.

Grand Trunk Western Ry.

We are in pretty good shape for a solid line-up. The majority of the men are now up-to-date, and new members are coming in every week. It only remains for the present members to stick, and do a little work towards gathering in the few remaining nons on each district. They are not so numerous as they were a year ago, in fact, we are 30 per cent stronger, and in shape to go after the much-needed and long-looked for schedule, but we must not drop out, nor wait two or three

months before paying our dues for the next six months.

If it were policy to do so, I could give a line-up that would surprise some of you, but until we secure a schedule and a good foot-hold, I will not do so.

Now, brothers, if you have any desire to secure living wages, now is the time to show your grit. Pay your dues at once, and if you can help the officers of this division, by securing new members, do so, and do it quick.

The local chairman and secretary and treasurer are not charging the division one cent for their services, and they are doing a whole lot of hard work.

Don't you think its time to help them out a little, instead of giving them additional work, writing you to pay up?

Don't expect them to write each member every week and advise him how things are going. Just jump in and help them out, but first pay up.

Everything is coming our way at present, and we expect to see the line solid before the end of this year.

All other roads have schedules and good wages. Why should the men on the Grand Trunk be behind the times and work for \$40 and \$50 per month, some not getting even \$40?

No wonder they are not able to join the Order. They cannot buy a Sunday suit of clothes, and keep up the grocery and butcher bills.

Now that we are in good shape, let us remain so, and get the rest to come in.

We must have a schedule at once, and we can get it, if the present members will be wise enough to stick.

Pay up at once.

Brothers, the time has come when we must get busy. If any of you hear of any changes or anything interesting to the boys, please report it to some correspondent on your division. Let it be forwarded to the general secretary and treasurer, until such time as we can get a suitable correspondent, who will handle this matter. In another month we expect to be under way, and by the first of the year we should be able to do this properly.

If every member would take upon himself the responsibility of securing just one new member, we would be as solid as the Michigan Central is today.

Every man on this particular line is working for the betterment of conditions, not only for himself, but for the company as well, and we sincerely hope we will be able to do likewise in the near future.

Solid organization will bring this about. Don't leave it for some other brother to do, but do it yourself.

We have several very enthusiastic members on this line who are doing all in their power to round up the nons, get in touch with them and aid them all you can. Brothers, get together and talk it over. We should be proud of being mem-

bers in good standing, with no students at the far end of our desks.

We all realize that we must have a better wage schedule soon, as the rate of living expenses are increasing, if we continue to follow our chosen profession.

We have a few boys that feel as though they cannot lend us any assistance until after we have secured a schedule and taken it to their homes, but we are thankful that these kind are scarce. Boys, we must get after them. They are well known, and a rousing fusilade from all sides will bring them.

Let's try it for thirty days, at least, and we will be surprised how our efforts will be rewarded.

Main Line brothers, this is for you more than for the side lines, but the side line brothers should center their point of attack upon the nons on this division, and not let up until he crosses over. Then notify your local general secretary and treasurer, and you will be given a present.

Bro. Brandon, our worthy organizer, has done excellent work, and has placed a schedule within our grasp. The right kind of a spirit manifested by the brothers will make it doubly safe.

Bros. Bonner, of Butternut, and Kidd, of Greenville, have resigned. Now, brothers, get after their successors, and then go after the man at "SY," who promised to join November pay day.

All news will be welcomed from Western Division members, even though but a line or two. Send it on before the 15th of each month, in order to give ample time for its transmission to St. Louis in plenty of time before the 28th.

Everybody take an active part and help make the Grand Trunk Western Division, No. 148, a shining light among the brightest.

CERT. NO. 1, AND BILL.

Missouri & North Arkansas Ry.

As there are a number of O. R. T. boys on the M. & N. A., we will ask for a little space in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Roudo, Aubrey, Moro, Wheatley and Higdon boys are solid, and several others along the line carry up-to-dates.

All the boys are in favor of lining-up, except, perhaps, some "weak-kneed guy" here and there, who thinks some of the officials might object, and who is afraid to ask for and stand up for his rights for fear of losing his job, and be unable to get another.

The man who is most in demand, these days, is the one who does his work well, and insists on being treated right. Such men always have places waiting for them.

The M. & N. A. is growing, and its business is improving and the system is being organized into good, working shape.

Let us all get busy now, and help all we can, never lose an opportunity to help the company in getting business. Let us help to make it one of the best roads in the country.

And, don't forget, while we are helping the company to help ourselves by organizing and adding a new division to the O. R. T. Have a schedule and then every man will know his duty, and the whole business will move like "clock work."

One of the highest officials on the road told the writer that he had been superintendent, where the telegraphers were organized, and that his dealings with them had always been pleasant.

Our officials are sensible men. They know that it is only a matter of time until they will have to use union men, because a good man will naturally go to some other road which pays union wages, as soon as he understands the business sufficiently.

If every O. R. T. telegrapher on the M. & N. A. will make it his business to get one man into the fold, we will soon be solid.

Don't put it off. Today is the day of salvation, tomorrow may bring an "Arkansas cyclone,"

Get busy, brother. This means you. Do something. Do it now.

I want every member on the M. & N. A. to send me something for a write-up in the next issue, and continue to do so.

If you cannot do anything else, you can send the name of that non, at the next station, to Bro. L. W. Quick, and ask him to send the number of THE TELEGRAPHER to "Mr. Non-Air," which contains this article.

Don't forget to help get business for the company, that's the way to make the officials able to pay you more salary, and make them respect union labor. The business is what they want, and if they see you helping to get it, they will consider you worth more than the man who has to be pushed out of his chair to wait on the patrons of the company.

Wake up, be a "live wire," be a "booster," boost the M. & N. A., boost the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, boost every thing that's good, and you'll be a happy man.

CERT. 6670, GRAND DIVISION.

Florida East Coast Ry.

Several nons have promised, time after time, that they would join next pay day. Of course, it's not compulsory for telegraphers who are eligible to join the O. R. T., but, "Mr. Non," did you send a committee up to Washington to fight for the nine-hour law? If not, who was it had that grand old man up there representing you nons, as well as good O. R. T. boys? We are willing to meet you more than half way, and we challenge you to put up any argument against the O. R. T. you wish.

Accept our personal invitation to come to our meeting room and thresh the matter out. You may bring along your judge to decide the debate, whether a member of the Order or not. We will leave that part to your good judgment. You know where and when our meetings are held. Just turn back in THE TELEGRAPHER where it says "Division Directory." When you find that look

for Division No. 134. There you will find the desired information. Then on the meeting evening, take a train to Jacksonville. You will be welcomed by a number of good, loyal brothers. Should you be unable to attend our meetings, just drop us a card. Some of the good brothers will pay you a visit. Stop your knocking; you cannot cut wood with a hammer, and don't be yellow. We will lend you the price, if that is your excuse. Why not join, and then have your wife join the Ladies' Auxiliary. You should get into the game and help to fight for liberty, which will mean that wages will go up instead of down.

On account of the washout south of Homestead, on the Key West Extension, train service had to be discontinued for some time.

There has been quite a scarcity of telegraphers recently. The dispatcher at Miami was wanting one for the Keys, and one to relieve the agent at Long Key.

Bro. J. M. Law, agent, Eau Gallie, on a hunting trip recently, was relieved by Bro. J. L. St. Clair, and killed his first deer while on the trip. Bro. Collatte relieved Bro. St. Clair on second trick.

Bro. R. S. Snell has been transferred from third trick at Eau Gallie to the agency at Bunnell.

Bro. Horne, second trick, West Palm Beach, relieved Agent Scott, at Lemon City, for a few days, and Mr. Larsen took second trick.

Bro. Tompson, from the south end, has been checked in as agent at City Point.

Bro. A. B. Whilden made a business trip to the ancient St. Augustine recently.

First Trick Dispatcher R. E. Reed, of St. Augustine, spent several days in Savannah recently.

Now, boys, get busy and let's do something for the Order, and try to get every new member we can by the time they put on the winter schedule. You know that we are going to have lots of new men down here this winter, and when the up-to-date man comes to our line we can meet him half-way with a big, broad smile.

SINGLE SHOT.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Amboy Division—

The crop of pumpkins, harvested by the boss, at Bay Head, about six years ago, is now being used on this pike. Let us wish for good returns.

Mr. A. R. Crammer, agent at Riverton, is on his vacation; relieved by Bro. Troutman, first, who is being relieved by Chas. Armstrong.

Mr. Strawbridge and several other telegraphers resigned recently.

Bro. Lockwood, of "HA," on leave of absence; relieved by Mr. Buckalew.

Bro. M. Haines, second at "KI," spent his relief day at Wildwood, and Bro. West, first trick, is spending his vacation at Vincentown, gunning; relieved by H. Brady.

Bro. Cerney is still working the relief trick; G. A. Braehler the last trick at Riverside, and Bro. Sam Osmond the third at "BV."

Ed. Liming, second at "H," is off on account of sickness.

Two new tricks have just been opened, third at "KI," and "BV." Q. Z.

Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty God in His infinite wisdom deemed it wise to remove from our midst Bro. J. H. Hire, who was Secretary of our Club; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Members of The Twin City Telegraphers' Club, that we extend to the wife and family our heartfelt sympathy; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Club, a copy be sent to the wife, and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

L. D. BEAMER,
D. J. GALVIN,
R. B. FOULKES,
Committee.





MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

**Assessment No. 124 is due July 1, 1909.
Time for payment expires Aug. 31, 1909.**

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A)	\$2.40 per year
On 500 00 (Series B)	3.60 per year
On 1,000 00 (Series C)	7.20 per year

BENEFITS PAID DURING NOVEMBER, 1909.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CERT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
893..	Chas. W. Dawson	Accidentally Poisoned.....	8..	8316..	C..	\$1,000 00
954..	Miss Verna Mills.....	Typhoid Fever	94..	18052..	C..	1,000 00
956..	Frank E. Signor.....	Paresis and Exhaustion.....	110..	10280..	C..	1,000 00
957..	James C. Trimble	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	52..	7266..	B..	500 00
958..	Hampton C. Jones.....	Acute Tonsillitis.....	125..	11470..	A..	300 00
959..	Thos. W. Morten.....	Typhoid Fever.....	130..	16069..	C..	1,000 00
961..	Frank O. Brown.....	Typhoid Fever.....	33..	17856..	C..	1,000 00
962..	Wm. H. Baker.....	Cerebral Hemorrhage	33..	9362..	A..	300 00
963..	Wm. F. Smith.....	Cerebral Tumor.....	Grand..	11483..	C..	1,000 00
966..	L. R. Brown	Typhoid Fever.....	108..	21078..	B..	500 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to October 31, 1909.....	\$819,393 65
Received on Assessment Account November, 1909.....	1,264 97
	<u>\$820,658 62</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to October 31, 1909.....	\$570,181 47
Death Claims paid in November.....	7,600 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,214 30
Assessments transferred to dues.....	205 13
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, November 30, 1909.....	241,457 72
	<u>\$820,658 62</u>

L. W. QUICK,
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

General Offices, St. Louis, Mo.

GRAND OFFICERS.

H. B. PERHAM.....President St. Louis, Mo.	L. W. QUICK....Grand Secretary and Treasurer St. Louis, Mo.
J. A. NEWMAN.....First Vice-President Flat "B," 3960 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Ill.	T. M. PIERSON.....Second Vice-President St. Louis, Mo.
D. CAMPBELL.....Third Vice-President 264 Rushholme Road, Toronto, Ont.	J. J. DERMODY.....Fourth Vice-President St. Louis, Mo.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. O. Sinks, Chairman, Jefferson St. Depot, Portland, Ore.	C. E. Layman, Troutville, Va.
Geo. O. Forbes, Secretary, Spring Hill Junction, N. S.	C. G. Kelso, 1106 N. Jefferson St., Springfield, Mo.
	Geo. E. Joslin, Lock Box 11, Centerdale, R. I.

ADVERTISING.

All correspondence pertaining to advertising should be addressed to W. N. Gates, Advertising Manager, Garfield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

DIVISION DIRECTORY.

GRAND DIVISION—Attached membership not confined to any particular railroad or territory. H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. LaFever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month at 10 a. m. in Masonic Temple, cor. Main and Market sts., (P. O. Bldg.), Lewistown, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munes, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo.; W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen'l Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 53 Jameson ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. G. J. Bruhns, Local Chairman, Chelsea, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division meets third Saturday evening in February, April, June, August, October and December at Rochester, N. Y.; January, March, May, July, September, and November at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on third Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. M. B. Lynch, Local Chairman, 962 State st., Schenectady, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Wednesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Beech Creek District meets 2d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Mechanics' Hall, South Clearfield, Pa. J. W. Martens, Local Chairman, Vilas, Pa. Electric Div. and Grand Central Terminal—Meets 2d Wednesday at 9:30 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 8 p. m., each month, Colonial Building, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York. H. D. Murty, Local Chairman of Grand Central Terminal, 115 South High st., Mount Vernon, N. Y. E. M. O'Meara, Local Chairman of Electric Div., Dumont, N. J.; G. P. Alrutz, Asst Local Chairman, in charge of Station Depart-

ment, 24 First st., Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div.—Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 9—LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; F. K. Ament, S. & T., Box 205, Malvern, Pa.

No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N. 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.

No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.

No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher, at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.

No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount, Ont.

No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.

No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. 1st, 2d and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio. A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; C. E. Downie, Local Chairman, Southern Div., South Fallsburgh, N. Y.; S. H. Mulligan, Ass't Local

Chairman Southern Div., Middletown, N. Y.; F. A. Wood, Ass't Local Chairman, Southern Div., East Branch, N. Y.; W. F. Persbacher, Local Chairman, Scranton Div., Dickson City, Pa.; P. A. Towner, Local Chairman Northern Div., Sidney, N. Y.; F. A. McCuen, Ass't Local Chairman Northern Div., Oneida, N. Y.

No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.

No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., and the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Ry. Systems. District meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Soyster, Gen'l Chairman, 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.; E. R. Derrickson, Gen'l S. & T., 804 Security Bank Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m. in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberg, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 837 High st., Williamsport, Pa.

No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex.; J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex.; I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex.; L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.

No. 26, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Meets 2d Thursday each month at 8 p. m., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y. E. N. Pickerill, Chief Tel., Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, N. Y.; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.

No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.

No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7016 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.

No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1600 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; E. W. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., 1600 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Fraisher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m., thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office, Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly on the second Monday evening of each month, 8 p. m., in Hotel Caswell, northeast corner of Baltimore and Hanover sts., Baltimore, Md.; D. J. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman, Eastern District of the Baltimore Division. C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO" General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman; M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburgh Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburgh, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringgold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio, G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fel-

lows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; W. J. Smith, S. & T., South Swansea, Mass.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., 373½ Main st., Springfield, Mass. H. I. Woodward, Chief Tel., 156 Carew st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigaville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigaville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairman.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. B. C. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 17 Bergen ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. W. Aiken, Gen'l Chairman, Cotopaxi, Colo., A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2015 Routt ave., Pueblo, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, Gen'l Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. A. A. Kolb, Chief Tel., 570 Duquesne ave., Swissvale,

Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. C. E. Baltzer, Acting Gen'l Chairman. Navarre, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58—WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. G. Alexander, Gen'l Chairman, 309 W. 7th st., Charlotte, N. C.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets fourth Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky.; J. W. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Oakdale, Tenn. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets

- 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.
- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis, st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Three Forks, Mont.
- No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA.—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road. St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.
- No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S. W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.
- No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy O. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nicholls, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.
- No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets third Sunday each month at Hattiesburg, Miss.; J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., Shriver, Miss.
- No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Decatur, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; E. C. Kahlbaugh, Acting G. S. & T., 415 Franklin st., Hanover, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne Gen'l Chairman, Limestone, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.
- No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden

- N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.
- No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J.; N. T. Bryson, Chief Tel., 84 Sweets ave., Trenton, N. J.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sta., Trenton, N. J.
- No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m. and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.
- No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; B. T. Hambright, Gen'l S. & T., Roanoke, Tex.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m. in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., 46 Crocker st., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 4831 Pensacola ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Asst Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sta., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18th South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.
- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.
- No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; C. E. Norris, Gen'l S. & T., Inver Grove, Minn.
- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.
- No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Tempe, Ariz.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Englehart, Ont.
- No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. E. A. Johnson, Chief Tel., R. F. D. 1, Gage, N. Y.; D. R. Dunning, S. & T., 103 Smith st., Elmira, N. Y.
- No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mening, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets third Saturday each month at 7 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H.; G. A. Hall, Chief Tel., Boscawen, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. John H. Goshorn, Chief Tel., Greencastle, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T.; El Paso, Ill.

- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.
- No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets first Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Cone-maugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.
- No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.
- No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of chairman. P. D. Leming, Acting Gen'l Chairman, Phoenixia, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jacques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tuppersville, N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres, Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; J. H. McLean, Acting Gen'l S. & T., L'Anse, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:15 p. m.: Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct. and Nov., and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, Sept. and Dec. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., 222 Ash st., Marysville, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Saulte Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. I. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Ambia, Ind.; C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.
- No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and of place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edwards, N. Y.
- No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets second Friday each month. Members will be notified each month as to time and place of meeting. C. H. Boschen, Gen'l Chairman, Ashland, Va.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, Chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Penola, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., fourth Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Box 176, Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; I. W. Lusk, S. & T., 406 Chestnut st., Virginia, Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Board of Trade Bldg., Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdel, N. Y., and Local Chairman Eastern Division; E. E. Smith, G. S. & T., Stoneboro, Pa., and Local Chairman Franklin Division; C. D. Hull, 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio, Local Chairman, Toledo Division; J. H. Walker, Hillsdale, Mich., Local Chairman Michigan Division; M. S. Lowe, Monroe, Mich., Local Chairman Detroit Division; W. R. Adams, 402 W. 7th st., Auburn, Ind., Local Chairman, Lansing Division; E. D. Graham, 207 E. 7th st., Mishawaka, Ind., Local Chairman Western Division.

No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.

No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—C. A. Bileau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.

No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C. 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on second Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.

No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets third Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.

No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Bldg., Olean, N. Y.; D. F. Cashman, Chief Tel., Machias Junction, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 4144a Maffitt ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 138—Division covers C., C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets, at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Bldg., Springfield, Ohio. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman. Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman. Indianapolis Division meets at Room No. 11, second floor, Anthony Bldg., Muncie, Ind., on 3d Tuesday of each month. E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg, monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkham, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White

Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; I. A. Schloesser, 111 N. Lynn st., Urbana, Ill., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; B. T. McConchie, Local Chairman, Marshall, Ill.

No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. V. W. Hobbs, Gen'l Chairman, Mattawamkeag, Maine; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. B. Dunn, Gen'l Chairman, Shiner, Texas; J. H. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Josephine st., San Antonio, Texas.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. I. C. Hart, Gen'l Chairman, Elmira, Mich.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.

No. 144—Division covers the Trinity and Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Texas.

No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. Geo. C. Webster, G. S. & T., Dalhart, Texas.

No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. W. M. English, Gen'l Chairman, Talladega, Ala.; J. C. Means, Gen'l S. & T., Oglethorpe, Ga.

No. 147—Division covers the Norfolk & Southern Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. R. S. Tilden, Gen'l Chairman, 32 George st., Newbern, N. C.; Chas. D. Lane, Gen'l S. & T., Dover, N. C.

No. 148—Division covers the Grand Trunk Western Ry. System. F. O. Wille, Acting G. S. & T., Clarkston, Mich.

No. 149, SOUTH AMBOY, N. J.—Meets third Thursday in each month at Scully's Hall, South Amboy, N. J., 7:30 p. m. T. L. Kiser, Chief Tel., Box 139, Spotswood, N. J.; S. W. Skirm, G. S. & T., 484 State st., Perth Amboy, N. J.

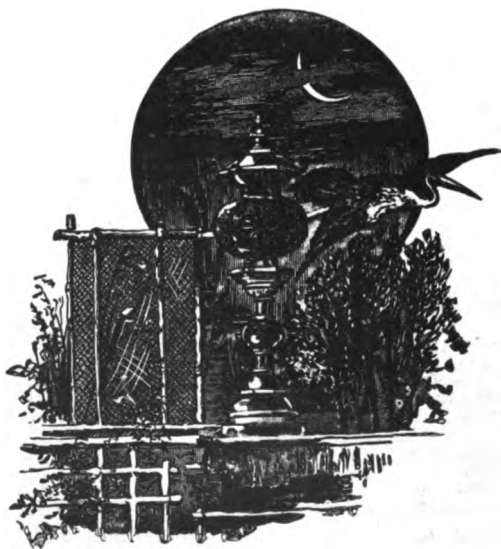
TWIN CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB—Meets second Saturday night each month at Columbia Hall, Prior and University aves., St. Paul, Minn. R. R. Foulkes, Pres., 232 Cayuga st., St. Paul, Minn.; T. H. Line, S. & T., 2365 Doswell ave., St. Paul, Minn.

TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF N. Y.—Meets subject to call of President at "The Plaza," 141st st. and Edgecombe ave., New York City; M. G. Woolley, President, 155th st. and 8th ave., New York City; E. Neumuller, S. & T., 126 Union st., High Bridge, New York City.

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF RICHMOND, VA.—Meets at Picket Camp Hall, 307 N. 7th st., second Saturday night of each month. All O. R. T. men are cordially invited. There will be short talks on various subjects of interest to telegraphers at each meeting.

PRETZEL CITY TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB, FREEPORT, ILL.—Meets third Friday night of each month at I. O. O. F. Hall, 107 Stephenson st., Freeport, Ill. All O. R. T. members are cordially invited. This club is organized more particularly in the interests of the telegraphers of the C., M. & St. P., C. G. W., and I. C. Railways, all of whom should make special effort to attend. Walter Kelly, Chief Tel., Rutland, Ill.; H. E. Kiester, S. & T., 60 Second st., Freeport, Ill.

DIXIE TWIN ORDER TELEGRAPHERS' CLUB OF ATLANTA, GA.—Meets second Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., Federation Hall. All up-to-date O. R. T. and C. T. U. of A. brothers cordially invited to attend. C. E. Lisyey, President, East Point, Ga.; Lawson Lamar, Vice-President, Gould Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Miss Dita May West, S. & T., 319 E. Georgia ave., Atlanta, Ga.



When addressing our advertisers, please mention The Railroad Telegrapher.

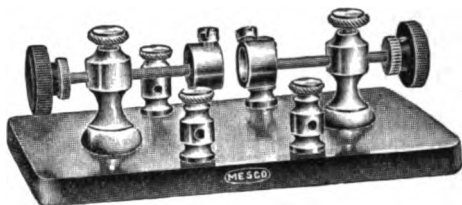
Wireless Telegraph Apparatus

WILL TRANSMIT UP TO 10 MILES.

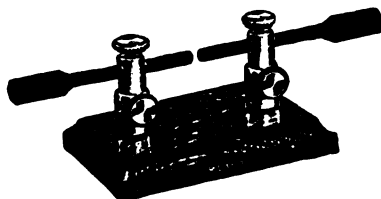
WILL RECEIVE FROM STATIONS 100 MILES DISTANT.

**THESE ARE WELL MADE, PRACTICAL OPERATING INSTRUMENTS,
DESIGNED TO GIVE SATISFACTORY RESULTS.**

WIRELESS PAMPHLET MAILED ON APPLICATION



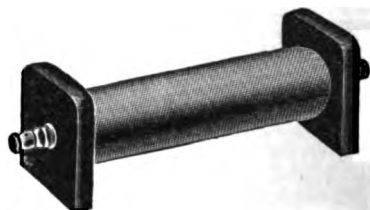
Crystal Detector Stand



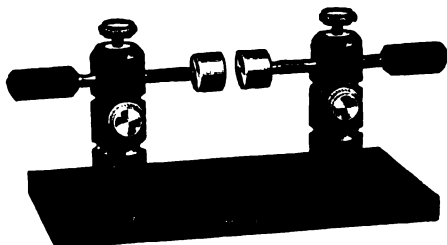
Zinc Spark Gap



Wireless Key—Legless Type



High Tension Tubular Condenser



High Efficiency Spark Gap



**Telephone Receivers
For Wireless Use**

**Catalog B24, nearly 200 pages, illustrates and Describes
"Something Electrical for Everybody"
You can have one for the asking**

Manhattan Electrical Supply Co.

CHICAGO, 188 Fifth Avenue

NEW YORK, 17 Park Place

LOFTIS SYSTEM Diamonds ON CREDIT

33.60
On
redit



o. 36 A. 18 Size
SPECIAL PRICE \$33.60
ay \$3.36 Per Month

WATCH AND DIAMOND SPECIALS FOR RAILROAD MEN

18 Size Elgin, Waltham or Illinois Railroad Watches

21 FINE RUBY JEWELS (gold settings); adjusted to temperature; isochronism and five positions; double roller escapement with steel escape wheel, pallet arbor and escape pinion cone-pivoted and cap-jeweled; exposed pallets; compensating balance; Breguet hairspring; micrometric regulator. Open face, lever set double sunk Railroad Dial, large steel hands. In 18 Size Gold Filled Case, warranted to wear for 20 years. Screw bezel, solid back, dust proof, with dust proof screw cap; plain polished, engraved or engine turned. If 16 Size is desired, let us send you our No. 36 B

\$30 16 Size 21 Jewel Special
Dueber-Hampden Railroad Watch

In Gold Filled, Dust Proof Case, Warranted to Wear for 20 Years.

Credit Terms: \$3 per Month
Guaranteed to Pass Inspection on Any Railroad

Sent Anywhere, All Charges Prepaid,

On Free Trial



\$50
Gentlemen's or Ladies'
14k Solid Gold
Diamond Rings
Fashionable Mounting
\$5 a Month
No. 34

FINEST DIAMOND—A marvel of brilliancy, purity and color. Not too expensive for the income of salaried people, yet of such beauty as to awaken the admiration of all lovers of Diamonds.

Diamonds increase a man's prestige and open the door of Opportunity.

The Loftis System of Credit at HOLIDAY time is a Great Convenience to Thousands

What is the Loftis System? It is the system which permits the far-away buyers to select the finest Diamonds, Watches and Jewelry from our beautifully illustrated catalog and have them sent to their home, place of business or express office on approval. You need not pay one penny for express charges or otherwise—we pay everything—leaving you free to decide whether to buy or not after the fullest examination of the article sent. If what we send meets with your approval, you pay one-fifth on delivery and keep the article, sending the balance to us direct in eight equal monthly payments. These terms make anyone's credit good, and permit us to open **CONFIDENTIAL CHARGE ACCOUNTS** with all classes of people.

Write for Holiday Catalog Containing over 1500 photographic illustrations of beautiful suggestions for Holiday Gifts. With its aid you can select in the privacy of your home suitable gifts for all. Diamond Rings, Pins, Brooches and Earrings, Chatelaine Watches, Silverware, etc., for wife, sweetheart, sister or mother. Sparkling Diamond Studs, Scarf Pins and Cuff Buttons, Watches, etc., for husband, father or brother. Our Catalog is free.

an Account With Us is a confidential matter. We require no security, charge no interest, impose no penalties and create no publicity. Our customers use their charge accounts with us year after year, finding them a great convenience at such times as Holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. We have no disagreeable preliminaries or vexatious delays. Everything is pleasant, prompt, and guaranteed to be satisfactory. We want your account.

Our Prices are 10 to 15 per cent lower than those of the ordinary smart shop cash retail jeweler. We are direct importers, buying our Diamonds in the rough, which we cleave, set and polish in our own work shops. In buying from us you save the profits of broker, jobber, wholesaler and retailer.

o the Cash Buyer of Diamonds we have a proposition which is thoroughly characteristic of our house. It is nothing less than a written agreement to return the full amount paid us for a Diamond—less 10 per cent, at any time within one year. Thus one might wear a fifty dollar Diamond for a whole year, then send it back and get \$45, making the cost of wearing the Diamond for one year less than ten cents per week.

Diamonds as an Investment are better than a savings bank because they pay four times the rate of interest. They are increasing in value from 15 to 20 per cent each year. They are better than real estate, because you can realize their full value at any time at the highest market price. A Diamond is the ideal gift for a loved one; it lasts forever, and every day reminds the wearer of your regard and good judgment. Our prices are lowest, terms easiest.

We Are the Oldest, largest and most reliable Diamond, Jewelry and Watch Credit House in the world. Est. 1858. We refer to any bank in America—ask your local bank how we stand in the business world. They will refer to their Commercial Agency books and tell you that we stand very high, and that our representations may be accepted without question. Our guarantee has over \$1,000,000 behind it.

Our Guarantee Certificate, given with every Diamond, is the broadest and strongest ever issued by a responsible house. Our exchange system is the most liberal ever devised, for it permits you to return any Diamond bought of us, and get the full amount paid in exchange for other goods or a larger Diamond. Buy now.

Our Handsome Souvenir Booklet, telling all about "How Easily You Can Wear and Own a Diamond on the Loftis System," will be sent free on request. The Diamond is the emblem of success.

**THE OLD RELIABLE, ORIGINAL
DIAMOND AND WATCH CREDIT HOUSE,
Dept. M787 92 to 98 State St., CHICAGO, ILL.**

BRANCH STORES—Pittsburg, Pa., and St. Louis, Mo.

**LOFTIS
BROS & CO. 1858**

ITCH-ECZEMA FREE TRIAL

THE CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK OF SEDALIA,
SEDALIA, MO.

February 11th, 1908.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This certifies that Dr. Cannaday's patients, from all over the United States, have been placing their money in this bank while they tried his treatment on eczema. In all this time we have been called upon but five times to return the patient's money.

One died before the treatment was shipped; two did not get the treatment as it was lost in transit; one paid cash for the treatment three days later after getting her money; and one was not satisfied.

*Citizen Nat. Bank
R. F. Hanson*

I am giving you a fair, square, honest, business deal and if you think I am trying to "flim-flam" you out of a few paltry dollars please do not write to me at all. If you have tried everything and are discouraged and disgusted with everything and everybody, then I just dare you to give me a chance to prove my claims.

The cause of eczema, if NEGLECTED, also produces Bright's disease, rheumatism, stomach troubles, cold hands and feet, headaches, constipation and all kinds of nervous troubles. You simply cannot afford to take such chances. If you fail to write to me TO-DAY, blame no one but yourself for your future sufferings. Believe me or not, this is the one chance of your lifetime. It will be the best day's work YOU ever did, if you write to me today and you will tell me so too.

Dr. J. E. Cannaday, 25 Park Square, Sedalia, Missouri.

(Could you do a better act than to send this notice to some poor sufferer of eczema?)

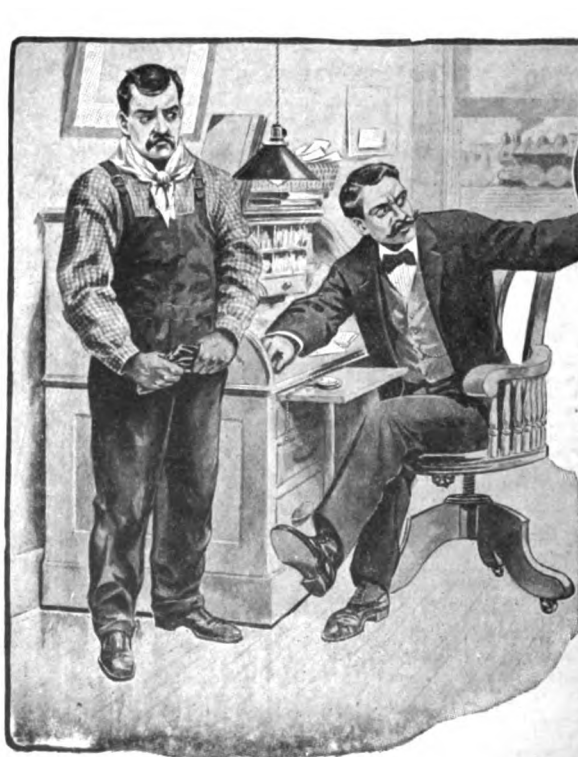
If you have Eczema, also called Itch, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Pruritus, Milk Crust, Weeping Skin, etc. and will write me today, I will send you a free trial of my mild, soothing, guaranteed cure that stops the itching and cures to stay. Besides this I will send you, free and postpaid, the most perfect book that was ever printed on eczema, (146 pages) and then if you are not convinced, you can put my moderate fee in the Bank and if the treatment does not do more than I claim, return the treatment and get your money in full. Read the letter the bank gave me in this notice.

The cause of eczema is in the blood and not a germ. I would tell you here what causes eczema, but you would not believe it until you had used my free trial and see how perfectly it works. My treatment removes that cause and there is simply no argument about it. It will not bring the dead to life but it does remove the cause of eczema, and I can prove it.

All the "Blood Purifiers" on earth cannot do a particle of good because they are made to do every thing. If you are expecting a "patent-cure-all" that will cure anything, from cross eyes to fits, do not write me at all. If you know enough to reason that every cause has its effects, and that these effects will remain until the cause is removed, then you are the party I want to talk to.

My treatment removes that cause and there is simply no argument about it. It will not bring the dead to life but it does remove the cause of eczema, and I can prove it.





**THE
RAILROAD
MAN'S
WATCH**

The variation of a minute may mean lives lost and property ruined. The Railroad man who has a

ROCKFORD

is safe and secure. It is recognized as standard by the Official Railroad Watch Inspectors. It is specially made to meet the exacting requirements of Railroading.

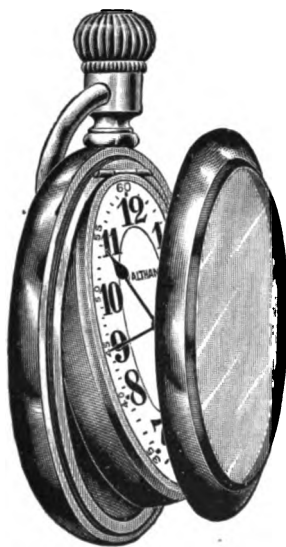
ABSOLUTELY FREE

Upon request, we will send without charge, a pretty and convenient vest-pocket time-card case. It should be in the possession of every Railroad man.

**THE
ROCKFORD WATCH CO.
ROCKFORD, ILL.**

A Big Cut in Prices of Waltham Railroad Watches

THE retail selling price of Waltham Railroad Watches has been gradually advanced for several years, altogether out of proportion to the wholesale price. A few years ago a 23-jewel Vanguard movement which cost the jeweler \$27.00, less a cash discount, could be bought



at retail for \$33.00. Today this movement, which still costs the jeweler the same price, is being retailed for \$40.00, this advance of \$7.00 being a tax imposed upon the railroad man for the sole benefit of the retail jeweler and watch inspectors. We consider that these prices are an imposition and we sell Waltham railroad watches on the same fair margin of profit that we sell clothing, shoes or groceries. We are probably the largest distributors of fine Waltham watches in the world and our immense cash purchases enable us to buy and sell these goods much cheaper than any retail jeweler. The following are our cut prices on guaranteed (fresh from the factory) Waltham railroad watches, each one warranted to be in perfect running order and to pass time inspection on any railroad in the United States. Our experience of over thirty years in shipping the finest grade watches enables us to test, regulate and pack for shipment every watch in such a manner that it will reach the buyer ready for use without further regulation or adjustment of any kind.

We show in price table below prices at which we figure the movements alone, but we do not sell them separately from cases, the following being the prices of these movements fitted complete in 25-year, gold-filled, plain polished, dust-proof cases, screw bezel and solid back with dust and damp-proof winding stem; the ideal railroad watch, as shown in illustration. We engrave monogram or initial on back free of charge.

			Our Price	Retail Price	Value Movement Alone
N 11000	18 size, 23 jewel Vanguard with M. W. & Co. 25 year case	.....	\$35.60		\$30.00
N 11003	18 size, 23 jewel Vanguard with Boss 25 year case	.....	\$9.90	\$49.90	\$0.00
N 11004	16 size, 23 jewel Vanguard with M. W. & Co. 25 year case	.....	\$6.50		\$0.00
N 11006	16 size, 23 jewel Vanguard with Boss 25 year case	.....	\$9.75	49.60	\$0.00
N 11008	16 size, 21 jewel Crescent Street in M. W. & Co. 25 year case	.....	\$9.75		\$3.25
N 11010	16 size, 21 jewel Crescent Street in Boss 25 year case	.....	\$3.00	41.10	\$3.25

All of the above watches have railroad dials with heavy figures and hands, stem wind and lever set, and each one is accompanied by our three year absolute guarantee (a watch insurance policy) which insures you against any possible expense for repairs or for transportation charges in returning a watch to us for three years from date of purchase. We always carry a big stock of these watches, and will fill orders promptly. Prices with other styles of gold-filled and solid gold cases quoted on application. We furnish any of above watches with frosted silver finish railroad dials for \$1.00 extra.

Montgomery Ward & Co.

19th and Campbell Streets
KANSAS CITY

Chicago Avenue Bridge
CHICAGO

A Typewriter Proposal

¶ We are offering to you this month Remington models 6 and 7, at \$35.00, \$40.00 and 45.00, and Smith Premiers, model 2, at \$30.00, \$35.00 and \$40.00; (add \$5.00 for time payments). These machines, or any other make, are rebuilt in our own shop, and are as good as the day they came from the factory.

¶ We are making you this proposal. We will ship one of these typewriters to you. If it shows that it has ever been used, send it back at our expense. If you accept it, and within two weeks make up your mind it is not what you want, return it and get your MONEY BACK.

Send for our Booklet, "What Others Say."

McDONALD TYPEWRITER CO.
263 LASALLE ST., CHICAGO,

W. F. McDonald, Pres.
Secy.-Treas. Division 91, O. R. T.

John A. Black, Secy. & Treas.


G. Dal Jones,
Chief Td. Div. 91, O. R. T.

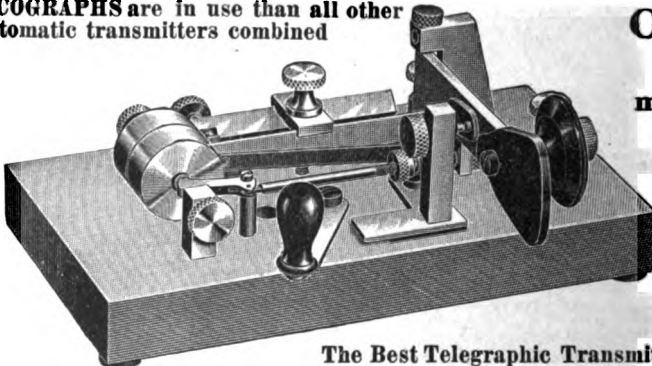
SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Most or all of the spurious sending machines incited to life by the phenomenal success of the **MECOGRAPH** have been consigned to oblivion by the law of the "Survival of the Fittest."
The first Mechanical Transmitter on the market—the **MECOGRAPH**—survives.

More **MECOGRAPHS** are in use than all other automatic transmitters combined

**Over
60%
more move-
ments re-
quired to
send on
a Morse
key than
on a
MECO-
GRAPH**


PATENTED
Feb. 13—'05
May 28—'07
May 5—'08
Nov. 9—'09



The Best Telegraphic Transmitter in the World

Sending on a Morse Key is an exception to the rule "Practice Makes Perfect," for a large per cent of operators filling good positions get telegrapher's paralysis—the glass arm—the nightmare of operators.
A writer in the *Railroad Telegrapher* of October, '08, referring to the typical operator, said: "In middle life he is confronted with a physical breakdown, the result of the continuous drafts upon his mental and nervous energy."
Practice—sending on a Morse Key instead of making his sending perfect, ruins it.

The Remedy

Use a sending machine!!!! Not a single operator ever injured his arm or nerve using a **Sending Machine**. Be sure to get the very best transmitter—the **Mecograph**. Don't wait till your arm and nerve fail you before getting one. The best time to save nervous energy is while you have plenty of it. The time to take care of your arm is while it is sound.

Price of **MECOGRAPH**, \$7.50. Carrying Case, \$1 extra. Send for our new Circular.

WE WANT A GOOD LIVE AGENT IN BOSTON.

Caution—We shall continue to prosecute to a finish all infringers of the rights we have already established with **Four** strong patents and **Three** broad U. S. Court decisions.

MECOGRAPH COMPANY, Manufacturers of Telegraph Instruments

321 Frankfort Avenue,

CLEVELAND, OHIO, U. S. A.

YOU OUGHT TO HEAR A WING PIANO

**FOUR WEEKS
FREE TRIAL**
We Pay Freight Both Ways

**A beautiful Toned High
Grade Piano On
Easy Payments**

In 41 years we have built and sold over 40,000 WING PIANOS. All this experience goes into the WING PIANO of today and makes it as high a grade Piano as you can buy. Thousands of customers yearly write us of the tone and durability of their WING PIANO.

SPECIAL TERMS TO RAILROAD MEN

Four Weeks Free Trial

Some Pianos sound well in the warerooms but are a disappointment in the home. WING PIANOS keep their purity and power anywhere, that is why we make the unusual offer of sending you one for 4 weeks on trial in your own home without payment or deposit. You can be the judge of it in the place in which it must be used. We pay freight both ways if after 4 weeks trial you decide not to buy.

Agents Profit For You

If the Piano pleases you and you decide to buy it, the price will be from \$75 to \$200 lower than any other high grade Piano on the market. This is possible because we sell direct to the consumer. We have no agents. We do not sell to dealers. The \$75 to \$200 lower price is just the cost of selling through middlemen. We give that to you, for to you it belongs.

2 to 3 Years to Pay

When paying for a WING PIANO we give you a choice of many different ways of paying for it. A way to meet every possible circumstance in life. We sell for cash or on the easiest kind of easy payments. And show you how easy it is to do business with us at a distance. No collector or solicitors.

WING & SON
NEW YORK
CONCERT GRAND

YOU OUGHT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT PIANOS

We have in press a magnificent 156 page "Book of Complete Information About Pianos." It will be the most complete and costly book ever published by any piano house. It is a complete encyclopaedia of the piano. Giving its history and telling about its construction. Shows how to tell a good Piano from a bad one. Gives you a good start toward a musical education. Our price for the book is \$1, but by sending now for our other free book, "A Standard Piano," which ought to be in the hands of every music-lover, it will show you how to get the big book free when it comes from the printer. The book, "A Standard Piano," tells in detail the business methods of the old house of WING & SON. Why they send Pianos for free trial—why they can undersell local dealers, and how you can pay for a Piano and not know it.

Cut out here. A pin will do.

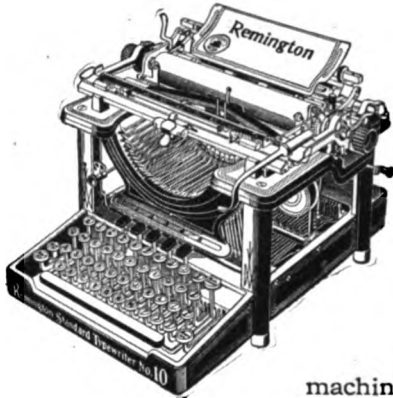
WING & SON,

371-395 West 13th Street, New York.

Send me your book, "A Standard Piano," without any cost to me or obligation on my part.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....



THE MODEL 10 REMINGTON

is the latest and Greatest Remington triumph; the latest and greatest typewriter triumph; the most efficient machine ever built for the telegrapher's use.

The Model 10 has all the famous Remington qualities which have always made the Remington the telegrapher's choice, combined with new features which mean more work and faster work with less labor than ever before.

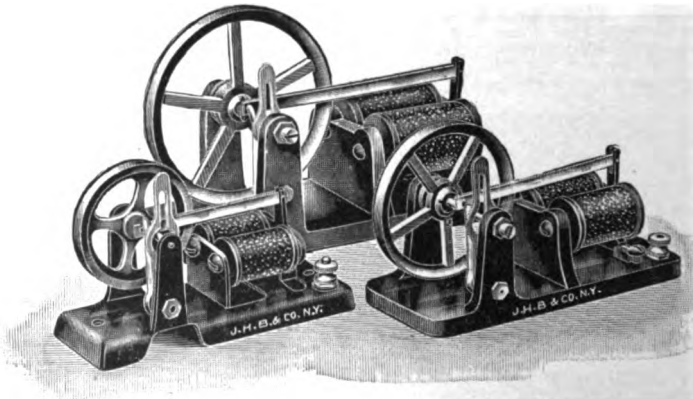
REMINGTON TYPEWRITER CO.

(Incorporated)

NEW YORK AND EVERYWHERE.

BEEKO ELECTRIC ENGINES

Made
in
Three
Sizes



Cuts
One-
Third
Size

The most attractive toy ever produced. Has variable speed and reverse lever.
Will run a number of small toys at one time. Operates for weeks at a time on one to three cells of a good dry battery.

Small Size **60 cents** Medium Size **\$1.00** Large Size **\$1.25**

We also carry a large line of Tin Toys to run in connection with above Engines. Miniature Electric Railways, Small Motors, Dynamos, Telegraph Instruments, etc.

Write for circular of Electric Holiday Novelties and Christmas Tree Outfits.

J. H. BUNNELL & CO., Inc.

20 PARK PLACE

NEW YORK.

OUR Profit-Sharing Offer

IF you have \$50, \$100 or \$1,000, or if you can save a few dollars each month, which you would invest where it will provide you with a large immediate income, and with the opportunity for still greater profits, you will be interested in reading a book we have just issued and which we will send to you free on request.

In this book we have outlined the story of **the foremost business of its kind in America**, of the splendid success of the business, of its unusually large profits, and of the stability of its earnings.

In this book we have also outlined, as a part of its plan for handling its large and increasing business, an offer made by this Company by which you may share, on an unusual basis, in the greater profits which this Company will make.

We call your attention to the following important facts:

1. **Your investment is guaranteed by ample assets of great value.**
2. **You will receive dividends from the very start.**
3. **The enterprise is firmly established.**
4. **It is in a thriving and prosperous condition at present.**
5. **It has very great prospects for the future.**

In addition to the **guaranteed income paid at once**, the opportunity offered is extraordinary because of the **profit-sharing feature**, by which you may share **permanently** in **all** the future profits of the Company, in its large and rapidly increasing business.

The Departments of the United States Government, leading professional and business men in every State in the Union, and in the Provinces in Canada, purchase and endorse the product of this Company, which is of world-wide interest in its character.

This most interesting book, fully explaining our "Profit-Sharing Offer," will be mailed to you promptly on request.

By. T.
Dec. '09

R. S. PEALE
President
225 Fifth Ave.
New York

Please send me
book explaining your
"Profit-Sharing Offer"
without obligation on my
part.

Name.....

Address.....

Cut Out the Coupon and Mail It To-day

Smith Premier Typewriter

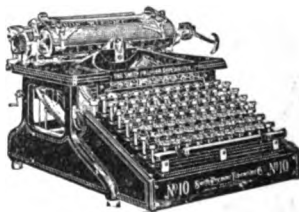
The only front stroke machine having a complete, straight-line keyboard, a removable platen, interchangeable carriages, a gear-driven carriage and easy erasing facilities, every operation controlled from the keyboard, a decimal tabulator and column finder.

These features are so necessary that other typewriters will eventually come to them. Why not get the machine that has them **now**—the Smith Premier?

Complete description of all features sent free on request.

THE SMITH PREMIER TYPEWRITER COMPANY, INC.,

Syracuse, New York,
U. S. A.



MODEL LAUNDERED SHIRTS

Satisfaction guaranteed to the man who wears our brand of shirts. They are honestly made of the best materials and we cut each size on an individual size pattern, which assures you of a perfect fit.

The Model Royal Blue, our well known indigo Railroad Men's Shirt is *warranted* not to fade. It can be had in plain blue indigo, white pin dot, and white hair line stripe, made with either attached cuffs and attached collar or attached cuffs and two detached collars.

Buy MODEL Shirts and convince yourself that they are the best. We make all kinds of fine laundered shirts at \$1.00 and \$1.50. If your dealer cannot supply you with our shirts, we will send on receipt of price, carrying charges prepaid.



Union Made

Model Shirt Company

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Let Me Show You How to Earn \$3,000 to \$10,000 a Year in the Real Estate Business



NO CAPITAL NECESSARY

If you are ambitious to better your condition—if you want to establish yourself in a splendid paying business requiring no capital—send me your name and address and I will mail you—**free**—a valuable **62-page prospectus** explaining our system of money-making, without interfering with your present occupation. We have perfected a thoroughly practical, scientific method of teaching by mail the

Real Estate, Brokerage and Insurance Business

Under our plan, we teach these big money-making branches to one able, ambitious and energetic person in each community. When you are thoroughly qualified to make a success of the business, we appoint you

Our Special Representative

This gives you a chance to identify yourself with the oldest and largest Co-operative Real Estate and Brokerage Company in America. Special Representatives are making \$3,000 to \$10,000 a year without investing their own capital, and the same big opportunities are open to you. By our system you can—**if you will**—be making plenty of money in a few weeks without conflicting in any way with your regular work. Our Co-operative Department will give you more choice, salable property to handle than any other concern in the world. So the sooner you investigate our plan, the sooner you will get your name on your own real estate signs and be ready for business.

Valuable Commercial Law Course Free

To each of our representatives we also give a thorough course in commercial law without cost. This instruction is indispensable to any man who wants to make his way in the business world. We teach you, free, everything you need to know to successfully meet legal problems that may arise in any business transaction. And we also furnish you free legal advice whenever you require it.

Send For This Book Now

Our Big 62-Page Free Prospectus will prove of great interest and real value to anyone, but is of vital importance to office employees, salesmen, agents, clerks, solicitors and others who are ambitious to enter the realm of better things in business. This book is an inspiration to the indifferent, a spur to the laggard, and a stimulus to the ambitious. It deals with the great problems of business, and points the only sure way to the complete mastery of Real Estate, Brokerage and Insurance, three of the most profitable branches of modern business, which have made many millionaires and brought great prosperity to tens of thousands of active, energetic men all over the land.

MAIL THE COUPON TODAY

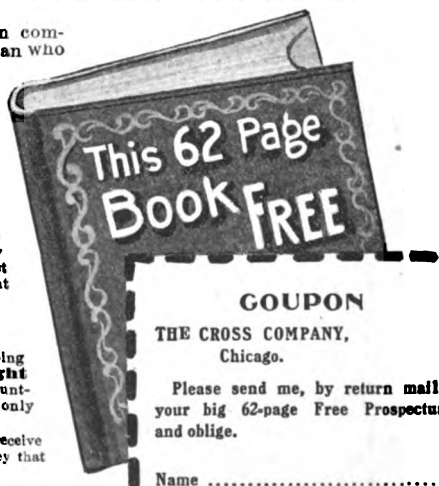
Don't procrastinate. Act! Anything that is worth doing is worth doing promptly. Resolve to send for this **big free prospectus**, and send for it **right now**, while the matter is before you. "I'll do it to-morrow" has been the grave of countless good intentions. "I'll do it to-day," is the solid rock on which to build the only enduring success.

Just clip the coupon, fill it out, sign and send to-day. By return mail you will receive **free** the invaluable book, which to thousands of ambitious men has proved the key that opens the door of great achievements in business.

THE CROSS COMPANY

3373 Reaper Block

CHICAGO, ILL.



COUPON

THE CROSS COMPANY,
Chicago.

Please send me, by return mail,
your big 62-page Free Prospectus
and oblige.

Name

Address

DIAMONDS ON CREDIT

EASY TERMS

Your Credit is Good

Any honest person can buy a diamond or other article of jewelry from us and pay for it on terms to suit one's convenience. No red tape, inquisitive system—it's a plain business proposition, based on dealings with honest people. Our buying facilities give you the benefit of low prices—one-third is easily saved. Buy a diamond for yourself, your father, mother, sister, brother, or sweetheart. It's an ideal gift for Christmas, one remembered long after all other presents are forgotten.

The rings, stud and ear rings shown in this illustration are special bargains, worth \$60 to \$75 at any retail store. The diamonds are beauties, guaranteed of first quality, blue-white color, perfect and flawless. You can have either of them on these easy terms:



105



106



107



108



109

\$45 \$9.00 Down
\$4.50 a Month

Send your name and address with size of ring, and we will send it by express prepaid. If perfectly satisfactory, pay the express agent \$9; the balance you pay in eight monthly installments of \$4.50 each.

Our handsome illustrated catalogue with many more money-saving prices is FREE for the asking. Write right away.

W. E. RENICH CO.

Diamonds and Watches at Wholesale
124 State St., CHICAGO.

Pay Now & Then

Let us send you Watch or Ring upon terms indicated. Remit first payment with order or have goods sent by prepaid express C. O. D. for your inspection.



Write today for Free Catalog No. L-7



1/4 carat commercial white perfect diamond set in any style, 14 karat solid gold mounting... **\$30.00**

\$5 cash and \$3 per month.

Gents' O. F. 12, 16 or 18 size or ladies' 6 size plain or beautifully engraved 20-year, 14-kt. gold filled case fitted with genuine new Elgin or Waltham movement **\$12.50**


With hunting case, \$16.75.
\$2.00 cash and \$1.50 per month.

Herbert L. Joseph & Co.

Diamond Importers :: Watch Jobbers
217-219 [L-7.] State Street, Chicago

WHAT'S YOUR OCCUPATION?

THE GRADEN SYSTEM



makes successful railroad men by equipping its students for good paying positions in railroad station work and **Guarantee Employment to all Graduates.**

Railroads today are seeking men trained by this system.

WRITE FOR BOOK
"WHAT IT DOES"


The Graden System of Railroad Training

510 Schofield Bldg. Cleveland, O.

LET ME SEND YOU MY BOOK

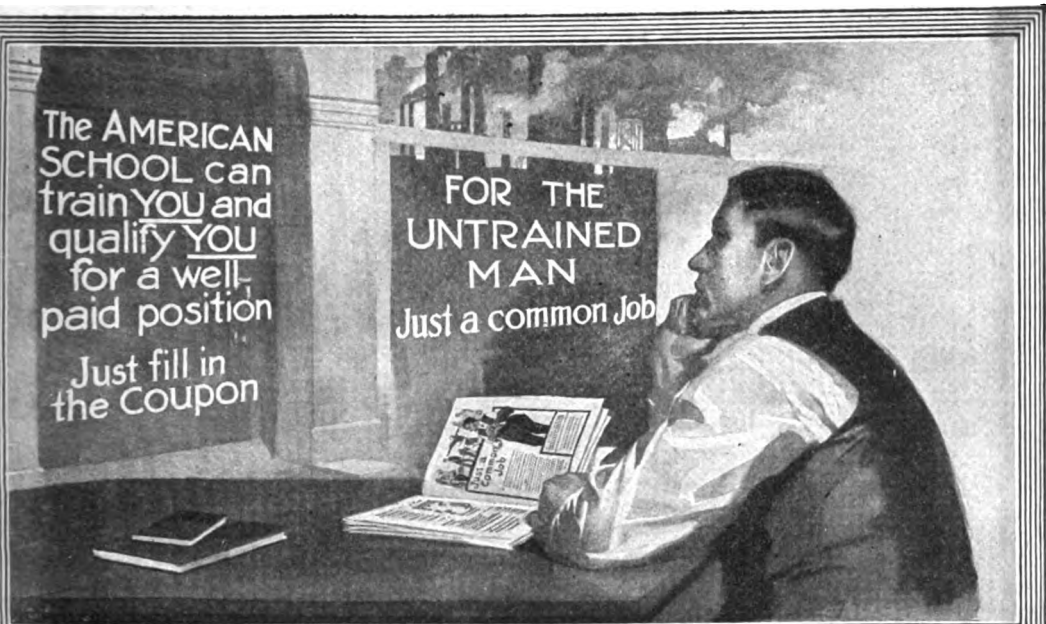
A Digest On Blood Cell Treatment, showing the

Parallel between Health and Disease, FREE to every suffering man. My Specific Blood Cell Remedies have been used in the largest clinics in Chicago and New York in the treatment of Blood Poison, Skin Diseases, Lupus, Diabetes, Rheumatism, Nervousness, Bladder and Kidney Troubles and Weak Blood Vessels. My Specific Remedies make men strong by purifying the Blood Stream. Microscopical and Analytical Urinalysis Free. Write to-day for my Book, full of valuable information that every man ought to know.



DR. H. D. REYNOLDS

DR. H. D. REYNOLDS
64 Adams Street, CHICAGO, ILL.



Which Will You Choose?

Will it be "Just a Common Job" at small pay or one of the well paid positions which the American School of Correspondence can train you to fill?

Many poorly paid but ambitious men have over-come greater obstacles than those which confront you—have been trained by the American School to fill a good position at big pay.

It is easy to acquire training. Choose the position you desire to hold by marking and mailing the coupon below. Let us send you a complete solution of your problem.

The American School is the *greatest practical training school* in the world. It will come to you no matter where you live and train you in your spare time—in your own home.

Make your choice today by filling in and mailing the coupon. There is no obligation. The American School sends complete information quietly and promptly by mail—not by an agent to bother you in your home or at your work. We will tell you frankly and honestly just how we can help you.

Mail the free information coupon today

American School of Correspondence
CHICAGO, U. S. A.

FREE INFORMATION COUPON

American School of Correspondence:

Please send me your Bulletin and advise me how I can qualify for position marked "X."

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|Book-keeper |Draftsman |
|Stenographer |Architect |
|Accountant |Civil Engineer |
|Cost Accountant |Electrical Engineer |
|Systematizer |Mechanical Engineer |
|Cert'd Public Acc't |Sanitary Engineer |
|Auditor |Steam Engineer |
|Business Manager |Fire Insurance Eng'r |
|Commercial Law |College Preparatory |

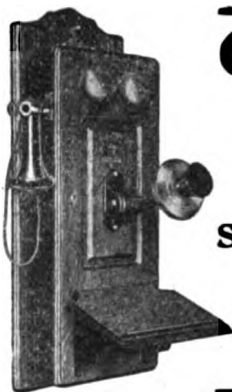
NAME

ADDRESS

OCCUPATION

R. R. Telegrapher 12-'09

Bus.



Get Busy, Boys!

If your townspeople contemplate putting in an exchange, or the farmers in your vicinity build a rural party line, write us about it and we will tell you how you can make a lot of money on the side.

Government experts pronounce our telephones better than all others.

SWEDISH-AMERICAN TELEPHONE CO.

CHICAGO, ILL. Div. 15.

Operators can guarantee fair treatment to prospective customers from the firm. The President and Treasurer is an O. E. C. man in good standing, Div. No. 110, Logansport, Indiana. Sales manager is a B. L. E. man, No. 129, Pontoon Div., McGregor, Iowa.

Our Safety Three-Wheeler

IS THE STRONGEST, LIGHTEST RUNNING CAR KNOWN.

IT IS THE IDEAL CAR FOR OPERATORS.

"The Rider is Seated Inside of the Rail Instead of Directly over it."

By our original placing of the seat, the rider's weight is borne equally by each wheel. This gives the car the greatest possible strength with least possible weight and renders it absolutely safe in rounding curves at full speed.

It has
BALL BEARINGS
and
RUBBER TIRES
and is practically noiseless.

It can be folded into a package eighteen inches thick and weighs sixty pounds. The

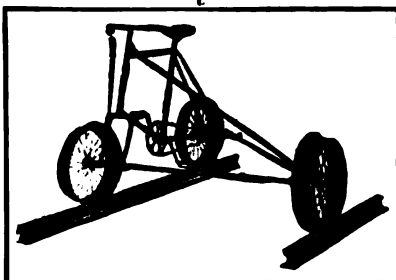
materials and workmanship are all of the best and fully covered by our guarantee.

B. M. Mahoney, B. & O. operator at Lealie, Md., says: "Am still riding my wheel purchased two years ago and it is giving perfect satisfaction."

**COULD
YOU WANT
MORE THAN THAT?**

We also make single and double seat four-wheel cars, tandem

four-wheelers, extra front seats—easily attachable to any of these models—and motor cars



Write to day for catalog and prices.

Light Inspection Car Co., Hagerstown, Ind., U. S. A.



TYPEWRITER BARGAINS.

OLIVER
REMINGTON
SMITH PREMIER

} TYPEWRITERS.
Rebuilt new \$35.00, instead of \$100.00.
Other makes \$15.00.

Free Trial, Free Delivery, Monthly Payments.

ALBRIGHT BROS. REBUILT TYPEWRITER CO.

824 Holland Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. P.O. Box 372, San Francisco, Cal. 81 New St., New York, N.Y.

2315
\$35.

2108
\$25.

2271
\$100.

2113
\$50.

2640
\$2.50

2546
\$8.

2121
\$100.

2184
\$45.

2198
\$25.

4083 \$50.

2189
\$50.



2132 \$60.

2317
\$25.

4081
\$16.

4082
\$100.

2110
\$35.

2678
\$7.50

2126
\$175.

2585
\$9.

2208
\$120

The Best of Xmas Gifts—A DIAMOND

Is there any gift for man or woman so acceptable, so much to be desired, or so permanently valuable as a really fine diamond?

If you wish to confer upon anyone this most beautiful of Christmas gifts or to have for your own use the very finest grade of Blue White stone in any setting you wish, our system of selling you

DIAMONDS ON CREDIT

At Lowest Importers' Prices

Brings our goods within reach of all.

We are one of the largest diamond dealers in the world. We import our stones in the "rough" and finish them here. We buy for spot cash in enormous quantities. Instead of counting on a few sales at big prices, we figure on a mass of sales at small profits. That's why we can sell you diamonds 20% lower than any other dealers.

We furnish diamonds on credit to any reputable man or woman on these terms:

20% with order and 10% per month.

You have the privilege of exchanging your purchase at its full value. All transactions strictly confidential. Any article here illustrated or in our catalog No. 78 sent express prepaid for your examination, returnable at our expense if not perfectly satisfactory.

Send at once for our beautiful 65-page Christmas catalog No. 78. It's free. Select your diamond before Christmas and get it on credit.

Special Holiday Discount of 10% on all Cash Purchases.

J. M. LYON & CO.

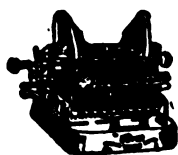
71-73 Nassau Street New York City



TYPEWRITERS, ALL MAKES.

At $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ Manufacturer's prices
All the Standard Machines, Including

LATEST MODELS.



SOLD OR RENTED ANYWHERE.

Rental applied on price.

Write for Illustrated Catalogue.

TYPEWRITER EMPORIUM,

98-94 E. LAKE STREET.

CHICAGO



THIS HANDSOME REGULATION UNIFORM CAP

Only \$2.00 Express Prepaid.

Buy of the maker and save middlemen's profits. The Caps are of finest gros-grained Silk (or Henrietta Cloth if preferred), with visor of patent leather (or covered with cloth same as cap). The bands are heavy gros-grained silk ribbon, with regulation gold or silver uniform braid on both edges, and gold or silver hand embroidered letters. Be careful to state exact size and style when ordering. Special prices if ordered in quantities. Separate bands by mail, 70 cents each.

F. J. SHERLOCK, Prest.

American Cap Co., 170 E. Madison St. CHICAGO, ILL.



RHODESIAN DIAMOND COMPANY,

THE NEW DIAMONDS

OUR NEW RHODESIAN DIAMONDS

are mined, cut and polished the same as real diamonds, retain the same beautiful hard brilliancy, and stand all tests of a genuine diamond. Surpass the best imitation stones on the market. Sold loose, or mounted in solid 14K. gold. Also a large assortment of genuine diamonds at wholesale prices. All goods subject to examination and approval, backed by an absolute guarantee to be as represented. Write at once for beautiful illustrated free catalog containing many designs of precious stones and fine watches.

Dept. E12, 79 Dearborn St., CHICAGO.

WRITE TO THIS WOMAN

If You Want to Stop a Man From Drink.

She cured her husband, her brother and several of her neighbors, and now she generously offers to tell you of the simple, inexpensive remedy that she so successfully used. The remedy can

be given to the patient unnoticed so there is no publicity of your private affairs. She is anxious to help others so we earnestly advise every one of our readers who has a dear one who drinks to drop her a line today. She makes no charge for this help, she has nothing to sell (she asks for no money and accepts none) so there is no reason why you should not write her at once. Of course, she expects that you are yourself personally interested in curing one who drinks, and are not writing out of mere curiosity. Send your letter in confidence to her home. Simply write your name and full address plainly in the coupon below and send it to her.

She cured her husband, her brother and several of her neighbors, and now she generously offers to tell you of the simple, inexpensive remedy that she so successfully used. The remedy can be given to the patient unnoticed so there is no publicity of your private affairs. She is anxious to help others so we earnestly advise every one of our readers who has a dear one who drinks to drop her a line today. She makes no charge for this help, she has nothing to sell (she asks for no money and accepts none) so there is no reason why you should not write her at once. Of course, she expects that you are yourself personally interested in curing one who drinks, and are not writing out of mere curiosity. Send your letter in confidence to her home. Simply write your name and full address plainly in the coupon below and send it to her.

MRS. MARGARET ANDERSON,

822 Home Avenue, Hillburn, N. Y.

Please tell me about the remedy you used to cure your husband, as I am personally interested in one who drinks.

Name

Address

The tired come for Rest —the Sick to get well

There are three springs at
French Lick and West Baden Springs

Each has different qualities—that is why these springs are world famous for the great variety of their cures. No finer hotel in the country; every comfort; splendid table.

ASK FOR BOOKLET.

E. P. Cookrell,
A. G. P. A.

Frank J. Reed,
Gen'l Pass. Agt.

CHICAGO

MONON ROUTE

Brooks' New Cure

Brooks' Appliance. New discovery. Wonderful. No obnoxious springs or pads. Automatic Air Cushions. Binds and draws the broken parts together as you would a broken limb. No salves. No lymphol. No lies. Durable, cheap. Pat. Sept. 10, '01. SENT ON TRIAL. CATALOGUE FREE. C. E. BROOKS 1712 Brooks' Bldg.



MARSHALL, MICH.

O. R. T. Members

TAKE NOTICE

New Typewriters 33½ %
discount till January 1st.

GENERAL TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE 21 Murray St.
New York City

\$4.00 RAZOR for \$1.40 PREPAID



FREE TRIAL

An old-fashioned Razor made the old-fashioned way; hand-forged from razor steel, oil-tempered; $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. blade, extra hollow ground, double shoulder; finely balanced black handle; every blade special-tested—razor your grandson will be proud to own.

SEND NO MONEY—Just send name and address; we will send razor to you. Use it **FREE TEN DAYS**—then, if you want to own it, send us factory price, \$1.40. If not the best razor bargain you ever saw, return it and you'll owe us nothing. **CARROLL CUTLER & CO., 123 Manhattan Bldg., Chicago.**

BIG MONEY

19,200 tons, \$30 per ton, **FREE GOLD QUARTZ** measured up. A 2-stamp mill completely swamped with High-Grade Ore. Who will help us put up a 10-stamp mill? 100,000 shares only, for sale, at 25 cents per share. Write immediately for particulars.

THE RED CROSS GOLD MINES CO.,
(Incorporated in California)

711 Electric Bldg., CLEVELAND, OHIO.

STUDY LAW

Leading Law School in Correspondence Instruction. Established 1892.

Prepares for the bar. Three Courses: College, Post-Graduate and Business Law. Method of instruction combines theory and practice. Approved by the bench and bar.

Classes begin each month. Send for catalog giving rules for admission to the bar of the several states.

Chicago Correspondence School of Law,
503 Reaper Block, Chicago



Can't You Write Well?

Send **\$1.00** for a set of my Patent Pen Practice Sheets and if you are not a better writer when you get through, return to me and I will send your money back.

WALTER THOMPSON. P. O. Box 55, Fargo, N. D.
State whether you wish slant (60°), medial (70°), or vertical

Be a Salesman

Earn \$1000.00 to \$5000.00 per year.

We furnish Students positions as salesmen for practical training while studying. Our students earn at least \$100.00 per month before graduating. Earn while you learn.

PRACTICAL SCHOOL OF SALESMANSHIP,

Dept. M., New Haven, Conn.

IF ITS BADGES

for Organizations or Clubs you are interested in, write for our catalogue and discounts.

STEINER ENGRAVING & BADGE CO.
8 NORTH 8TH ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.

TO YOU, A GOOD TYPEWRITER \$10.00



Good talking machine and dozen records \$14.00, good bicycles \$8.00, good \$3.00 non-skid tires \$2.00, good sewing machines \$4.00. Satisfactory work or no sale. Why pay more and get no better? Sent privilege of examination. Let us tell you how we do it and send you our money saving catalogue. Give O. R. T. number.

KNIGHT Mercantile Co.,
211 N. 12th St., St. Louis, Mo.



Mr. Edison's LATEST Supremely Fine Phonograph

A musical wonder—a perfect reproducer of sound—unsurpassable in clearness and beauty of tone.

Double Reproducer Amberol Records
New Style Floral Horn New Style Cabinet
The Latest Model High Grade Edison

OUR OUTFIT No. 10—JUST OUT

at \$10 less than our former rock-bottom price on the outfit No. 9—**and**

FREE LOAN

We ship on free loan—no money down—do not pay us one cent, C. O. D.—take the outfit to your home on our free loan offer.

You Need Not Buy Anything: All we want on this free loan is that you convince yourself of the absolute superiority of this superb new style instrument. All we ask is that you let your family and a few of your neighbors and friends hear the Edison when we send it to you on a free loan. Let them hear the magnificent music, operas, comic songs and funny recitations—then let them judge. If any of your friends then want an Edison, we will feel thankful to you, or if you want to keep yours, you may keep it, on the easiest monthly payments as low as \$2.00 a month—\$2.00 a month for an Edison.

But if you and none of your friends want an instrument just now, there is no harm done. Just return the outfit at our expense and we charge you nothing for the free loan.

We simply want everybody to hear the latest product of Mr. Edison's skill.

Now Write for the free catalog and free list of Edison records, operas, songs, and comic recitations that you want to hear on this free loan. Just put your name and address on a postal or in a letter, or sign and mail the coupon. No letter necessary if you send the coupon.

F. K. BABSON

Edison Phonograph Distributors.

F. K. BABSON Edison Phonograph Distributors.
Edison Office, Suite 1219, 213 Postoffice Ave., Winnipeg, Canada.
Please send me without obligation your free Edison Phonograph Catalog & list of Edison records and Free Trial Certificate holding nothing to your credit after all free.
Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____
Sign and Mail Today

RISK 1 CENT— MAKE \$ 2200.00!

Korstad did it in 3 weeks. Hundreds making phenomenal earnings the "Allen Way." Stoneman, \$3,300 in 60 days—Langley, \$115 first day—Reese saw 50 peop's, sold 55; result, \$320. **WE START YOU—** Experience don't matter—Credit given. Strange apparatus. Gives every home bathroom for 7¢. Energizes water. Cleanses almost automatically. New, exciting business. Risk 1¢ (a postal) for proof. **THE ALLEN MFG. CO., 1679 Allen Bldg., Toledo, O.**



Mount Birds

We teach you by mail to stuff and mount all kinds of Birds, Animals, Game Heads. Also to tan skins and make rugs. Decorate your home with your beautiful trophies, or command big income selling specimens and mounting for others. Easily, quickly learned in spare time by men and women. Success guaranteed. Write today for our free book "How to Mount Birds and Animals;" absolutely free. **N. W. SCHOOL OF TAXIDERMY, 1219 Elwood Bldg., Omaha, Neb.**

VENTRILOQUISM

Taught Any Man or Boy

by Mail at Home. This is no special gift as you have supposed, but an art. I have taught thousands in all parts of the world. Cost small. Send today, 2-cent stamp for particulars and proofs.



O. A. SMITH, Room 1253, 823 Bigelow St., PEORIA, ILL.



FLASH LIKE GENUINE

Day or night. You can own a Diamond equal in brilliancy to any genuine stone at one-thirtieth the cost.

Baroda Diamonds in Solid Gold Rings stand acid test and expert examination. We guarantee them. See them first, then pay. Catalogue Free. Patent Ring Measure included for FIVE two-cent stamps.

THE BARODA COMPANY
Dept. 28, 838 North State Street, Chicago

WORLD'S ELECTRICAL EXHIBITION JANUARY 15 TO 29 1910

Arrange to visit Chicago at this time and see everything new and wonderful in the field of Electrical Science, Invention and Industry. Manufacturers should reserve space now.

ELECTRICAL TRADES EXPOSITION CO., Chicago, U. S. A.



WRITE ME

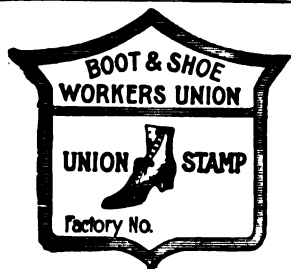
for special price list on telegraphers' mills before buying. I give the best values to be had and personally inspect and pass every machine before it goes out of my shop. When writing mention O. E. T. certificate number.

ALL MAKES

W. A. WHITEHEAD

36 LASALLE STREET

CHICAGO



UNDERSTAND BROTHER UNIONIST

That the best made shoes—the shoes made under the best manufacturing conditions—the shoes that best stand wear—bear the Union Stamp, as shown herewith.

Ask your dealer for Union Stamp Shoes, and if he can not supply you write

BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' UNION
246 Summer Street, BOSTON, MASS.

MEXICO! MEXICO! MEXICO!

State of Sonora. The treasure house of the Southwest. A unique mining proposition. The Carlos Mining Co. Incorporated, laws State of Maine. Properties, 60 acres. 12 miles from new extension Southern Pacific Ry. Co. Within easy access of good custom smelter. Capital \$500,000. A square deal for the stockholder. \$75,000 shares in the treasury. No stock will be issued except for value received. No promoter. Officers are business men. Ample bank references as to integrity and ability of officers. General manager has served 2 years without salary. No salaries or dividends will be paid until earned. This is not a prospect, it is a well developed mines with rich silver and lead ore unblocked ready to ship. Mines need modern concentrating equipment, for the purchase of which the following stock offer is made.

Read carefully. Answer promptly. I cannot obtain any more stock at this price. I offer 50,000 shares at \$0.50 par value \$1.00. This offer good until January 10, 1910. Subscription for less than 50 shares will not be accepted. Remember this is a business-man's corporation. We do not promise fabulous dividends; we expect to pay 4% quarterly. Write for detailed information and make checks payable to

The Carlos Mining Co., care of H. S. King, P. O. Box 724, Springfield, Mass.



Learning the trade at home and making money at the same time.



This handsome Jewelry Store is owned by two young men who learned at home.

Make \$25 to \$75 a Week as a Watch Repairer And We'll Start a Jewelry Business for You Like This

Watch repairers make big money. Some earn up to \$75 a week. In the jewelry business there is no limit. Some jewelers today are worth millions. You can learn this profitable business at home, in spare time, without interfering with your present work.

The watch repairing lessons are simple and easily understood—and you can learn the trade in a few weeks. And remember, the course is free. Even the text books, charts and photo prints showing each movement. There is no stock for you to buy—practically the only expense you will have is to get a few tools when you need them.

Then, after you have mastered the trade, we'll start you in the jewelry business. We will furnish you handsome jewelry catalogs with your own name on them. Give a copy to every one in your vicinity. When you get an order send to us for the goods. In this way you can work up a

big business without carrying a stock. As the business expands we establish you in a store of your own.

You can shake off the shackles of drudgery and become a 20th century, clever business man—Independent and successful in your home town. Resolve now to begin—the sooner you commence the sooner you will be established. Take the matter up with me personally—now.

Chas. F. Elmore, Principal Watchmaking College

Rogers, Thurman & Co.

WHOLESALE JEWELERS

80 Wabash Ave.

Chicago, Ill.

SHORTHAND IN 30 DAYS

We absolutely guarantee to teach shorthand complete in thirty days. You can learn in spare time in your own home, no matter where you live. No need to spend months as with old systems. Boyd's Syllable System is different in principle from all other systems. The first radical improvement in shorthand since 1839. It is easy to learn—easy to write—easy to read. Simple. Practical. Speedy. Sure. No ruled lines—no positions—no shading, as in other systems. No long list of word signs to confuse. Only nine characters to learn and you have the entire English language at your absolute command. The best system for stenographers, private secretaries, newspaper reporters. Lawyers, ministers, teachers, physicians, literary folk and business men may now learn shorthand for their own use. Thousands of business and professional men and women find their shorthand a great advantage. The Boyd System is the only system suited to home study. Our graduates hold lucrative, high-grade positions everywhere. Send to-day for free booklets, testimonials, guarantee offer, and full description of this new Syllable shorthand system.

Address

CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS, 1010 Chicago Opera House Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

**WINCHESTER'S HYPOPHOSPHITES OF LIME AND SODA (DR. CHURCHILL'S Formula)
and WINCHESTER'S SPECIFIC PILL ARE THE BEST REMEDIES FOR**

**Exhausted
or
Debilitated**

NERVE FORCE

They contain no Mercury, Iron, Cantharides, Morphia, Strychnia, Opium, Alcohol, Cocaine, etc. The Specific Pill is purely vegetable, has been tested and prescribed by physicians, and has proven to be the best and most effective treatment known to medical science for restoring impaired vitality, no matter how originally caused, as it reaches the root of the ailment. Our remedies are the best of their kind, and contain only the best and purest ingredients that money can buy and science produce; therefore we cannot offer free samples.

**Price, ONE DOLLAR per Box
by First-class Mail**

No Humbug, C. O. D., or treatment scheme

PERSONAL OPINIONS: Dear Sirs: I have prescribed Winchester's Hypophosphites in cases of consumption, chlorosis, dyspepsia, marasmus, etc., with the happiest results, having found them superior to all others.—S. H. TEWKSBURY, M. D., Portland, Maine. I have used Winchester's Hypophosphites in several very severe cases of consumption, with the best possible results.—F. CRANG, Centerville, New York. Winchester's hypophosphites not only act as absorbents but repair and retard the waste of tissue.—H. P. DEWEES, M. D., New York. I know of no remedy in the whole Materia Medica equal to your Specific Pill for Nervous Debility.—ADOLPH BEHRE, M. D., Professor of Organic Chemistry and Physiology, New York.

Send for free treatise
securely sealed.

Winchester & Co., 999 Beekman Bldg., N. Y.

Est. 50 years

When addressing our advertisers, please mention The Railroad Telegrapher.



REAL PARISIAN DIAMONDS

Set in 14-k., finest gold shell rings. Will wear for years and will always deceive your closest friends. Workmanship on these rings equal to finest solid gold diamond mountings. Figure Ring, 14-K., (Roman or Rose Gold). Price, \$1.50. Plain Gypsy, 14-K., (Bright Finish). Price, \$1.75. Sent prepaid, cash in advance. Sent C. O. D. on deposit of 50c. Send size.

W. H. HOLLISTER & CO.

Dept. A, Masonic Temple, CHICAGO, ILL.



PATENTS

C. L. PARKER

Attorney at Law and Solicitor of Patents
158 McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Patents secured promptly. Reports rendered as to patentability, validity and infringement. Hand Book for inventors sent upon request.

RED OR BLACK "VULCAN" STYLO PENS

AGENTS The ONLY perfect, non-leakable stylo pens at a moderate price. Two sizes, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

WANTED

Extra size, \$1.00 (black only), \$1.25. By mail, postpaid upon receipt of PRICES. Mfrs. of "Juco", "Independent" and "Vulcan" Stylographic and Fountain Pens, Thames Bldg., 124 Greenwich St., NEW YORK. Est. 1894

J. T. ULLRICH & CO., \$1.00

FREE Dollar Bottle Vitaline

YOU PAY NOTHING FOR IT



Dr. Rainey says: "My scientific formula of Vitaline is the sure cure for the diseases and symptoms mentioned below—it's the most certain of all and there is no doubt about this. Vitaline tablets are just the treatment so many are looking

for, what they should have and must have to be made strong, vigorous and healthy. It makes no difference how weak you are nor how long you have had your trouble, Vitaline tablets will easily overcome it—they will not fail nor disappoint you.

NERVOUS WEAKNESS, DEBILITY—Lost Vitality, Nervousness, Weakness, Twitching, Jerking, Easily Excited, Wornout Feeling, Weak, Aching Back, Lack of Strength, Energy or Ambition, Bad Dreams, Poor Memory, Bashful, Restless at Night, Despondent.

STOMACH TROUBLES—Pain In Stomach, Loss of Appetite, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Bad Taste or Breath, Sick Headache, Bloating, Heartburn, Sour Belching, Spitting Up, Catarrh, Gas, Gnawing, Nervousness.

HEART WEAKNESS—Fluttering, Skipping, Palpitation, Pain In Heart, Side or Shoulder Blade, Short Breath, Weak, Sinking, Cold or Dizzy Spells, Swelling, Rheumatism, Throbbing in Excitement or Exertion.

CATARRH—Hawking, Spitting, Nose Running, Watery or Yellowish Matter or Stopped Up, Sneezing, Dull Headache, Coughing, Deafness; Inflammation in Kidneys, Bladder, Lungs, Stomach or Bowels may be Catarrh.

BLOOD TROUBLES—General Debility, Paleness, Thin, Weak, Run-Down, Nervous, Rash, Sores, Ulcers, Pimples, Chilly or Feverish, Loss of Flesh and Strength.

MAKES STRENGTH AND HEALTH

FILL COUPON BELOW

by writing your name and address. Send just 10c in stamps or coin to get the bottle packed and pay postage. This is all you have to do to get a \$1 bottle of Vitaline Tablets free. We give you the \$1 bottle without cost or obligation to prove what a wonderful remedy Vitaline Tablets are. We know when you have taken them you'll say with a glad heart that you have at last found the right medicine.

Vitaline tablets act on the Vital Organs that generate vitality and create the nerve force which makes one feel strong, vigorous and healthy, equal to all the duties and pleasures of robust strength and health. They give you vigor and vitality every day and restore you so fast and completely you never know there was anything the matter.

Vitaline tablets are guaranteed by us under the U. S. Pure Food and Drugs Law by Guarantee No. 3877. You never had anything like them, combining their wonderful curing and strengthening powers.

We send you our illustrated book, "Vitality." You have never seen one like it. Our testimonials from people cured after ten to forty years of doctoring will convince you of all we claim for Vitaline tablets.

Exact size of Bottle containing 100 Vitaline tablets.

ENCLOSE 10 CENTS IN STAMPS OR COIN, for Postage, Packing, Etc.

Dr. Rainey Medicine Co., Dept. 12, 152 Lake Street, Chicago. I enclose amount for postage and packing. Send at once by mail in plain package, \$1.00 bottle Vitaline Tablets, without cost or obligation to me.

NAME

ADDRESS

ANTI-NICOTINE

"Get the Pleasure
Without the Poison"
(TRADE MARK REG.)

40c Three for
\$1.00



PIPE
The pipe
they let you
smoke at home

Looks and colors like
meerschaum. Absorbs
the nicotine and keeps
on tasting sweet.
You never had such an
enjoyable smoke. Sent
prepaid anywhere. Money
back if not satisfactory.
ORDER 3 OR MORE TODAY

H. MENGES, The Smokers' Friend
355 N. 7th St., St. Louis, Mo.

Learn Watch Repairing

Be a watchmaker—you can learn this profitable trade
by correspondence in a few weeks in your own home
by the DeSels Chart System. After you complete
the course you will know a watch from A to Z. You
will know just what the matter is and how to repair
one. When you graduate you will be a practical
watchmaker and repairer and competent to fill
any position. Positions for our graduates.

Ask for our Free Book. It explains
our system and terms.
THE DeSELS WATCH SCHOOL
10 Perry St. ATTICA, INDIANA



PROTECT YOUR IDEAS

NO MATTER HOW SIMPLE
the invention, if it's good. Consultation free.

MILO B. STEVENS & CO., Attorneys
907 14th St., Washington, D. C.

Established 1864.

STUDY LAW AT HOME

The oldest and best school. Instruction by mail
adapted to every one. Recognized by courts and
educators. Experienced and competent instruc-
tors. Take spare time only. Three courses -
Preparatory, Business, College. Prepares for
practice. Will better your
condition and prospects in
business. Students and
graduates everywhere.
Full particulars and Easy
Payment Plan free.
Syracuse Correspondence
School of Law,
706 Majestic Building
Detroit, Mich.



PAY 50 CENTS A WEEK



NOTHING DOWN
I will sell you the best **DROP HEAD**
OAK CABINET HIGH ARM
SEWING MACHINE made. Pay
me nothing until you get it, try it
and decide if you want it; after that
pay me 50 cents a week (or if more
convenient you may pay monthly).
To married railroad men I require no
contract or lease of any kind. Deal is
strictly confidential and, further, I

will save you one-half in cost. If you are a railroad man
and can use a sewing machine I will make you a mar-
velously low price and liberal terms offer. Just write
me a postal card and say, "Mail me your offer." No. 106

FRED MYLAR, 46 Dearborn St. CHICAGO, ILL.

WRITE US

For particulars regarding a profitable business
or side line which

REPEATS MANY TIMES.

RAY SALES CO., Needham, Mass.



NOW Is the Time

to get this Great Burlington Special at the same
price which the wholesale jeweler must pay.
Positively the finest, grandest and most beautiful
of watches, and the most remarkable ever made.
Sign and mail the coupon now for free watch book.

ANTI-TRUST OFFER

While this offer lasts thousands of people are getting
the Great Burlington Special at this Anti-Trust
price—actually the same price which the wholesale
jeweler must pay. And in order to make the propo-
sition doubly easy for the public, we even allow the
same rock-bottom price, if desired, on terms of
\$2.50 a month. The Anti-Trust Watch Book ex-
plains. Sign and mail the coupon now—today.

AFTER GETTING THE WATCH examine it carefully before
you pay a cent. If not entirely satisfactory, return it and we
pay shipping charges both ways. Don't miss this great offer.

POST YOURSELF! Be sure to get posted on
watches & watch values,
trust-method prices and non-trust prices before
you buy a watch. Learn to judge watch values.

Get the Burlington Watch Co.'s **FREE WATCH**
BOOK. Read our starting exposures of the
amazing conditions which exist in the
watch trade today. Read about the anti-
trust fight. Read about our great \$1,000
Challenge. Learn how you can
judge watch values. Send your
name and address for this valu-
able free book now—today.
Sign and mail coupon.

Burlington Watch Co.
Dept. 1219

19th and
Marshall Blvd.
CHICAGO
ILL.

Burlington
Watch Co.
Dept. 1219
19th & Marshall Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois
Please send me, without
obligation and prepaid, your
free book on watches and copy
of your \$1,000 00 challenge, with
full explanations of your cash or
\$2.50 a month offer on the superb
ANTI-TRUST Burlington Watch.

Name.....

Address.....
No letter necessary; coupon will do.

Just Six Minutes to Wash a Tubful!

This is the grandest Washer the world has ever known. So easy to run that it's almost fun to work it. Makes clothes spotlessly clean in double-quick time. Six minutes finishes a tubful.

Any Woman Can Have a
**1900 Gravity
Washer on
30 Days'
Free Trial**

Don't send money. If you are responsible, you can try it first. Let us pay the freight. See the wonders it performs. Thousands being used. Every user delighted. They write us bushels of letters telling how it saves work and worry. Sold on little payments. Write for fascinating Free Book today. All correspondence should be addressed to **1900 Washer Co., 557 Henry St., Binghamton, N. Y.** If you live in Canada, address Canadian 1900 Washer Co., 355 Yonge St., Toronto, Canada.
BRANCH HOUSES: We maintain branches at 147 Broadway, New York City; and 1113 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn; and in all principal cities. We also make shipments from our warehouses in Kansas City, San Francisco and Seattle.



READ THIS, BOYS!

We want to sell 25,000 pairs of half sleeves in the next 30 days. This sleeve is made of good Black Sateen, lettered O. R. T., Agents, or plain, as you wish. Sent to any address for 25c in coin, or express or P. O. order. Send your order today. Address,

M. E. CARTER, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER

Subscription, \$1.00 Per Year.

BLOOD POISON

successfully treated in any stage. If you have ulcers, mucous patches in the mouth, sore throat, eruptions, copper colored spots on the body, falling hair, swollen glands, pains in the bones, or severe continued headaches, our special treatment will cure you. Our **DR. PANTER**, former chief physician of the original Cook Remedy Co., treated over 20,000 patients of that company in the last fifteen years ending May 12th, 1908, the date that company discontinued taking cases to treat. Booklet on Blood Poison, testimonials and full information about your case, **FREE**. Write
PANTER REMEDY CO.,
Suite 538, 67 Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.

The Phillips Code

PRICE, \$1.00

PRICE, \$1.00

A thoroughly tested method of shorthand, arranged for **Telegraphic Purposes** and contemplating the rapid transmission of press reports; also intended to be used as an easily acquired method for **General Newspaper and Court Reporting**.

ADDRESS

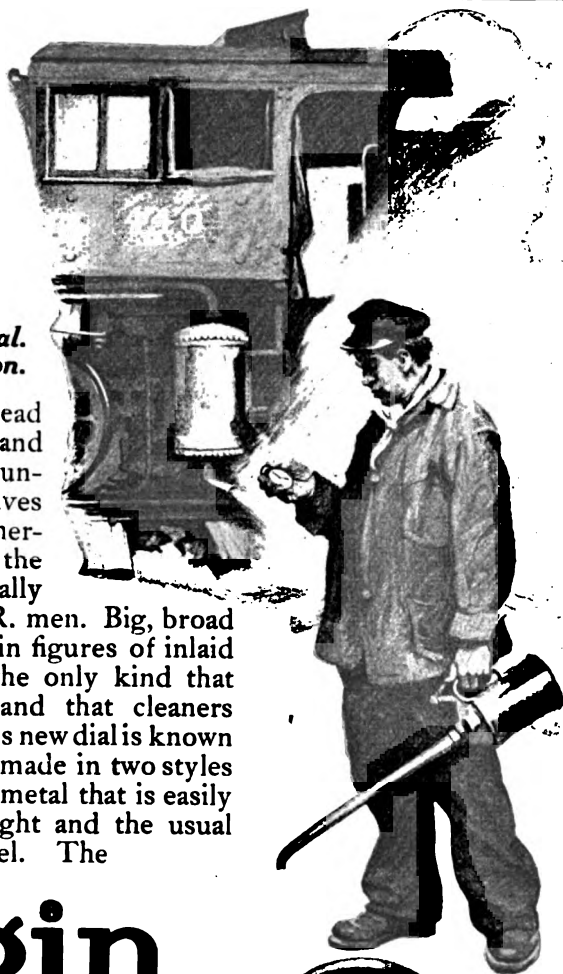
L. W. QUICK

ST. LOUIS, MO. . . . Grand Sec'y and Treas.

On Time to the Second

***Precision is vital.
Elgin is precision.***

Elgin time is read by the second hand—its accuracy is unvarying and gives confidence in emergencies. Note the new dial especially designed for R.R. men. Big, broad hands—large plain figures of inlaid hard enamel—the only kind that won't wear off and that cleaners won't rub off. This new dial is known as No. 49 and is made in two styles—silver-finished metal that is easily legible in dim light and the usual plain white enamel. The



Elgin

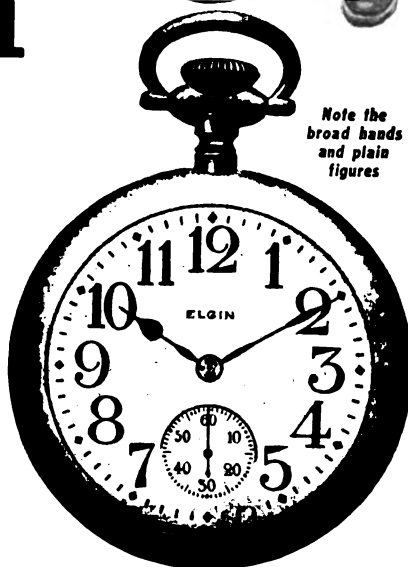
is made for accuracy under all conditions. The spring is the longest and most resilient made—it runs 42 hours without rewinding. Cased at the factory and timed in the case. It is the thinnest 18 size watch made.

Grade		20 Year	25 Year
		Gold-Filled	Gold-Filled
VERITAS	23 JEWELS	Case \$50.00	Case \$52.00
VERITAS	21 JEWELS	46.00	48.00
FATHER TIME	(Veritas Model)		
	21 JEWELS	41.00	43.00
B. W. RAYMOND	(Veritas Model)		
	19 JEWELS	37.00	39.00

All cases are screw back and bezel model; all have solid gold crowns and solid gold bows.

The thinnest 18 size watches made. Write for further information about railroad watches.

*Note the
broad hands
and plain
figures*



Elgin National Watch Co.
ELGIN, ILL.

EVERY OPERATOR



Needs a card and pass case and cards. These cards and cases should claim your particular attention because of their high quality and appropriateness. They are designed by a railroad man who understands the needs of railroad men. The cards are the finest wedding bristol and correct in style. The cases the highest grade leather and the right size for O. R. T. card and pass card.

No. 1. Genuine Cordovan Leather Case, black, with transparent pocket, buttoned pocket and gusset pocket; and 100 finest cards, ladies' or gentlemen's, in script, old English or engravers' letter, with one or two following devices in color on cards: Wreath and sounder, telegraph key, O. R. T. monogram, railway clerks emblem, for 95c.

Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, 65c.

No. 2. Genuine Cordovan Leather Case (like cut), black, with two transparent pockets, four card pockets, and secret bill pocket, and 100 cards, same as described above, for \$1.40. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, \$1.10.

No. 3. Genuine English Calf Leather Case, russet, with transparent pocket, flap pocket and three gusset pockets; and 100 cards, same as described above, for \$1.50. Cards alone, 50c. Case alone, \$1.20.

Wedding Announcements or Invitations, the finest quality, 100 for \$3.50; 50 for \$2.50, express prepaid.

Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers.—Why not keep the O. R. T. printing in the Order? Let me print your letterheads, envelopes, etc. I will furnish letterheads and envelopes of the finest bond paper, and send them to you express prepaid, at the following prices: 500 letterheads for \$2.20, 1,000 for \$3.25, 500 envelopes for \$1.75, 1,000 for \$2.80. Postal cards, statements or anything you need in the printing line will be furnished at reasonable prices. Printers' Union Label on all work. Patronize the fraternity and ask for the label.

E. J. Wilkins, Friendship, N. Y. Cert. 45, Div. 42, O. R. T.

REGULATION UNIFORM CAP



\$2.50

Express
Prepaid

B LACK ribbed silk (best quality), heavy patent leather visor. Gold embroidered letters, two rows gold tape. Mention correct size. Prompt shipments. Light weight. Forwarded express prepaid on receipt of express or P. O. money order. \$2.50 catalogue mailed free. GOETTLER HAT CO., 1280 S. Broadway, ST. LOUIS, MO.

PRACTICAL BOOKS FOR RAILROAD MEN

Embracing Every Branch
Written by the Men
Who Do the Work.

Practical, Complete, Reliable and
Up-to-date.

CATALOGUE FREE UPON REQUEST.

SEND FOR IT TODAY.

FREDERICK J. DRAKE & CO.

Ry. Dept. 3

CHICAGO, U. S. A.

Wanted Immediately RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS CUSTOM HOUSE EMPLOYEES

Spring examinations every where. \$800 to \$1,600. Steady work. Short hours. Annual vacation with full pay. Salary twice monthly. Thousands to be appointed during 1910. Country and City residents equally eligible. Common education sufficient. Political influence unnecessary. To advertise our school, we are preparing candidates free. Write immediately for schedule showing examination places and sample questions.

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, Dept. N. 113, Rochester, N. Y.

CIGARS FOR CHRISTMAS

Tampa Smokers 5c. Box 50 \$1.50
Lima Smokers 3 for 25c Box 25 \$1.15. Box 20 2.20
Lima Puritanas 10c each Box 25 1.35. Box 50 2.50

We can save you 50% on your cigars. Remittance required. Agents wanted—write today.

O'HALLORAN BROS., 3215-17 Beach Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Be a R. R. Mail Clerk

R. R. Mail Clerks, P. O. Clerks, City and R. F. D. Carriers receive high salaries for easy work. Many examinations soon. Let us prepare you. Pres't of our College conducted Gov't examinations for years. Write to-day for our Free Book about Government Positions.

OSMENT'S CIVIL SERVICE COLLEGE.

Dept. 33, St. Louis, Mo.

THE Railroad Telegrapher

IS PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE
ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS

Its offices are located on the seventh floor
of the Star Building, corner Twelfth
and Olive streets, St. Louis, Mo.

PATENTS THAT PROTECT AND PAY

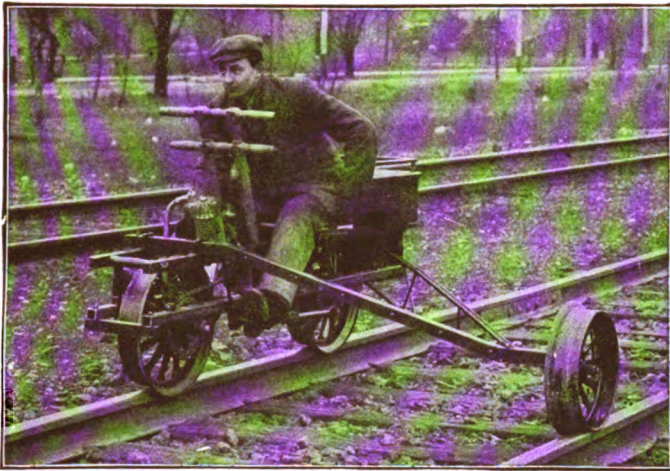
Advice and Books Free. Rates Reasonable.
Highest References. Best Services.

WATSON E. COLEMAN, Patent Lawyer

619 F St. N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

WE SELL ON TIME

TO REPUTABLE OPERATORS



Note the
two lower
sills are
steel tub-
ing.

Buda No. 10 Motor Velocipede.

Many who intend "some day" buying a car put in the "some day" clause because they have not the ready money. Now you need not wait on this account. You can purchase a car from us on monthly installments convenient to you and use the car in the meantime.

If you expect ever to get a car, you need it now just as much as ever you will. Why not, then, arrange to get one now? Why deprive yourself of the advantages of a car until some later time?

Money you would spend in some other way you can apply to a car and no doubt get a good deal more benefit out of it. A car of this kind comes about as near being a business necessity and a luxury at the same time as anything one can think of. It is certainly a boon to the man at a small station. Some of our cars have seat arranged for passengers. We sell lots of these velocipedes to operators, and everywhere they are declared the best. And they are.

Hand Propelled Velocipedes. These cost less of course. Some find they serve their purpose very well. Being ball-bearing they operate easily. We sell them on time also. Get our new catalogue and look them over.

Write today for our New Catalogue N. T. 135. It shows all types of Motor and Hand Propelled Velocipedes.

BUDA FOUNDRY & MFG. CO.
CHICAGO, ILL.



**SAVES TIME
TO BUY OR SELL
THE
BOSTON
GARTER**

**KNOWN TO EVERYBODY
WORN ALL OVER
THE WORLD**


MADE WITH
Velvet Grip
CUSHION
RUBBER BUTTON
CLASP

OF ANY DEALER, ANYWHERE
or Sample Fr., Cotton, 25., Silk, 50c.
Mailed on Receipt of Price

**GEORGE FROST CO.
MAKERS, BOSTON**

**OVER 30 YEARS THE STANDARD
— ALWAYS EASY —**

**SWITCHING
TO THE
MAIN
LINE**



From Wrong to Right
LITHOLIN
**WATERPROOFED LINEN
COLLARS AND CUFFS**

Get them now. They are the best made, and the most comfortable. They are made of the finest linen, and are waterproofed with a special process. They are the only ones of the kind. They are the only ones that will stand up to the most severe tests. They are the only ones that will keep you cool and comfortable all day long. They are the only ones that will keep you looking like a gentleman all day long.

COLLARS 25c CUFFS 50c

For a full and complete list of dealers, send, giving names, addresses, and the name of the dealer you wish to order from. We will send you a list of the names of the dealers in your neighborhood. Send for a list of the names of the dealers in your neighborhood.

THE FIBERLOID COMPANY
Dept. 24 7 Waverly Place, New York

vose



vose PIANOS

The tone, touch and magnificent wearing qualities of the Vose Piano are only explained by the exclusive patented features and the high grade material and superb workmanship that enter into their construction. The Vose is an ideal piano for the home. Over 65,000 sold. Delivered in the United States free of charge. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Liberal allowance for old pianos and time payments accepted.

FREE—If you are interested in pianos, let us send you our beautifully illustrated catalog, that gives full information. **VOSE & SONS PIANO CO.**
161 Boylston St. BOSTON, MASS.

After Shaving
USE
MENNEN'S
BORATED TALCUM
TOILET POWDER

and insist that your barber use it also. It is Antiseptic, and will prevent any of the skin diseases often contracted.

A positive relief for Chapped Hands, Chafing, and all affections of the skin. Removes all odor of perspiration. Get Mennen's—the original. Put up in non-refillable boxes—the "Box that Lox." Sold everywhere or mailed for 25 cents. Sample free.

Try Mennen's Violet (Borated) Talcum. Sample free.



Gerhard Mennen, Newark, N. J.
Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. 1542.

